

**Comments  
of Rebecca Knight  
to Petersburg Borough Assembly  
June 1, 2026**

My comments regard Ordinance 2026-12 – Wireless Communication Facilities.

First, I'd like to thank those, who gave their time and voiced their concerns about the harmful impacts that wireless communication facility expansion will create on Borough residents. Their efforts will at least put **“some”** regulatory teeth into future expansion, but we are still being forced to swallow a long-term, irreversible, poison pill and including negative impacts on our community by an entity (Tlingit Haida) *not subject* to this ordinance and which has no demonstrated interest in voluntary compliance.

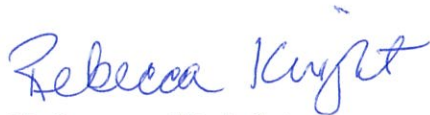
This situation is compounded because the FCC is out of compliance with a court order by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Washington D.C. Circuit Court (Environmental Health Trust (EHF) v. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)). The Court's mandate requires the FCC to address six specific areas where its existing 1996 RF radiation human exposure regulations were found deficient. Those regulations are 30 years old and are sorely in need of updating.

On May 18, 2026 the Environmental Health Trust and co-Petitioners filed a Complaint for Mandamus with the Court, demanding that, after five years of waiting, the Court compel these agencies to obey its 2021 ruling. The FCC and FDA have been served with the Writ and now have 60 days to take action: either to comply with the original court order or to explain why they have not.

I object that the public must be forced fed unnecessary, unhealthy infrastructure, governed by FCC regulations which are grossly outdated and unlawful.

- by the applicant to ensure projects comply with all FCC safety rules regarding exposure to radio frequency. Such scrutiny should not be left to the WCF provider, but those services should be the wireless provider's cost of doing business.
5. Please include language to specifically cover "Small cells." Small cell facilities contain telecommunication equipment like antennas and radios that are typically placed on light poles, traffic signals, or new poles within the public right-of-way.<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the Ordinance term "WCF" implicitly includes such inevitable infrastructure, but specific naming to regulate and monitor would be helpful for clarification.
  6. There is no language in the ordinance that address the devaluation of resident's personal property due to the construction and installation of nearby cell infrastructure. A process should be identified, whether it be through the property tax appeal process or other avenues. Shouldn't Tlingit Haida, with their 50 million dollars of taxpayer funds, be responsible for the loss in property value and compensate property owners for that loss?
  7. The ordinance contains no specific maximum height restriction. It defers to existing height regulations, which requires a reader to dig up elsewhere.

Sincerely,



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<sup>4</sup> City of Irvine. 5G and Small Cell Frequently Asked Questions <https://cityofirvine.gov/community-development/5g-and-small-cell-wireless-frequently-asked-questions>