

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2021

To: Jim Marino, Village Manager

From: Napoleon Haney, Assistant Village Manager

Topic: Verizon Wireless – Master Pole Attachment Agreement

PURPOSE

Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, is requesting the Village of Homewood to enter into a master pole attachment agreement. The agreement would give Verizon Wireless the ability to install small wireless facilities in locations around Homewood.

PROCESS

In April of 2018, the Illinois Legislature enacted the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (Public Act 100-585). The Act requires municipalities to allow cell phone carriers to install small cell sites as long as certain conditions (mounting, application fees, permitting, right of way, co-location, modifications, operation and replacement) are met. The Act makes provision for “master pole attachment agreements” that define the duties and obligations of wireless providers and municipalities when a wireless provider wishes to install small cell sites within the Village’s right of way. If approved, this will be Homewood’s second master pole attachment agreement. The Village Board of Trustees approved its first master pole attachment agreement with AT&T Mobility on January 22, 2019. The Illinois Municipal League (IML) developed a “model master pole attachment agreement” which Homewood uses as the template for our agreements.

The Legislature made some modest changes to the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Deployment Act in June, but those revisions only apply to small cell site applications received after June 3, 2021. Since Verizon submitted its application prior to that date, this agreement is governed by the 2018 version of the Act.

OUTCOME

The master pole attachment agreement, in conjunction with existing Village codes, addresses Verizon Wireless’ installation, mounting, modification, operation and replacement of small wireless facilities on any support structure or utility pole in the Village’s right of way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding Source: No Financial Impact

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost: N/A

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LEGAL REVIEW: Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the Village President to enter into a Master Pole Attachment agreement with Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless of Basking Ridge, NJ to establish procedures and guidelines for the company's installation, mounting, maintenance, modification, operation and/or replacement of small wireless facilities within the Village of Homewood.

ATTACHMENT(S): Master Pole Attachment Agreement