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City Council
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution requesting the creation of an E-Communities Advisory Committee. This resolution was prepared at the request of Dr. Sheridan. On March 20, 2007, the City Council adopted the E-Communities plan. This plan was developed by the E-Communtities Steering Committee through a $5,000 grant received by the E-NC Authority. The plan was submitted to the E-NC Authority for review and approved at its July 25, 2007 meeting.

The City of Wilmington was one of two cities selected to participate in a pilot program designed to bring high-speed Internet access to urban distressed areas of the state. This plan is consistent with the Resolution previously adopted by the Wilmington City Council supporting public access to the Internet and online City resources. The creation of an advisory committee will provide guidance, expertise and leadership as the City works with other agencies in the community to implement and further the intent of this project. The goals and mission of this committee will ultimately be to support the implementation of the e-communities plan and related efforts to improve access to technology for all of the area's citizens with an emphasis on our urban distressed areas of the community.

Passage of the attached Resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Sterling B. Cheatham
City Manager

Resolution

City Council
City of Wilmington
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Introduced By: Dr. Earl Sheridan, Councilmember **Date:** 10/17/2007

Resolution Creating the City of Wilmington E-Communites Advisory Committee to Improve Access to Technology for the Greater Wilmington Community

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

The City of Wilmington acknowledges that access to the internet and use of technology is important to the success of both its citizens and the community as a whole now and in our future development.

The State of North Carolina E-NC Authority funded a planning grant for the creation of an E-Communites plan led by an E-Champion and Steering Committee and approved by City Council on March 20, 2007 and has since approved the City's plan as of July 25, 2007.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Wilmington City Council does hereby create the E-Communities Advisory Committee to Improve Access to Technology for the Greater Wilmington Community and support the implementation of the e-Communities plan with an emphasis on our urban distressed areas. The Membership and Organization of the Committee shall be as follows:

1.The E- Communities Advisory Committee shall have 9 members appointed by the Mayor. It shall be composed of local representatives with interest and expertise consistent with the over all goals of the e-Communities initiative.

2. The term of membership will be for a period of two (2) years with staggered terms with five of the initial members serving for two years and the remaining four members serving for one year.

3. The Committee will self appoint a Chairperson and be supported by city staff.

4. The Committee will meet on a regular basis or at the call of the chairperson. Meetings shall be noticed and held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

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Bill Saffo, Mayor

Adopted at a _____ meeting
on _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney