

RESOLUTION No. **37015**

Authorize participation in Federal Communications Commission proceeding on radiofrequency exposure limits and policies (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently issued a notice of opening an administrative proceeding to consider the agency's regulations on radiofrequency emissions. *Reassessment of Federal Communications Commission Radiofrequency Exposure Limits and Policies* (ET Docket NO. 13-84); *Proposed Changes in the Commission's Rules Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields* (ET Docket No. 03-137); and,

WHEREAS, in the agency's notice of proposed rulemaking, the FCC observed that periodic review of administrative regulations ensures that the agency's rules keep pace with current knowledge and changing needs, while implementing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for environmental reviews related to health and safety of radiofrequency (RF) emissions from radio transmitters; and,

WHEREAS, according to the FCC, approximately 70% of emergency calls are placed from wireless phones, a percentage that continues to grow; and,

WHEREAS, in April, 2011, a study conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics noted that between January 2007 to June 2010, the estimated percentage of adults living in wireless-only households in Oregon grew from 18.5% to 30.6%.ing and 39% of Oregon residents are wireless only. Recent industry figures indicate that almost four out of every ten Oregon residents are wireless-only for telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, in May 2009, the City Council unanimously approved a request that the federal government undertake efforts to update studies on the potential human health effects of radiofrequency emissions in light of significant increases in the use of wireless telephones and technology studies. Resolution No. 36706; and,

WHEREAS, in September 2011, the City Council unanimously adopted a local broadband strategic plan recognizing broadband networks, both wired and wireless, as essential infrastructure fundamental to the future of Portland's citizens and businesses. Resolution No. 36879; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the FCC proceeding by the City would permit the City to: (1) advocate for updated studies on RF Exposure Limits; and (2) potentially influence the outcome of the proceeding for the benefit of the citizens of Portland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council that the City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to work with the Office for Community Technology to develop and file comments in the Communications Commission Radiofrequency Exposure Limits and Policies (ET Docket NO. 13-84) and Proposed Changes in the Commission's Rules Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields (ET Docket No. 03-137) proceedings and to otherwise participate in the proceedings to present the City's views and advocate for its interests.

Adopted by the Council:

APR 24 2013

Mayor Charlie Hales

Prepared by: Mary Beth Henry

Date Prepared: April 10, 2013

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales</p> <p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL <i>[Signature]</i> Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p> <p>BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: OMF/Revenue/OCT Bureau Head: Thomas Lannom <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Prepared by: Mary Beth Henry/Ci Date Prepared: April 10, 2013 <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date April 24, 2013</p> <p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 19 2013</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
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<p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Pulled</i></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	✓	
Hales	✓	