

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES / ADDITIONS - FY 2016-2017

Department Name / Fund Name: Transportation

Fee Name: Annual Rental Fee

Description

Wireless communications have proven essential to consumers, businesses, public safety and the rapidly evolving Internet of Things (IoT) economy. In urban environments wireless networks require the use of small cell antennas to support the speed and throughput needed for reliable wireless services. In order to overcome these challenges, the Austin Transportation Department has agreed to the sharing of City owned and maintained infrastructure (select traffic signal poles) for the installation of small cell antennas. These installations will facilitate Commercial Mobile Radios Service providers (CMRS) in providing service enhancements, while minimizing visual and physical impacts; and compensating the City for the continued use of its infrastructure.

<u>Fee Name</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>
Annual Rental Fee	\$0	\$2,500 per antenna

Methodology

Based on rents charged by comparable Texas Cities. Fee is all inclusive of traffic signal pole attachment rent and Right of Way Rent for above ground equipment and below ground fiber use, connecting through existing fiber. Rental Fee will be reduced by \$500.00 for installations not using below ground fiber. (example: Mobile Carrier is proposing nodes to connect by way of pole-mounted wireless transmission)

Potential Fiscal Impact

FY 16 Actual	FY 16 Approved	FY 17 Estimate	FY 17 Proposed	2017 Proposed over 2016 Approved
0	0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Fund / Department / Unit / Rev Source Code

5125-2400-9100-4874

Issues that May Affect Implementation

There are no known issues impacting implementation of this fee. This fee has been assessed by Cities in the State of Texas, as well as nationally.