

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CELLULAR SITE LEASES FROM IOWA WIRELESS SERVICES TO TOWERCO

BACKGROUND:

Several cellular providers have contracts to place private cellular network equipment on City property. One of these locations is Homewood Golf Course. In early 2014, the lease for the Homewood antenna was assigned from the original owner's successor company, T-Mobile, to Iowa Wireless Services. Per the lease agreement, the City provided its consent to this assignment. Iowa Wireless Services has now assigned its interest in the lease to TowerCo 2013, LLC. Consent from the City to this transfer has been requested.

The lease expires on December 31, 2016, and may renew for two more five-year terms.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve transfer of the lease for the cellular antenna at Homewood Golf Course from Iowa wireless Services to TowerCo 2013, LLC.
2. Direct staff to gather more information about this transfer.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Iowa Wireless Services has requested approval to transfer its interest in this lease to TowerCo. Iowa Wireless Services has completed its responsibilities as outlined in the lease agreement and TowerCo will be required to comply with the existing lease provisions.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving transfer of the lease for the cellular antenna at Homewood Golf Course from Iowa Wireless Services to TowerCo 2013, LLC.