RESOLUTION NO. 19-20-14 CITY OF DAYTON, OREGON

A Resolution Requesting the Federal Government to Update Studies on Potential Health Risks of 5G Radio Frequency Wireless Emissions and Publish Findings, as Federal Guidelines Push for More Rapid Deployment of 5G

WHEREAS, the City of Dayton's mission is to "provide inclusive, responsive, efficient, and ethical municipal government services to facilitate the health, safety and livability of our community"; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission, hereinafter referred to as FCC, is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to evaluate the effects of emissions from FCC-regulated transmitters on the quality of the human environment; and

WHEREAS, the FCC has not updated its guidelines for human exposure to radio frequency, hereinafter referred to as RF, electromagnetic fields from wireless facilities for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the FCC relies upon federal agencies with health and safety expertise, such as the Food and Drug Administration, hereinafter referred to as FDA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which have assigned roles in federal law for monitoring and investigating issues related to RF exposure; and

WHEREAS, the FCC has jurisdiction over non-federal wireless facilities, authorizing and licensing all non-federal devices, transmitters and facilities that generate RF radiation; and

WHEREAS, Federal law preempts state and local governments, including the City of Dayton, from considering health or environmental concerns in the regulation and placement of wireless facilities, so long as such facilities otherwise comply with applicable federal law; and

WHEREAS, in both the public sector and private sector, some respected members of the scientific community have called for further research regarding the health and environmental effects of 5G RF radiation, before proceeding with further rapid implementation; and

WHEREAS, many citizens have expressed concerns about the safety of this new technology; and

WHEREAS, to date, Congressman Peter DeFazio (OR 4th) and Senator Jeff Merkley (OR) have sent letters of concern to federal agencies asking for further health studies regarding 5g and/or requesting increased disclosure of current scientific data used in policy-making.

The City of Dayton resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Dayton City Council requests the FCC to work in cooperation with the FDA and other relevant federal agencies to revisit and update studies on potential health concerns arising from RF wireless emissions considering 5G Technology.

Section 2. The Dayton City Council requests the FCC make both data and findings from current and future studies publicly available in a timely manner

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the Dayton City Council.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of March 2020.

In Favor:

Collins, Holbrook, Mackin, Price, Wytoski

Opposed:

None

Absent:

Marquez, Sandoval-Perez

Abstained:

None

Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor

Date of Adoption

ATTESTED:

Patty Ringnalda, City Recorder

Date of Enactment