

**RESOLUTION NO. 08 - 72**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DECISION TO RETAIN EXISTING 760 AREA CODE IN ALL  
AREAS OUTSIDE NORTHERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in response to rapid residential and commercial growth in northern San Diego County resulting in the need for a new telephone area code for the region, the California Public Utilities Commission acted on April 24, 2008 to approve a new 442 Area Code for northern San Diego County and to retain the 760 Area Code in the remaining 760 calling area; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 60% of the comments at public workshops urged the Commission to assign a new area code to northern San Diego County, while only 25% of comments favored an "overlay" area code that would assign Area Code 442 to all new telephone numbers throughout the existing 760 Area Code; and

**WHEREAS**, despite overwhelming support for the new 442 area code, a group of opponents within the high-growth region of northern San Diego County has requested the Commission to set aside this decision and instead add the 442 Area Code as an overlay; and

**WHEREAS**, an overlay area code would require homes and businesses throughout Area Code 760 to have different area codes for telephones at the same address, and it would destroy the ability of those who make and receive telephone calls to identify the geographic area of a home or business, causing widespread confusion and inconvenience for telephone customers as well as economic harm to businesses throughout the 760 Area Code; and

**WHEREAS**, as population growth has required, many areas of California have undergone periodic adjustments in telephone area codes, and they will continue to undergo such changes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is practical for a rapidly-growing area such as northern San Diego County to receive a new geographically based area code to address that area's growth;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does hereby approve:

- 1) The most practical and logical course of action is for the California Public Utilities Commission to assign a new geographically based 442 Area Code to northern San Diego County.
- 2) It is not possible to reasonably argue that an overlay which would cause citizens in communities such as Bridgeport, Trona, Lone Pine, Big Pine, etc. to

dial up to eleven numbers to call a neighbor or neighborhood business just down the street to appease Northern San Diego County as justification to change the April 2008 Decision.

- 3) The City of Ridgecrest strongly recommends the California Public Utilities Commission to reaffirm its April 24, 2008 decision and to reject the request to implement an impractical overlay area code 442 in the 760 Area Code, which would cause confusion, inconvenience, and economic harm.

**APPROVED, AND ADOPTED**, this 1<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Morgan, Wiknich, Carter, Clark

NOES:

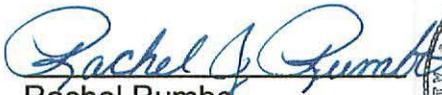
ABSENT: Holloway

ABSTAIN:



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Marshall "Chip" Holloway, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rachel Rumbo  
Deputy City Clerk

