

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES / ADDITIONS - FY 2016-2017

Department Name / Fund Name: Transportation

Fee Name: Site Application Fee

Description

The Austin Transportation Department has agreed to the sharing of select City owned and maintained infrastructure (traffic signal poles) for the installation of small cell antennas. These installations will provide Commercial Mobile Radios Service providers (CMRS) necessary infrastructure to improve cellular service, while compensating the City for the continued use of its infrastructure. The City must recoup the staff time and equipment used to evaluate each pole-specific installation request to assess the feasibility of a small cell antenna installation on a City traffic signal pole; as well as inspecting the location during construction and once the small cell antenna equipment is installed to ensure that infrastructure is operating appropriately.

| Fee Name | Current Fee | Proposed Change |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Site Application Fee | \$0 | \$1,250 per location |

Methodology

This fee was developed to recoup cost for four separate activities. 1. Initial administrative application intake, conflict review and entry into GIS and permitting database systems. 2. An initial site assessment will need to be conducted, by two ATD traffic signal technicians with appropriate supporting equipment. 3. Once installed, ATD technicians will need to be present when connection is made to the traffic signal system. 4. ATD traffic signal technicians will need to re-visit the location to ensure that the traffic signal is functioning appropriately. Back up calculation sheets are included.

Potential Fiscal Impact

| FY 16 Actual | FY 16 Approved | FY 17 Estimate | FY 17 Proposed | 2017 Proposed over 2016 Approved |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 0 | 0 | \$125,000 | \$125,000 | \$125,000 |

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.