



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

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Subject:

Authorization to advertise Invitations to Bid for wireless co-location on existing County-owned Towers that are part of the 800MHz Radio System.

Fiscal Impact:

No impact on the General Fund. The use of available space on radio towers for wireless co-location is a proven revenue source that can be directed to support the operation, maintenance, and enhancement of Brevard County's Public Safety Radio System.

Dept/Office:

Public Safety Group: Emergency Management

Requested Action:

Requesting authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to:

1. Advertise via Invitations to Bid (ITB); for future wireless co-location assignments on the County-owned towers dedicated to the 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System, as new spaces become available during fiscal year 2022.
2. Authorize the County Manager or his designee to execute the licenses and any additional changes, documents, administrative or budget actions, as well as any amendments to the Licenses, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office & Risk Management.
3. Direct the associated revenues to support the operation, maintenance and enhancement of the 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The countywide public safety radio system infrastructure includes eight County-owned towers located on City and County-owned properties. It is that existing infrastructure that garners interest from wireless companies looking to expand their coverage and results in them contacting Emergency Management about licensing opportunities.

The value of each licensed depends on location, density, competition, and market demands.

Emergency Management recommends offering:

1. 20-year agreement
2. Baseline annual fee at no less than \$27,000 (may be higher, based on a site by site basis)
3. Minimum annual increase of 3% or the CPI-Urban increase for Brevard, whichever is greater.
4. The awarded vendor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing requirements and permits.

By licensing available space on these towers, Emergency Management will reduce the reliance on General

Funds to support the functionality of the 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

As the property owners for the towers, the County can choose to not license the space to wireless companies but cannot prevent those companies from finding alternative locations (build their own towers, privately owned buildings, etc.) from which to expand their network coverage.

The Communications Act, prohibits local and state governments from regulating the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the regulations concerning such emissions and those facilities comply with local zoning authorities.

A FAQ on wireless collection has been included in the agenda packet for additional information

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Send Clerk Memorandum to Emergency Management.