

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CELLULAR SITE LEASES FROM T-MOBILE TO IOWA WIRELESS SERVICES

BACKGROUND:

Several cellular providers have contracts to place private cellular network equipment on City property. One of these locations is Homewood Golf Course, where T-Mobile and its affiliates have a free-standing antenna. Another location is the BRET water tower on Bloomington Road, where T-Mobile antennas are attached to the tower's structure. Both of these agreements were originally signed in December, 1996. Both had five-year terms which automatically renew at five-year intervals for 30 total years. The current renewals expire on December 31, 2016, and may renew twice more (until year 2026).

T-Mobile has entered into an agreement with Iowa Wireless Services, LLC to assign its interest in these two lease agreements. Iowa Wireless Services would assume the responsibility to make payments and perform the activities outlined in the original leases. The City has been asked to consent to this transfer between T-Mobile and Iowa Wireless Services.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve transfer of the lease for cellular antennas at Homewood Golf Course and BRET Water Tower from T-Mobile to Iowa Wireless Services, LLC.
2. Direct staff to gather more information about this transfer.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

T-Mobile has requested transfer of its leases at these locations to Iowa Wireless Services. T-Mobile has completed its responsibilities outlined in the lease agreements, and Iowa Wireless Services 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 cellular antennas at Homewood Golf Course and BRET Water Tower from T-Mobile to Iowa Wireless Services, LLC.