

**REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN DAVENPORT**

1           A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB2108 AND  
2           REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO  
3           REJECT THIS AND ANY COMPANION BILL LIMITING  
4           OR IMPEDING A LOCALITY'S CONTROL OF ITS  
5           COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE  
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7           WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017 House Bill No. 2108 ("HB2108") was  
8           introduced to the Virginia General Assembly as the Virginia Broadband Deployment Act  
9           (the "Act");  
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11           WHEREAS, the City Council of Virginia Beach supports the mission of the  
12           Broadband Authority Council ("BAC") as organized under Va. Code §2.2-2699.3 and its  
13           purpose of expediting deployment and reducing the cost of broadband access in the  
14           Commonwealth; however, passage of HB2108 and the Act would produce results that  
15           directly conflict with this purpose;  
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17           WHEREAS, in partnership with the Commonwealth, the City has successfully  
18           negotiated with private companies to host various international submarine cables that  
19           will land in Virginia Beach, which will further provide connectivity and technological  
20           benefits throughout the Commonwealth and beyond;  
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22           WHEREAS, enhancing connectivity is a means of encouraging economic  
23           development and diversification of business in the City, the region and the  
24           Commonwealth;  
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26           WHEREAS, passage of the Act would greatly hinder the progress the City has  
27           made to encourage economic development and facilitate technological connectivity  
28           throughout the City, the region, and the Commonwealth by precluding the City from  
29           sharing infrastructure it owns with any non-governmental entity to provide efficient and  
30           cost-effective connectivity;  
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32           WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach recognizes the  
33           importance of each locality's ability to manage its own communication infrastructure in  
34           order to foster technological advancement and economic development;  
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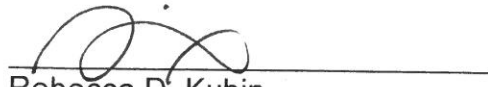
36           WHEREAS, passage of HB2108 would take away each locality's authority to  
37           utilize and manage its communication infrastructure in furtherance of achieving timely  
38           and affordable access to broadband and technological infrastructure, and should be  
39           rejected.  
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41           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
42           OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:  
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44           That the City Council opposes HB2108, and the Virginia General Assembly is  
45           hereby requested to reject HB2108 and any companion bill limiting or impeding  
46           broadband deployment by a locality.

          Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY:

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