

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 306129

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 24 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO PROMOTING NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego 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 a 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 stated they have texted while driving, and 48% of all teens 12 to 17 years of age stated they have been a passenger while a driver has sent a text message; and

WHEREAS, a recent Nationwide Insurance study showed that 80% of respondents support some type of ban on sending text messages or e-mails while driving; and

WHEREAS, a recent Virginia Tech study showed sending text messages while driving makes an accident twenty-three 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 text messages while driving is not just a hazard to themselves, but to passengers, other drivers, and pedestrians as well; and

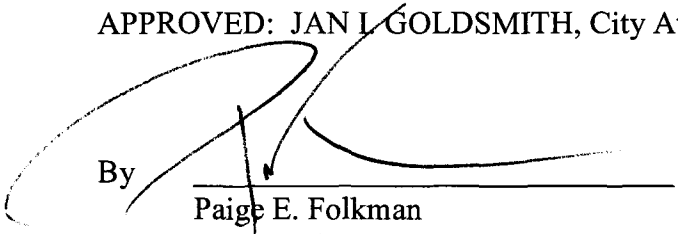
WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has banned all commercial truck and bus drivers from sending text messages while driving, with the support of the drivers' unions; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to send text messages while driving in the State of California;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the City promotes safe driving across California and hereby joins in the effort to educate the general public about the danger of texting while driving.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of SEP 14 2010.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9-24-10
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor