

TO: City Council  
FROM: Dan Smith, Director – Water Resources & Sustainability  
DATE: February 21, 2023  
SUBJECT: Site Lease Agreement with Dish Wireless for the Airport Reservoir

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1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a site lease agreement with Dish Wireless LLC., for use of the Airport Reservoir for the purpose of installing communications equipment.

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2) Background:

Dish Wireless is requesting to enter into a site lease agreement to install communication equipment at the Airport Reservoir to support wireless network operations. The City has previously entered into lease agreements with other cellular providers (Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile) for locating facilities at the Airport Reservoir. The space requested by Dish Wireless is available and is not expected to impact the operations of other providers. The provisions of the proposed lease closely parallel those of previous agreements, and lease rates have been updated to reflect the current market. The monthly lease rate is set at \$1,615 /month with an annual increase of 4%. The agreement proposes three five -year term extensions.

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3) Policy Support:

Partnership: We work collaboratively with residents, businesses, and community organizations.

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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Approve the Lease Agreement in substantially the same form as proposed.
  - ☐ Revise the Lease Agreement.
  - ☐ Reject the request to lease space on the Airport Reservoir.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Lease revenues support the Water Fund. Because the Airport Reservoir is located on property owned by the Port of Olympia, the City has previously executed an agreement with the Port to split the revenues from the cellular leases 60% City, 40% Port.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Site Lease Agreement with Dish Wireless