

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 6739

A RESOLUTION declaring an emergency to allow consideration of certain amendments to the Comprehensive Plan outside of the 2002 or 2003 annual amendment process; in order to remove barriers to wireless communication deployment, improve wireless service to Bellevue's citizens, and stimulate the economy.

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires jurisdictions to act no more than once per year to amend their Comprehensive Plans, except in the event of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified certain barriers to the deployment of wireless telecommunication facilities that may be removed or minimized through amendments to Comprehensive Plan policies and Land Use Code regulations relating to wireless telecommunication facilities; and

WHEREAS, these barriers to deployment may hinder the continued economic viability of wireless telecommunication service providers and the viability of the industry as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a priority to become a wired city and be at the forefront of technological developments to enhance and maintain the City's position as a competitive location for local and national business; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Bellevue have repeatedly requested improved access to wireless information technology; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Planning Commission, will conduct a Public Hearing prior to adopting any Comprehensive Plan amendment or Land Use Code amendment considered under this resolution; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development is hereby authorized to continue processing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to wireless communication facilities outside of the 2002 or 2003 annual amendment process; and is hereby further authorized to initiate and process accompanying Land Use Code amendments. The Director shall involve neighborhood associations in the process of developing amendments to the Land Use Code and Comprehensive Plan so as to address both the desire of citizens for improved access to wireless information technology and the environmental impacts of

deployment of such systems. The consideration of such Comprehensive Plan amendments and Land Use Code amendments shall be processed in compliance with the provisions of the Land Use Code concerning amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to the text of the Land Use Code, including the requirement for a Public Hearing prior to final action.

Passed by the City Council this 5th day of August, 2002, and signed in authentication of its passage this 5th day of August, 2002.

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Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

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