

Mayor and Members of the City Council **STAFF REPORT**

For the Meeting of September 8, 2025

Title/Subject

Resolution 2394- Small Cell Wireless Franchise Amendment

Summary and Background

This simply renews an existing franchise with RSA #2, Inc. which operates 18 "Small Cell" wireless facilities to provide communications service within the City Limits. The existing franchise is set to expire in February, 2026. This amendment extends the agreement for another 5 years, and brings the fees in compliance with FCC regulations.

Tie-In to Council Goals

City Facilities: public facilities that meet the community needs of today and the future

Fiscal Information

This amendment revises the fees charged downward from the current amount of \$303.89 per pole to \$270.00 per pole, which is the FCC "Safe Harbor" fee which is in place to prevent local governments from inhibiting the deployment of wireless communications. This change will reduce General Fund revenues by \$610 per year. For reference, the city's franchise expert attorney with Cable Huston currently bills the City at \$525 per hour.

Alternatives and Recommendation

<u>Alternatives</u>

- 1. Approve resolution 2394
- 2. Reject resolution 2394

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to approve Resolution 2394

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