

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: July 27, 2021

To: Jim Marino, Village Manager

From: Napoleon Haney, Assistant Village Manager

Topic: Cell Tower Amendment to Lease Agreement (T-Mobile)

PURPOSE:

The Village entered into a lease agreement in 2005 allowing T-Mobile LLC of Delaware, to install and operate cellular communication equipment atop the Village's water tower at 18355 Pierce Avenue. T-Mobile makes lease payments to the Village as part of the agreement. T-Mobile desires to install a generator at the site as part of their "network hardening" initiative, triggering an amendment to the lease agreement.

PROCESS:

Municipal amendments to cell tower leases are common and are generally performed when cellular companies need to add or upgrade telecommunications equipment to an existing facility. In most cases, modest increases to the cell company's rent payments to the municipality become part of the amendments. T-Mobile's request to install a generator at the Pierce Avenue site required review of the Appearance Commission to approve the installation of a six-foot wooden fence used to screen the generator from public view. The Appearance Commission approved this item on July 10, 2019. The project was delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the Village's agreement with T-Mobile, the generator installation triggers an amendment to the initial agreement. As a concession to the Village for amending the agreement, T-Mobile agrees to increase their rent to the Village by \$400 per month.

OUTCOME:

By approving the attached amendment to the T-Mobile lease, the Village increases their cell tower rent revenue and allows for T-Mobile to enhance their ability to provide cellular services to their customers in the event of storms, disasters and electrical power loss.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding Source: No Financial Impact

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost: N/A

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LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Approve the third amendment to the site lease agreement between the Village of Homewood and T-Mobile Central LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, allowing T-Mobile to perform critical upgrades and enhancements to their cellular facilities atop the Village's water tower at 18355 Pierce Avenue.