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Cell Tower Public Hearing

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It would be a shame for The New Meadows City Council to approve a cell phone tower just 2 years after denying a previous request with the cited reason being that a cell phone tower is "Disharmonious to the Community". Although 2 years have gone by since then, has the City Council really forgotten its previous declaration that a cell phone tower is "Disharmonious to the Community?"

This proposed tower would potentially reach approximately 198 feet tall and would be unattractive and disturbing with its flashing light. This is as tall as some of the tallest buildings in downtown Boise. This request, as well any other future requests to install a cell phone tower in city or valley limits, should be vehemently denied by our community for the following reasons:

1. Cell phone towers are "Disharmonious to the Community".
2. Property values would be negatively affected.
3. House renting Tenants would become harder for owners to acquire, as would buyers.
4. A 200 ft. tower with flashing lights is a detriment to the aesthetic values of a Scenic Byway Corridor, which Meadows Valley is part of.
5. There is already excellent cell phone coverage in New Meadows. There is no need for another tower.
6. Cell Phone towers should be kept in the mountains away from people, where they have greater ability to reach line of sight than they do being tucked into a hole or a valley.
7. Significant potential does exist for the harm of people in the valley from the microwave radiation that is emitted by cell phone towers. Although some studies regarding the detriment to human health relevant to the emission of this radiation is said to be not unhealthy to humans, we must diligently be aware that Big Tobacco made the very same claims regarding cigarettes NOT causing cancer, which was later publicly discovered to be completely false and that Big Tobacco knew all along that cigarettes were and are harmful to human health.

In conclusion, since we do not need another cell phone for the reasons listed above, we should deny this request and any other future such requests for installation in order that we err on the side of caution, if to err at all.

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