

ORDINANCE NO. 124

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,
WASHINGTON DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE
ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE SITING OF
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, concerns about the proliferation of wireless communications facilities in and around the City of Shoreline, and their potentially adverse impact upon the health, safety and welfare of the community, have previously been brought to the attention of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1996, the City Council reviewed issues relating to the construction of wireless telecommunications facilities and directed staff to prepare an ordinance to govern the location, height and conditions for approval of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, staff, with the support of two consultants, a subcommittee of the Planning Commission, and an advisory group which included members of the telecommunications industry, have developed an ordinance providing for standards for the submission, review and approval of applications for wireless telecommunications facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the ordinance on March 6, 1997 and thereafter recommended approval of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance will be presented to the City Council for approval within the next thirty days; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a significant number of applications for wireless telecommunications facilities will be filed prior to the time that the City Council will consider the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, current telecommunication facility regulations do not adequately address health, safety and welfare concerns such as location, height and screening, and it is in the public interest to impose a brief moratorium on applications for telecommunications facilities pending review and approval of the ordinance proposing new regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHORELINE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

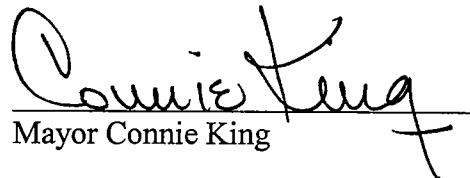
Section 1. Moratorium Established. A moratorium is hereby established upon the filing of all applications for the construction and installation of wireless telecommunications facilities. No use permits or building permits for such facilities shall be issued.

Provided, this moratorium shall not apply to proper applications filed prior to the effective date of this moratorium or to facilities lawfully in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance.

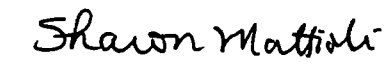
Section 2. Declaration of Emergency. The City Council finds that an emergency exists and that unless this ordinance takes effect immediately, a proliferation of facilities may result which will result in harm or injury to the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 3. Duration of Moratorium. This moratorium shall take effect immediately and shall continue for a period of sixty days or until such time as an ordinance regulating wireless telecommunication facilities is adopted, whichever shall occur first.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 7, 1997.


Mayor Connie King

ATTEST:


Sharon Mattioli, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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City Attorney

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