



A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING SUPPORT AND APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUESTED BY VERIZON FOR THE PROPOSED CELL TOWER IN PORTAGE VALLEY.

WHEREAS, Communication systems in the Portage Valley are presently sparse to non-existent, and often unreliable, especially during "off-season" months.

WHEREAS, The current lack of cell phone coverage currently impedes response to health and safety concerns, as well as critical communication requirements.

WHEREAS, The Anton Anderson Tunnel and staging area are currently unable to take full advantage of improvements in communication technology that could enhance operations and services.

WHEREAS, Improved communication/data systems will enable normal cell/computer functions for visitors in the Portage Valley and also provide a much better experience at the Bear Valley Staging area while awaiting entrance into the Anton Anderson Tunnel.

WHEREAS, Bookings, cancelations and general reservations with Whittier businesses/persons could be made immediately before entering the Anton Anderson Tunnel, thus potentially saving visitors tunnel costs. Improved communication services also afford businesses/State and Local governments "on the other side" an opportunity to provide better services.

WHEREAS, In the near future, Whittier will see expanded recreational opportunities, improved transportation services and an increase in cruise ship visits. Seamless cell/data coverage from one side of the Tunnel to the other will become a critical need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce requests the Municipality of Anchorage, through the Planning & Zoning Commission, approve the conditional use permit as presented by Verizon.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce on this 15 day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

Kelly Bender President, Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce