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To: City Council

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Subject: Small Wireless Facilities Application Fees and Annual Right of Way
Use Rates (A.R.S. 9-591 – 599 relating to small wireless facilities)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to submit for review and consideration new application and rights-of-way use fees for small wireless facilities (SWF) to occupy City rights-of-way.

Engineering requests Council approval to change the Engineering Schedule of Fees and Charges, as outlined in this report and detailed in the attached Exhibit "A". The Fees and Charges, once approved, will be effective February 9, 2018.

Background

In March 2017, the Arizona State Legislature approved and the governor signed into law House Bill 2365, which amended Title 9, Section 5 of the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to wireless services. State Law allows wireless providers to install, operate and maintain SWF and related equipment in city, town, and county rights-of-way and public easements as a matter of right. Mesa Electric, Salt River Project, Arizona Public Service, and the City of Yuma are exempt from the new legislation.

The State Law limits the fees cities can charge for the use of the rights-of-way and for application, plan review and inspections services. Cities are required to establish and make available rates, fees, and terms for deployment of SWF sites consistent with HB 2365 no later than February 9, 2018.

Discussion

The existing fees for use of the rights-of-way for SWF range from \$3,469 to \$21,073 annually, based on the volume (cubic feet) of equipment placed in the right-of-way. The new annual fee for SWF is limited to a total of \$100 per site per year to collocate on City-owned poles and \$50 per site per year to collocate on non-City owned poles. The annual fee for new monopoles is equal to the direct and actual cost of managing the right-of-way per site per year. In addition, the amount the City may charge for application, plan review, and inspection services range from \$50 for batched

applications to \$750 per pole per site and limited to \$1,000 per new monopole.

Alternatives

An alternative to updating the fees is to take no action. This is not recommended, because the existing fees would remain effective until February, at which time the City would be in violation of state law.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed application and rights-of-way use fees for SWF are intended to recoup direct and actual costs associated with the processing, permitting and inspection of SWF. While the total costs associated with the processing and permitting are greater than the proposed fees, the new legislation sets a limitation on the amount an authority may charge for the installation of wireless facilities in the rights-of-way.

There is an anticipated annual revenue of \$33,010 for these fees.

Coordinated With

The recommended fees and charges were coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget.

Fee Recommendation Schedule
Exhibit A
Department: Engineering Department

Document of Change: Resolution

Description of Services	FY 17/18 Fee/Charge	FY 17/18 Fee/Charge (effective 2/9/18)	Unit	Estimated Total Annual Fiscal Impact	Notes
Wireless Communication Facilities Fee (WCF) in the ROW (Excludes Cellular Facilities) will be negotiated on a per site license agreement basis.	Varies	Varies			
SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES (SWF) APPLICATION FEES					
COLLOCATION OF A SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY ON AN EXISTING CITY-OWNED POLE (STREETLIGHT OR TRAFFIC SIGNAL), SINGLE OR BATCHED APPLICATION		\$100	PER SITE; SITES 1-5	\$500	
COLLOCATION OF A SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY ON AN EXISTING CITY-OWNED POLE (STREETLIGHT OR TRAFFIC SIGNAL), BATCHED APPLICATION		\$50	PER SITE; SITES 6-25	\$250	
COLLOCATION ON A MODIFIED OR REPLACEMENT CITY-OWNED POLE (STREETLIGHT OR TRAFFIC SIGNAL)		\$750	PER SITE	\$22,500	
COLLOCATION OF A SMALL		\$100	PER SITE;	\$0	

WIRELESS FACILITY ON AN EXISTING NON-CITY OWNED POLE, SINGLE OR BATCHED APPLICATION			SITES 1-5		
COLLOCATION OF A SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY ON AN EXISTING NON-CITY OWNED POLE, BATCHED APPLICATION		\$50	PER SITE; SITES 6-25	\$0	
COLLOCATION ON A MODIFIED OR REPLACEMENT NON-CITY OWNED POLE		\$750	PER SITE	\$0	
NEW CITY-OWNED POLE (STREETLIGHT OR TRAFFIC SIGNAL)		\$750	PER SITE	\$0	
NEW NON-CITY-OWNED POLE OR WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURE; NO MONOPOLES		\$750	PER SITE	\$0	
NEW MONOPOLE, OR NEW, MODIFIED OR REPLACEMENT CITY-OWNED OR NON-CITY-OWNED POLE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 50 FEET IN HEIGHT		\$1,000	PER SITE	\$0	
NEW MONOPOLE, OR NEW, MODIFIED OR REPLACEMENT CITY-OWNED OR NON-CITY-OWNED POLE THAT EXCEEDS 50 FEET IN HEIGHT		EQUAL TO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FEE(S) FOR NEW CELL TOWERS	PER SITE	\$0	
COLLOCATION OF WIRELESS FACILITIES THAT DO NOT FIT THE STATUTORY		\$1,000	PER SITE	\$0	

<p>COLLOCATION OF WIRELESS FACILITIES THAT DO NOT FIT THE STATUTORY DEFINITION OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN ARS 9-591.19</p>		<p>RIGHT OF WAY(1)</p> <p>VARIES: AN ANNUAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE DIRECT AND ACTUAL COST OF MANAGING THE RIGHT OF WAY(1)</p>	<p>PER SITE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	
<p>LATE PAYMENT FEE</p>		<p>3% OF ROW USE FEE</p>	<p>PER SITE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	
<p>BLANKET PERMIT FOR EMERGENCY WORK IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY</p>		<p>\$1,440</p>	<p>PER YEAR, CITYWIDE</p>	<p>\$5,760</p>	
<p>SITE LICENSE RENEWAL, OTHER THAN MONOPOLE</p>		<p>\$750</p>	<p>PER SITE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	
<p>SITE LICENSE, MONOPOLE</p>		<p>\$1,000</p>	<p>PER SITE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	
<p>SITE LICENSE, COLLOCATION OF WIRELESS FACILITIES THAT DO NO FIT THE STATUTORY DEFINITION OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN ARS 9-591.19</p>		<p>\$1,000</p>	<p>PER SITE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>1. THE FEE IS THAT AMOUNT THAT IS THE DIRECT AND ACTUAL COST OF MANAGING THE RIGHT OF WAY ON A PER SITE, PER YEAR BASIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500</p> <p>NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THESE FEES APPLY ONLY TO SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES AS DEFINED IN ARS. § 9-591. THIS LIST OF FEES IS DESIGNED TO COMPLY WITH ARS § 9-591 – 9-599, AND THE CITY WILL CHARGE USERS WITH ADDITIONAL GENERALLY APPLICABLE FEES</p>

					FOR WORK IN THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEES FOR BUILDING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PERMITS.
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Total Estimated Annual Impact \$33,010