

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>8889 River Road Cell Tower Lease – Third Amendment to Lease</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

**Background:** Verizon Wireless is currently leasing space at 8889 River Road for a cell phone tower. The original lease was approved by Council on March 31, 1998 per Resolution No. 163-98. This will be the 5th renewal term for this contract. The term will be extended through July 25, 2025 with the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Lease.

The amendment allows if the Landlord determines the Tower is to be deconstructed prior to June 30, 2025, Landlord shall terminate the Lease in accordance with Section 10 c of the Lease and the Tenant shall remove all building(s), antennas(s), equipment, conduits fixtures, and all personal property no later than the termination date.

**Analysis:** The cell tower already exists at the site and was previously reviewed and approved by all parties. The lease renewal amount will be increased to \$44,334.02 per year which is received in quarterly payments of \$11,083.50.

**Financial Considerations:** The City will receive \$44,334.02 per year in quarterly payments for the term of this lease.

**Legal Considerations:** Any lease agreement involving City of Columbus owned property requires Council approval.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL THROUGH JULY 25, 2025, WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING SPACE AT 8889 RIVER ROAD TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER.**

**WHEREAS**, Verizon Wireless desires to renew a lease agreement for space at 8889 River Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the lease renewal is to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower that provides cellular telephone service to the area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease renewal period will be through July 25, 2025 unless the tower is deconstructed prior to that date; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease renewal will provide the City \$44,334.02 in rent per year for the term; and,

**WHEREAS**, the executed lease agreement will become part of this resolution by reference and will be filed with the Clerk of Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Columbus Consolidated Government is hereby authorized to execute a lease amendment and renewal through July 25, 2025, unless earlier terminated due to the deconstruction of the tower, with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor