

January 4, 2026

{Item 17114 – H2529}

Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed communications tower located within approximately 300 feet of my property located at 6219 Faber Drive, Brooksville. (Planning & Zoning Item No. 17114 – H2529)

Placing a tower this size so close to existing homes is inappropriate for a residential area and would have an unreasonable impact on the neighborhood. The proposal raises serious concerns regarding visual appearance, safety risks associated with tower failure or debris, increased noise maintenance activity in a quiet neighborhood and a potential loss of property value. This tower impacts all of the Rolling Acres residents located within the area and is not justified by the proposed location.

I urge you to deny this application or require relocation to a site that provides adequate distance from residential properties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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FACTS ABOUT LIVING WITHIN 300 FEET OF A COMMUNICATION TOWER

1. Effects from RF documented in scientific research include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, headaches, sleep issues, genetic damage, changes to the reproductive system, memory deficits, and impacts to the nervous system. (<https://ehtrust.org/cell-towers-and-cell-antennae/compilation-of-research-studies-on-cell-tower-radiation-and-health/>).
2. Research has also found that the cumulative dose from cell tower RF can result in significant exposure over time. Young children do not use cell phones, yet they are involuntarily exposed (There is a very young child within 100 yards of this proposed site, how is this tower going to affect this child?). Cell tower radiation exposures are nonstop day and night. We can turn our cell phones off, but we cannot turn the cell tower off.
1. Studies indicate that homes within close proximity to towers may take longer to sell and experience a decrease in value, with some estimates suggesting a reduction of up to 20%.
2. Research has also shown that there are reports of high cancer rates, cognitive issues, and fatigue in residents living near cell towers.
3. **RF waves from towers are non-ionizing and cannot directly damage DNA like X-rays, they can cause heating of body tissue at very high levels. The highest radiation intensity often occurs in the main beam, which is generally 50 to 300 meters from the base station.**

Does living near a cell tower cause health problems?



A 2022 published review found over 73% of studies on people living near cell towers reported adverse effects such as higher cancer rates, biochemical changes, and radiofrequency sickness symptoms including headaches, sleep issues and memory issues.