

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DURING MEETINGS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF COMMUNICATION DEVICES SUCH AS CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT BY COUNCILMEMBERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL WHEN SITTING OR STANDING ON THE DAIS WHILE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE IN SESSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember David Singer)*

WHEREAS, the use of cell phones and electronic equipment during Village Council meetings by Councilmembers is distracting; and

WHEREAS, the use of cell phones and electronic equipment during Council meetings by Councilmembers reduces transparency and defeats the intent and purpose of the Florida Public Meetings Laws (Florida Constitution and statutes), by allowing communication between Councilmembers and select members of the public who are attending or watching the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA,

Section 1. Pursuant to the Village Council’s authority to adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of Village Council meetings, the use of communication devices such as cell phones and electronic equipment by Village Councilmembers to communicate with any individual when sitting or standing on the dais is prohibited while the Council is in session.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2018.

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Missy Arocha

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3 Village Clerk

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Eugene Flinn

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Eugene Flinn
Mayor

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6 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE**
7 **USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:**
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Dexter W. Lehtinen

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13 Village Attorney

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16 **FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**

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18 Council Member Karyn Cunningham YES

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20 Council Member David Singer YES

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22 Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara YES

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24 Vice Mayor John DuBois YES

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26 Mayor Eugene Flinn YES



To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: April 2, 2018

From: Councilmember David Singer

Re: Ban on Electronics during Meetings

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION:

This proposed action will establish a ban on electronic devices use during council meetings

MAJOR POINTS/REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION:

Currently, there is no ban on electronics being used during meetings. The belief is that as a sign of respect to other Councilmembers and especially to the residents of Palmetto Bay, no councilmember should be doing other activities but paying attention to the issue at hand. There has been way too many instances where members of the Council have voted only to claim they didn't realize what they voted on or have had to revisit certain items due to being distracted with outside influences during the meeting. There is no need to do anything else but pay attention and stay engaged during all meetings. We also direct the staff to find a way to electronically place the agenda on our own tv screens for our use but restrict it only to an internal internet portal that does not allow for outside communications in order that we stay environmentally friendly

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF IMPLEMENTATION:

None

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO PAY SUCH COSTS:

None