

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
OCTOBER 6, 2014 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Verizon, Inc., to install, operate and maintain communication equipment on City property to improve wireless services.</p> <p>Submitted By: Information Technology Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>Authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Verizon, Inc., to install, operate and maintain communication equipment on mutually agreed upon places.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>For each of the wireless installations Verizon installs, Verizon will pay the City of Little Rock an annual rent of \$2,500.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Verizon approached the City of Little Rock with an Agreement in order to increase wireless coverage by leasing City owned property to install equipment to improve wireless communication. Currently, Verizon proposes to retrofit poles in the Rivermarket area by changing out the insides of existing poles or place new poles with communication equipment. The location and specifics of each installation will have to be mutually agreed upon in advance.</p>	

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The terms of the Franchise Agreement call for equipment to be placed on buildings, utilities, improvements or facilities. The Agreement will be in existence for twenty-five (25) years.