

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 405 AND HOUSE BILL 1258

WHEREAS, in the 2017 General Assembly Session localities worked with the telecommunications industry (the "industry") to pass Senate Bill 1282, which was a compromise Bill providing a pathway to small cell telecommunications facilities to be located on existing structures; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the industry representatives agreed to discuss how to assist underserved areas after the 2017 General Assembly Session; and

WHEREAS, the industry representatives did not engage in meaningful discussions regarding underserved areas and only wanted to discuss a further erosion of local land use authority regarding new structures; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1258 and Senate Bill 405 (together, the "legislation") introduced in the 2018 General Assembly Session propose to eliminate most local control over the installation and operation of new communication structures and the replacement of current technology; and

WHEREAS, the legislation mandates a ministerial process that eliminates the ability for local officials, residents and businesses to have meaningful input into decisions affecting the character of their own communities; and

WHEREAS, the legislation moves decision-making authority from the community and local elected officials to corporations that install wireless equipment; and

WHEREAS, wireless equipment installations can have significant health, safety and aesthetic impacts that should be carefully and thoughtfully considered by local officials, residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, directs the Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to Senators: T. Montgomery Mason, Thomas K. Norment, Jr. and Ryan T. McDougle; Delegates: Terry G. Kilgore, Michael P. Mullin and Brenda L. Pogge; Governor Ralph S. Northam, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Virginia Association of Counties.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Teresa J. Fellows

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	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
MCGLENNON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICENHOUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SADLER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 23rd day of January, 2018.

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