

RESOLUTION NO. R-97-375

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORWARDING OF A REQUEST TO THE ISSUES FORUM REGARDING COMMUNICATION TOWERS.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as the governing body of Palm Beach County, Florida is a member of the Multi-Jurisdictional Issues Coordination Forum, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Article VIII of the Multi-Jurisdictional Issues Forum Interlocal Agreement, is required to forward an item of multi-jurisdictional significance to the Forum by formal vote of the Board of County Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, a coordinated approach to the siting of communication towers would be in the interest of the citizens of Palm Beach County and of all the governments in the County, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has identified the proliferation of communication towers as an issue of multi-jurisdictional significance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the request to determine communication tower proliferation as an item of multi-jurisdictional significance, as indicated in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, be forwarded to Issues Forum was approved on February 27, 1997.

Commissioner Foster moved for the approval of the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee and, upon being put to a vote was as follows:

Burt Aaronson, Chair	--	Aye
Maude Ford Lee, Vice Chair	--	Aye
Ken Foster	--	Aye
Karen T. Marcus	--	Absent
Mary McCarty	--	Aye
Warren Newell	--	Absent
Carol A. Roberts	--	Aye

The Chair thereupon declared that the resolution was duly passed and adopted on March 27, 1997.

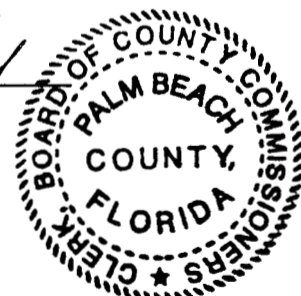
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK

BY: [Signature]
COUNTY ATTORNEY

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DEPUTY CLERK



REQUEST FORM

DETERMINING AN ITEM OF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

This request for determining an item of multi-jurisdictional significance is submitted by PALM BEACH COUNTY GOVERNMENT,

The nature of the item and its multi-jurisdictional significance is as follows:

Nature: Proliferation of Commercial Communications Towers

Multi-Jurisdictional Significance: The issue of communication towers is significant to Palm Beach County, all municipalities, and other governing agencies in light of the federally mandated "Telecommunications Act of 1996." This Act prohibits the exclusion of communication towers within a given jurisdiction by the appropriate governing bodies.

The subject is presently being addressed in the following manner:

In response to the "Telecommunications Act of 1996" Palm Beach County is in the process of finalizing a revised ordinance regarding communications towers and facilities. A key component of the proposed language is the encouragement of collocation to avoid proliferation.

A number of municipalities within the County have also begun the process of drafting new or revised ordinances in a manner that encompasses the needs of their jurisdictions.

The FORUM is an appropriate place to address the issue because:

Communication towers are sited in accordance with a need to provide adequate coverage for their service areas. The service areas and search rings are not established based upon jurisdictional boundaries. Discussion of this issue in this forum will allow the opportunity for multi-jurisdictional coordination and discussion.