



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW), LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MONOPALM CELL TOWER AT PYRAMID PEAK WATER TREATMENT PLANT ON CITY PROPERTY

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for the City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute a license agreement between the City of Glendale and Verizon Wireless (VAW), L.L.C., dba Verizon Wireless, for the installation of a monopalm cell tower at Pyramid Peak Water Treatment Plant on city-owned property.

Background

Verizon Wireless contacted the city to request permission to expand its existing network facilities. This license will allow Verizon Wireless to install a monopalm cell tower at the Pyramid Peak Water Treatment Plant on city-owned property located within the City of Phoenix. Engineering, in conjunction with Water Services and Planning, have partnered with Verizon Wireless on particular design requirements with the understanding of maintaining the security of the city's facilities. Verizon Wireless's infrastructure investment in the West Valley allows them to meet their current and future clients' connection needs and the growing demand for cellular service.

Staff has developed guidelines to standardize the fees charged for wireless cell site license agreements moving forward as shown in the attached document. These guidelines will be followed in negotiating new licenses and renewing licenses as they expire. The fees are consistent for each site and are based upon industry standard, geographical location and comparable rates being charged to competitive wireless carriers by other local municipalities such as Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale.

Analysis

- There will be additional construction needed as a result of this action.
- There are no costs incurred by the city as a result of this action.
- This new license agreement falls within Category D of the guidelines.
- This license agreement is for a 10-year term, with a bilateral option to extend the license agreement for an additional three, five-year extension periods.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Verizon Wireless's infrastructure investment in the West Valley allows Verizon to meet the cellular service needs of Glendale residents.

Budget and Financial Impacts

The revenue generated from this agreement during the first 10-years of the associated license, including the 3% annual increase is projected at \$400,000. All revenue shall be deposited into the General Fund.