



Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 4, 2019

Re: Amending Chapter 24 of the City Code to add a new article pertaining to the construction and deployment of small wireless facilities.

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the City Code adding language pertaining to the construction and deployment of small wireless facilities. Staff from several City Departments including Legal, Utilities, Public Works and Community Development met to discuss ways to address future construction and deployment of small cell wireless facilities within the City of Columbia. The proposed amendments to Chapter 24 will serve a framework for utility providers desiring to construct, operate, or maintain small wireless facilities within the city.

## Discussion

City has previously regulated the construction and deployment of Wireless Facilities through individual agreements with utility providers desiring to construct, operate, or maintain small wireless facilities within the city. These agreements currently only provide terms and conditions for the deployment of these facilities by attachment to City owned utility poles.

Recently, the state of Missouri has passed legislation intended to encourage and streamline the deployment of Small Wireless Facilities and to help ensure that robust and dependable wireless communication services and networks are available throughout the State of Missouri. A uniform statewide framework for the deployment of small wireless facilities and utility poles in the State of Missouri known as HB 1991 was adopted, sections 67.5110 to 67.5121, RSMo or the "Uniform Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act". HB 1991 encourages municipalities, to adopt ordinances and develop agreements that make available to wireless providers terms that comply with the provisions of the Uniform Small Wireless Facility Deployment Act.

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## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None



## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Legislative History

Date	Action
December 18, 2017	B388-17 Authorizing a pole attachment license agreement with MO Network Utility Transport, LLC for the installation and maintenance of communications facilities, distributed antenna systems and associated wireless equipment on City distribution poles.
February 5, 2018	B42-18 Authorizing a pole attachment license agreement with ExteNet Systems, Inc. for the installation and maintenance of communications facilities, distributed antenna systems and associated wireless equipment on City distribution poles.

## Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends that Council adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the City Code adding language pertaining to the construction and deployment of small wireless facilities.