

Resolution
**Supporting the Expansion of the Riverbrook
Local Telephone Calling Area**

WHEREAS a group of neighborhoods in south-central Montgomery County have joined together to remove long distance charges from local telephone calls, and

WHEREAS the group, titled Communities for Affordable Local Lines (C.A.L.L.), has gathered sufficient signatures and successfully petitioned the Texas Public Utility Commission for an expansion of the Riverbrook telephone exchange, and

WHEREAS the proposed Riverbrook expansion will eliminate long distance charges for local calls in south, southwest and central Montgomery County as well as portions of north Harris County - effectively doubling the geographic area for toll-free calling, and

WHEREAS the affordability of telephone service will help unite these communities, increase trade, and tear down a regulatory barrier to communication, and

WHEREAS the expansion will allow residents to phone their children's schools, hospitals, community college, area businesses and other important locations - and be called from them - at local phone rates, and

WHEREAS the financial benefits to residents and small businesses are widespread and present a potential of savings for all 273 and many 321 telephone line users, and

WHEREAS the total monthly charge of \$3.50 or less per Riverbrook 273 residential line and \$7 or less per Riverbrook 273 business line (no additional charge on 321 lines) is viewed as reasonable for such a significant expansion of services, and

WHEREAS 70% approval from Riverbrook telephone users participating in the September 14-29 mail ballot election is necessary to expand the local calling area, and

WHEREAS failure to obtain 70% approval will prevent neighborhoods from again petitioning for an expanded local calling area for a minimum of 18 months according to Public Utility Commission regulations, and

WHEREAS more than 200 communities in Texas have requested expansions of their local telephone calling areas, and the Montgomery County communities of Willis and Panorama Village have already successfully approved such an expansion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we express our support for more affordable local telephone service through expansion of the Riverbrook telephone exchange to include the Spring, Pinehurst and Tomball exchanges, and that we urge eligible Riverbrook residents and businesses to actively seek the September mail ballot and vote "yes" to expansion into all three exchanges.

ADOPTED this August 9 day of _____, 1994.

Organization

Town of Woodloch

Signature & title
of authorized officer

Mariane L. Gincow, Mayor

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