

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2021

To: Jim Marino, Village Manager

From: Napoleon Haney, Assistant Village Manager

Topic: Small Cell Wireless Facilities Ordinance

PURPOSE

Because of changes to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act the Village Board needs to approve an ordinance adopting revised standards for small wireless installation applications received by the Village after June 3, 2021.

PROCESS

The Illinois General Assembly enacted a new law in Illinois, effective June 1, 2018, which allows cell phone companies to install “small wireless” telecommunication devices to utility poles, light poles and other structures in the public right-of-way enabling wireless carriers the ability to implement 5G technology and enhance overall cellular transmission and communication.

Senate Bill 1451 (Public Act 100-0585), the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act, went into effect on June 1, 2018. The Act allows municipalities to pass an ordinance establishing guidelines for the wireless carriers engaged in small wireless facility installations. Homewood passed MC-944 on July 24, 2018. MC-944 amended the Homewood Municipal Code for the regulation of and application for small wireless facilities. The ordinance established regulations, standards and procedures for siting and collocation of small wireless facilities on public rights of way.

The Illinois State Legislature continues to make modifications to Public Act 100-0585. The Act was recently amended by Public Act 102-0009 to revise the Village’s authority to regulate small wireless facilities; specifically, for those applications received after June 3, 2021.

OUTCOME

Because of these changes and subsequent changes that may be made in the future, and with the recodification of the Homewood Municipal Code, re-adopting the provisions of Ordinance MC-944 as a separate stand-alone “ordinance” outside of the municipal code provides the flexibility to adopt revised standards for small wireless installation applications received by the Village after June 3, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** No Financial Impact
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

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LEGAL REVIEW: Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance re-enacting regulations formerly contained in the Village's Municipal Code regulating small wireless facilities on Village-owned right-of-way and utility poles.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Ordinance