



Promoting collocation of wireless antennas on existing structures

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black Legislative Women, (NOBEL Women), recognizes that the wireless industry needs to adapt to the changing of our diverse nation to be competitive in the economic market; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that the widespread adoption of wireless communication services, including wireless broadband connectivity, has led to unprecedented benefits to consumers, businesses, and public safety, but also rapid increases in demand that must be met through network upgrades and deployment of new wireless communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that a process to encourage and streamline the collocation of wireless antennas on existing structures so as to minimize the number of new wireless support structures while ensuring that robust wireless communication services are available to residents and businesses, is important to the economy of our nation; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that collocation means the mounting or installation of wireless communications equipment on an existing wireless facility without the need to construct an additional wireless communications support structure for the purpose of transmitting or receiving radio frequency signals for communications purposes; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that the Federal Communications Commission, (FCC) establishes laws and procedures for the licensing of wireless communications facilities and that the FCC encourages collocation of towers and antennas where technically and economically feasible, in order to reduce the need for building new towers; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that our economy will grow and benefit from the collocation of these wireless antennas by ensuring that local communities have access to wireless communication services; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that to be competitive, local governments should understand and recognize this trend and take action to invest in and support the need for collocation in local communities; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that local government means any city, township, or county municipality or other legally authorized political subdivision or public agency recognized by the state; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that in the regulation of the placement, construction, and modification of any wireless facility, in conjunction with the provisions of

state or local law, a local government or instrumentality should not require justification for radio frequency need; and

WHEREAS, NOBEL Women recognizes that in the regulation of the placement, construction, and modification of any wireless facility, in conjunction with the provisions of state or local law, a local government or instrumentality should not require approval of any eligible facilities request that does not substantially change the size of such existing wireless facility, zoning or land use or similar review, and/or imposition of any condition; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Organization of Black Legislative Women, (NOBEL Women) will promote policies that focus on the need for collocation of wireless antennas in local communities; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that NOBEL Women educate its members and avail themselves of opportunities to educate others on the importance of collocation of antennas in local communities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NOBEL Women send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Members of Congress, state legislatures and Governors.

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