

Opposition to Senate Bill 401
from the
City of El Dorado

The City of El Dorado is opposed to Senate Bill 401. We currently have several communications companies within the City limits of El Dorado, with either antennas and equipment on water towers or a communications tower located on City property. We manage these mutually beneficial relationships without the need of oversight from the State of Kansas. We are particularly concerned that if this bill, or some form of this bill is passed, telecommunications companies will have the ability to ignore the concerns of Kansas communities. Colocation of equipment on existing structures might be ignored in favor of each communications company having their "own" tower. While telecommunications equipment may be necessary for the economic development of Kansas, it's important that Kansans be allowed to make the most efficient use of space available on existing structures. This bill goes way beyond reasonable regulation and has clearly been supported, if not written by, the telecommunication's companies lobbyists. We strenuously oppose this one-sided piece of legislation.

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"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water"

- Benjamin Franklin

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