

No Texting While Driving Resolution

WHEREAS, [CITY] OR [ORGANIZATION] holds the health and safety of its citizens as a paramount concern; and

WHEREAS, wireless phone use has become ubiquitous through our community, California, and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the use of text messages has grown exponentially in recent years; and

WHEREAS, any time a driver attempts to send an electronic text message while driving, his or her attention is diverted from the road; and

WHEREAS, a recent Pew Internet & American Life Project study found that 26% of American teens of driving age say that they have texted while driving, and 48% of all teens 12 to 17 say that they have been a passenger while a driver has sent a text message; and

WHEREAS, a recent Nationwide Insurance study showed that eighty percent of respondents support some type of ban on sending text messages or emails while driving; and

WHEREAS, a recent Virginia Tech study showed sending electronic text messages while driving makes an accident 23 times more likely; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by The Transport Research Laboratory in the United Kingdom showed that sending text messages while driving is riskier than driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, a driver that attempts to send electronic text messages while driving is not just a hazard to themselves, but to passengers, other drivers, and pedestrians as well; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has banned all commercial truck and bus drivers from sending electronic text messages while driving, with the support of the drivers' unions; and,

WHEREAS, it is illegal to send electronic text messages while driving in the state of California;

BE IT RESOLVED that [CITY] OR [ORGANIZATION] promotes safe driving across California and hereby joins AT&T in its effort to educate the general public about the danger of texting while driving.