

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

Agenda Date: July 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Resolution on Potential Health Impacts of Wireless Facilities

REPORT BY: Robert Lieber, City Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBER LIEBER'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 09-38 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Requesting the Federal Government to Update Studies on Potential Health Effects of Radio Frequency Wireless Emissions in Light of Proliferation of Wireless Use.

BACKGROUND

This Resolution is in response to input from Albany residents about health concerns related to Cell Towers and Radio Frequency transmissions.

At this time, the City Council of Portland Oregon and the City Council of Sebastopol have taken action and adopted Resolutions regarding this issue.

Since the mid 1990's, Federal law, as interpreted by the courts, has prohibited consideration of potential health concerns regarding wireless facilities. However, based on mounting evidence of the health risks of exposure to radio frequency radiation, it is time to ask the FCC to re-evaluate its policy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

There are health concerns about the effects from exposure to radio frequency radiation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

Attachments:

Resolution No. 09-38
Press Release & Resolution, City of Sebastopol
Resolution from Portland, Oregon