

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF NEW KENT, VIRGINIA**

**R-07-18**

At the work session meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye

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Motion was made by Mr. Davis, which carried 5:0, to adopt the following resolution:

**WIRELESS RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in the 2017 General Assembly Session localities worked with the telecommunications industry (“the industry”) to pass SB1282, which was a compromise bill providing a pathway to small cell telecommunications facilities to be located on existing structures; and

**WHEREAS**, VML and VACo and the industry agreed to discuss how to assist underserved areas after the session; and

**WHEREAS**, the industry officials 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**, 2018 legislation by the Industry (HB1258 and SB405) proposes to eliminate most local control over the installation and operation of new structures and the replacement of current technology; and


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

**WHEREAS**, this legislation represents a shift in authority, moving decision-making authority from the community and local elected officials to for-profit corporations that install wireless equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the wireless equipment installations can have significant health, safety and aesthetics impacts but those companies have little, if any, interest in taking into account those concerns that potentially conflict with their profit margins.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent, Virginia, does formally requests that the members of the Virginia General Assembly **OPPOSE** any telecommunications legislation that would further erode local land use authority and remove input from local elected officials.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent, Virginia directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the appropriate members of the General Assembly to include Delegate Terry Kilgore and Senator Ryan McDougle, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the Virginia Municipal League.



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Rodney A. Hathaway  
County Administrator



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Thomas W. Evelyn  
Board Chairman