

RESOLUTION 2017 – 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION SB 596/HB 687 PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "AUTHORITY," FROM PROHIBITING, REGULATING, OR CHARGING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROHIBITING AN AUTHORITY FROM REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CHARGES FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, INSTALLATION, PLACEMENT, OR REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN WIRELESS FACILITIES; PROHIBITING THE ADOPTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS & IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN TAXES/FEES/CHARGES.

WHEREAS, State Legislation SB 596/HB 687 eviscerates local control for Florida cities with respect to taxpayer owned public structures and right-of-way (generally roadway and sidewalks areas) for placement of "small" or "micro" wireless antennas and equipment by the multi-billion dollar wireless communications industry; and,

WHEREAS, this Bill prohibits local governments from regulating anything except applicable building codes for this wireless infrastructure and allows providers and speculators to ignore land development regulations, pedestrian movement, traffic views zones, traffic circulation as well as safety and aesthetic considerations; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of New Port Richey strongly opposes SB 596/HB 687.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effect immediately upon adoption

The above and foregoing Resolution was read and adopted at a duly convened meeting of the New Port Richey City Council, this 21st day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

By: _____
Robert Marlowe, Mayor-Council Member

(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE SOLE USE AND RELIANCE OF
THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA:

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney