#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1165-2017**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 13.06 "UTILITY FACILITIES IN RIGHT OF WAY" OF THE RIVER OAKS CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED; REGULATING THE PHYSICAL USE, OCCUPANCY AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC BY RIGHTS-OF-WAY **WIRELESS NETWORK** PROVIDERS: DESCRIBING THE PURPOSE; DECLARING GOVERNING LAW; Α **PROVIDING DEFINITIONS**; **ADOPTING** DESIGN MANUAL REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY'S DESIGN MANUAL AND APPLICABLE CODES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NETWORK NODES AND NODE SUPPORT POLES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 284 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; APPROVING A POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF **NETWORK NODES ON CITY SERVICE POLES AND UTILITY POLES: PROVIDING** CITY **PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATIONS** PERMITS: ESTABLISHING TIME PERIODS FOR APPROVAL OF **PERMIT APPLICATIONS: PROVIDING** RESTRICTIONS PLACEMENT OF NETWORK NODES AND NODE SUPPORT POLES IN MUNICIPAL PARKS. RESIDENTIAL AREAS. AND DESIGN DISTRICTS: AND ESTABLISHING FEES RELATING TO APPLICATION FEES AND ANNUAL PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY RENTAL RATES: PROVIDING INDEMNITY FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS: PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of River Oaks, Texas ("City") recognizes that the State of Texas has delegated to the City the fiduciary duty, as a trustee, to manage the public right-of-way for the health, safety, and welfare of the public to Texas municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code (the "Code") allows certain network providers to install in the City's public rights-of-way their wireless facilities, described and defined in Section 284.002 of the Code as "Micro Network Nodes", "Network Nodes", and "Node Support Poles;" and

WHEREAS, as expressly allowed by Section 284.108 of the Code and pursuant to its police power authority reserved in Sec. 284.301 of the Code, the City shall enact a Design Manual for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles (the "Design Manual") in order to meet its fiduciary duty to the citizens of the City, and to give assistance and guidance to network providers regarding the timely, efficient, safe and aesthetically pleasing installation of technologically competitive equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to regulate the installation of Network Nodes and Network Support Poles pursuant to Chapter 284 of the Code in a way that is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve a *Pole Attachment Agreement* whereby wireless telecommunication Network Providers may attach and collocate their Network Nodes on City service and utility Poles subject to the Code, Applicable Codes, the Design Manual, and the City Right-of-Way Management Ordinance.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS THAT:

#### SECTION 1.

The forgoing recitals are incorporated into this Right-of-Way Management Ordinance as findings of fact.

#### **SECTION 2.**

That 13.06.013 of the of the City of River Oaks Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

#### "SECTION 13.06.013 "NETWORK NODES FOR CELLULAR COMMUNICATION"

- (a) The purpose of this Section is to:
  - (1) Assist the City in the competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory management of the physical use, occupancy and maintenance of its public rights-of-way by Network Providers;
  - (2) Secure fair and reasonable compensation for the physical use and occupancy of the public rights-of-way by Network Providers in a nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral manner; and
  - (3) Assist the City in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (b) This Section shall be construed in accordance with Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code to the extent not in conflict with the Texas Constitution and laws of the United States or of the State of Texas.

#### (c) **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Section, the definitions found in the City *Design Manual for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles* (the "Design Manual") are hereby incorporated into this Section and shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. The following definitions as found in the Design Manual are specifically applicable to this Section:

#### Applicable Codes means:

- (A) the City uniform building, fire, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a recognized national code organization; and
- (B) local amendments to those codes to the extent not inconsistent with Chapter 284.

City means the City of River Oaks, Texas or its lawful successor.

City Council means the municipal governing body of the City of River Oaks, Texas.

Chapter 284 means Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 284.

Code means the Texas Local Government Code.

Collocate and Collocation mean the installation, mounting, maintenance, modification, operation, or replacement of Network Nodes in a public right-of-way on or adjacent to a pole.

Decorative pole means a streetlight pole specially designed and placed for aesthetic purposes and on which no appurtenances or attachments, other than specially designed informational or directional signage or temporary holiday or special event attachments, have been placed or are permitted to be placed according to nondiscriminatory City codes and ordinances.

Design District means an area that is zoned, or otherwise designated by municipal code, and for which the City maintains and enforces unique design and aesthetic standards on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis.

Easement means and shall include any public easement or other compatible use created by dedication, or by other means, to the City for public utility purposes or any other purpose whatsoever.

Federal Communications Commission or FCC means the Federal Administrative Agency, or lawful successor, authorized to oversee cable television and other multichannel regulation on a national level.

Highway Right-of-Way means right-of-way adjacent to a state or federal highway.

Law means common law or a federal, state, or local law, statute, code, rule, regulation, order, or ordinance.

Local means within the geographical boundaries of the City.

Location means the City-approved and lawfully permitted location for the Network Node.

Micro Network Node means a Network Node that is not larger in dimension than 24 inches in length, 15 inches in width, and 12 inches in height, and that has an exterior antenna, if any, not longer than 11 inches.

Municipal Park means an area that is zoned or otherwise designated by the City as a public park for the purpose of recreational activity.

*Network Node* means equipment at a fixed location that enables wireless communications between user equipment and a communications network. The term:

- (A) includes:
  - (i) equipment associated with wireless communications;
  - (ii) a radio transceiver, an antenna, a battery-only backup power supply, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration; and
  - (iii) coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is immediately adjacent to and directly associated with a particular collocation; and
- (B) does not include:
  - (i) an electric generator;
  - (ii) a pole; or
  - (iii) a macro tower

#### Network Provider means:

- (A) a wireless service provider; or
- (B) a person that does not provide wireless services and that is not an electric utility but builds or installs on behalf of a wireless service provider:
  - (i) Network Nodes; or
  - (ii) Node Support Poles or any other structure that supports or is capable of supporting a network node.

Node Support Pole means a pole installed by a Network Provider for the primary purpose of supporting a Network Node.

Permit means a written authorization for the use of the Public Right-of-Way or collocation on a service pole required from the City before a Network Provider may perform an action or initiate, continue, or complete a project over which the municipality has police power authority.

Pole means a service pole, City-owned utility pole, Node Support Pole, or utility pole.

Private Easement means an easement or other real property right that is only for the benefit of the grantor and grantee and their successors and assigns.

Provider has the same meaning as "Network Provider."

Public Right-of-Way means the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, public sidewalk, alley, waterway, or utility easement in which the City has an interest. The term does not include:

- (A) a private easement; or
- (B) the airwaves above a Public Right-of-Way with regard to wireless telecommunications.

Public Works Director means the Public Works Director of the City of River Oaks, or designated representative.

Service Pole means a Pole, other than a City-owned utility pole, owned or operated by the City and located in a Public Right-of-Way, including:

- (A) a pole that supports traffic control functions;
- (B) a structure for signage;
- (C) a pole that supports lighting, other than a decorative pole; and
- (D) a pole or similar structure owned or operated by a municipality and supporting only network nodes.

Street means only the paved portion of the right-of-way used for vehicular travel, being the area between the inside of the curb to the inside of the opposite curb, or the area between the two parallel edges of the paved roadway for vehicular travel where there is no curb. A "Street" is generally part of, but smaller in width than the width of the entire right-of-way, while a right-of-way may include sidewalks and utility easements. A "Street" does not include the curb or the sidewalk, if either are present at the time of a permit application or if added later.

*Traffic Signal* means any device, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

Transport Facility means each transmission path physically within a Public Right-of-Way, extending with a physical line from a Network Node directly to the network, for the purpose of providing backhaul for Network Nodes.

User means a person or organization which conducts a business over facilities occupying the whole or a part of a Public Street or Right-of-Way, depending on the context.

Utility Pole means a Pole that provides:

- (A) electric distribution with a voltage rating of not more than 34.5 kilovolts; or
- (B) services of a telecommunications provider, as defined by Chapter 284, Section 51.002, Utilities Code.

Wireless Service means any service, using licensed or unlicensed wireless spectrum, including the use of Wi-Fi, whether at a fixed location or mobile, provided to the public using a Network Node.

Wireless Service Provider means a person that provides Wireless Service to the public.

Wireless Facilities mean "Micro Network Nodes," "Network Nodes," and "Node Support Poles" as defined in Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 284.

#### (d) USE AND OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Pursuant to this Section and subject to the Design Manual and the Code, a Network Provider has the nonexclusive right to use and occupy the Public Right-of-Way in the City for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating its facilities used in the provision of Wireless Facilities.

The terms of this Section shall apply to all Network Providers' facilities used, in whole or part, in the provision of Wireless Services throughout the City.

#### (e) APPROVING DESIGN MANUAL

The City Council hereby approves, by reference herein, the *Design Manual by the City of River Oaks, Texas for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles.* 

#### (f) APPROVING POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

The City Council hereby approves, by reference herein, the *Pole Attachment Agreement*. The Pole Attachment Agreement may be executed by the Public Works Director, governing the colocation of Network Nodes on Service Poles.

#### (g) GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Network Provider shall construct and maintain Network Nodes and Network Support Poles described in the Code in a manner that does not:

- (A) Obstruct, impede, or hinder the usual travel or public safety on a Public Right-of-Way;
- (B) Obstruct the legal use of a Public Right-of-Way by other utility providers;
- (C) Violate nondiscriminatory Applicable Codes;
- (D) Violate or conflict with the City's publicly disclosed Public Right-of-Way design specifications; or
- (E) Violate the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

#### (h) **PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

- (A) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 284 of the Code, a Network Provider shall obtain a Permit or Permits from the City to install a Network Node, Node Support Pole, or Transport Facility in the Public Right-of-Way.
- (B) A Network Provider that wants to install or collocate multiple Network Nodes inside the municipal limits of the City is entitled to file a consolidated Permit application with the City for not more than 30 Network

- Nodes and upon payment of the applicable fee(s), receive a Permit or Permits for the installation or collocation of those Network Nodes.
- (C) The Network Provider shall provide the following information in its Permit applications:
  - Applicable construction and engineering drawings and information to confirm that the applicant will comply with the City's Design Manual and Applicable Codes;
  - (2) Any additional information reasonably related to the Network Provider's use of the Public Rights-of-Way to ensure compliance with the Design Manual and this Section;
  - (3) A certificate that the Network Node(s) complies with applicable regulations of the Federal Communications Commission; and certification that the proposed Network Node(s) will be placed into active commercial service by or for the Network Provider not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the date of construction and final testing of each Network Node is completed.
  - (4) A certificate of insurance that provides that the Network Provider and its contractor has at least \$1,000,000.00 in general liability coverage.
- (D) **Exception:** As provided in Section 284.157 of the Code, a Network Provider is not required to apply, obtain a Permit, or pay a rate to the City for:
  - (1) Routine maintenance that does not require excavation or closing of sidewalks or vehicular lanes in a Public Right-of-Way;
  - (2) Replacing or upgrading a Network Node or Network Pole with a node or Pole that is substantially similar in size or smaller and that does not require excavation or closing of sidewalks or vehicular lanes in a Public Right-of-Way; or
  - (3) The installation, placement, maintenance, operation, or replacement of Micro Network Nodes that are strung on cables between existing Poles or Node Support Poles in compliance with the National Electrical Safety Code;
  - (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Network Provider or its contractors shall notify the City at least 24 hours in advance of work described in this Subdivision (D).

#### (i) INSTALLATION IN DESIGN DISTRICTS

A Network Provider must obtain advance written consent from the City Council before collocating new Network Nodes or installing new Node Support Poles in an area of the City that has been zoned or otherwise designated as a Design District if the district has Decorative Poles. The Network Provider shall be required to comply with the General Aesthetic Requirements described in the City's Design Manual.

#### (j) INSTALLATION IN MUNICIPAL PARKS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS

- (A) A Network Provider may not install a new Node Support Pole in a Public Right-of-Way without the City Council's discretionary, nondiscriminatory and written consent if the Public Right-of-Way:
  - (1) Is in a Municipal Park; or
  - (2) Is adjacent to a street or thoroughfare that is:
    - i. Not more than 50 feet wide; and
    - ii. Adjacent to single-family residential lots or other multifamily residences or undeveloped land that is designated for residential use by zoning or deed restrictions.
- (B) In addition to the above, a Network Provider installing a Network Node or Node Support Pole in a residential area described by this Subdivision shall comply with private deed restrictions and other private restrictions in the area that apply to those facilities.
- (C) The Network Provider shall be further required to comply with guidelines set out in the City's Design Manual.

#### (k) MUNICIPAL REVIEW PROCESS BY THE CITY

- (A) **Determination of Application Completeness**: The City shall determine whether the Permit application is complete and notify the applicant of that determination:
  - (1) For Network Nodes and Note Support Poles: no later than 30 days after the date the City receives the Permit application.
  - (2) For a Transport Facility: no later than 10 days after the date the City receives the Permit application.
- (B) Approval or Denial of Application: The City shall approve or deny a completed application after the date it is submitted to the City:
  - (1) For Network Nodes: No later than 60 days after the date the City receives the complete application.
  - (2) For Network Support Poles: No later than 150 days after the date the City receives the complete application.
  - (3) For Transport Facilities: No later than 21 days after the City receives the complete application.
- (C) Basis for Denial of Application: If an application is denied by the City, it shall document the basis for the denial, including the specific applicable City code provisions or other City rules, regulations, or other Law on which the denial is based. The documentation for the denial must be sent by electronic mail to the applicant on or before the date that the City denies the application.
- (D) Resubmission of Denied Application: The applicant may cure the deficiencies identified in the denial application.
  - (1) The applicant has 30 days from the date the City denies the completed application to cure the deficiencies identified in the denial documentation without paying an additional application fee, other than any fee for actual costs incurred by the City.

- (2) The City shall approve or deny the revised completed application after a denial not later than the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the City receives the revised completed application. The City's review shall be limited to the deficiencies cited in the denial documentation.
- (E) **Nondiscriminatory Review**: Each completed application shall be processed by the City on a nondiscriminatory basis.

#### (I) TIME OF INSTALLATION

A Network Provider shall begin installation for which a Permit is granted not later than 6 months after final approval of the application and shall diligently pursue installation to completion. The Public Works Director may in his/her sole discretion grant reasonable extensions of time as requested by the Network Provider.

#### (m) APPLICABLE FEES AND RENTAL RATES TO THE CITY

(A) As compensation for the Network Provider's use and occupancy of the Public Rights-of-Way, the network provider shall pay application fees and annual public right-of-way rental rates as set forth below, which shall be in lieu of any lawful tax, license, charge, right-of-way permit, use, construction, street cut or inspection fee; or other right-of-way related charge or fee, whether charged to the network provider or its contractor(s) within the City, except the usual general ad valorem taxes, special assessments and sales tax levied in accordance with state law and equally applicable to all general businesses in the City.

#### (B) Network Nodes:

- (1) **Application Fee**: The Application fee shall be \$500.00 per application covering up to 5 Network Nodes, \$250 for each additional Network Node per application. Each application may not include more than 30 Network Nodes.
- (2) Annual Public Right-of-Way Rate Fee: The Annual Public Right-of-Way Rate Fee shall be \$250.00 per Network Node installed in the City Public Right-of-Way.
- (3) Public Right-of-Way Rate Adjustment: As provided in Section 284.054 of the Code, the City may adjust the amount of the Annual Public Right-of-Way Rate Fee not more annually than by an amount equal to one-half the annual change, if any, in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The City shall provide written notice to each Network Provider of the new rate; and the rate shall apply to the first payment due to the City on or after the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the written notice.

#### (C) Node Support Poles:

- (1) The application fee for each Node Support Pole shall be \$1000.00.
- (D) Transfer Facilities:

- (1) The Application Fee for each Transport Facility shall be \$100.00.
- The annual Transport Facility rental rate shall be \$28.00 monthly for each Network Node site located in a Public Right-of-Way. However, no rate is required if the Network Provider is already paying the City an amount equal to or greater than the amount of other City right-of-way fees for access lines under Chapter 283 of the Code or cable franchise fees under Chapter 66 of the Texas Utility Code.

#### (E) Micro Network Nodes:

(1) No Application Fee is required for a Micro Network Node if the installation is attached on lines between Poles or Node support Poles.

#### (F) Collocation of Network Nodes on Service Poles:

(1) Subject to the City's Pole Service Agreement, the collocation of Network Nodes on City Service Poles shall be at a rate of \$20.00 per year per Service Pole.

#### (G) City-Owned Municipal Utility Poles:

- (1) A Network Provider shall pay an annual Pole attachment rate for the collocation of a Network Node supported by or installed on a City-owned Utility Pole based upon the Pole attachment rate consistent with Section 54.024 of the Texas Utilities Code, applied on a per-foot basis.
- (H) The City shall not seek or accept in-kind services in lieu of or as additional payment or consideration from any User of the Public Right-of-Way for use of the Public Right-of-Way.

#### (n) **INDEMNITY**

As provided in Section 284.302 of the Code, a wireless Network Provider shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against all liability, damages, cost, and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from injury to person or property proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the Network Provider. The City shall promptly notify the Network Provider of any claims, demands, or actions ("Claims") covered by this indemnity after which the Network Provider shall defend the Claims. The Network Provider shall have the right to defend and compromise the Claims. The City shall cooperate in the defense of the Claims. The foregoing indemnity obligations shall not apply to Claims arising solely from the negligence of City; however, they shall apply in the case of all Claims which arise from the joint negligence of the Network Provider and the City; provided that in such cases, the amount of the Claims for which the City shall be entitled to indemnification shall be limited to that portion attributable to the Network Provider. Nothing in this Section shall

be construed as waiving any governmental immunity available to the City under state Law or waiving any defenses of the parties under state Law."

#### **SECTION 3.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

#### SECTION 4.

All rights and remedies of the City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of River Oaks, Texas or any other ordinances affecting Network Providers' use and occupancy of the Public Rights-of-Way within the City which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

#### **SECTION 5.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or the maximum amount allowed by law for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

#### SECTION 6.

The City Secretary is directed to publish in the official newspaper of the City, the caption, penalty clause, savings clause, publication clause, and effective date clause of

this Ordinance one time as authorized by Chapter 5, Section 5.02(c) of the Charter of the City of River Oaks.

#### **SECTION 7.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

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ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

# Design Manual by the City of River Oaks, Texas

for the

Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles pursuant to Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284.

#### SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY.

The City of River Oaks, Texas ("City") recognizes that the State of Texas has delegated to the City the fiduciary duty, as a trustee, to manage the public right-of-way for the health, safety, and welfare of the public to Texas municipalities.

*Purpose:* Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284 allows certain wireless Network Providers to install in the public rights-of-way their wireless facilities, described and defined in Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284, Sec. 284.002 as "Micro Network Nodes", "Network Nodes", and "Node Support Poles".

As expressly allowed by Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284, Section 284.108, and pursuant to its police power authority reserved in Sec. 284.301, the City enacts these Design Guidelines in order to meet its fiduciary duty to the citizens of the City, and to give assistance and guidance to wireless telecommunications providers to assist such companies in the timely, efficient, safe and aesthetically pleasing installation of technologically competitive equipment.

Applicability: This Design Manual is for siting and criteria for the installation Wireless Facilities, including Micro Network Nodes, Network Nodes, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment being installed pursuant to Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284

This Design Manual shall apply to any sitings, installations, collocations in, on, over or under the public rights-of-way of Network nodes, Node support poles, Micro network nodes, Distributed Antenna Systems, microwave communications or other Wireless Facilities, by whatever nomenclature, whether they are installed pursuant to Chapter 284, or installed pursuant to an agreement as agreed to and consented to by the City in its discretion, or installed as may otherwise be allowed by state law.

City Rights-of-Way Management Ordinance: A Network Provider shall comply with the City's Rights-of-Way Management Ordinance except where in conflict with this Design Manual or Chapter 284, Subchapter C.

#### SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

The definitions as used in Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284, Sec. 284.002 shall be used in this Design Manual, unless otherwise noted in this Section 2, below.

Abandon and its derivatives means the facilities installed in the right-of-way (including by way of example but not limited to: poles, wires, conduit, manholes, handholes, cuts, network nodes and node support poles, or portion thereof) that have been left by Provider in an unused or non-functioning condition for more than 120 consecutive calendar days unless, after notice to Provider, Provider has established to the reasonable satisfaction of the City that the applicable facilities, or portion thereof, is still in active use.

Antenna means communications equipment that transmits or receives electromagnetic radio frequency signals used in the provision of wireless services.

Applicable codes means:

- (A) The most recently adopted building, fire, electric, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a recognized national code organization; and
- (B) local amendments to those codes to the extent not inconsistent with Chapter 284.

City means the City of River Oaks, Texas or its lawful successor.

City Council means the municipal governing body of the City of River Oaks, Texas.

Chapter 284 means Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Chapter 284.

Collocate and collocation mean the installation, mounting, maintenance, modification, operation, or replacement of network nodes in a public right-of-way on or adjacent to a pole.

Concealment or Camouflaged means any Wireless Facility or Pole that is covered, blended, painted, disguised, camouflaged or otherwise concealed such that the Wireless Facility blends into the surrounding environment and is visually unobtrusive as allowed as a condition for City advance approval under Chapter 284, Sec. 284.105 in Design Districts. A Concealed or Camouflaged Wireless Facility or Pole also includes any Wireless Facility or Pole conforming to the surrounding area in which the Wireless Facility or Pole is located and may include, but is not limited to hidden beneath a façade, blended with surrounding area design, painted to match the supporting area, or disguised with artificial tree branches.

Decorative pole means a streetlight pole specially designed and placed for aesthetic purposes and on which no appurtenances or attachments, other than specially designed informational or directional signage or temporary holiday or special event attachments, have been placed or are permitted to be placed according to nondiscriminatory municipal codes.

Design District means an area that is zoned, or otherwise designated by municipal code, and for which the city maintains and enforces unique design and aesthetic standards on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis.

Disaster emergency or disaster or emergency means an imminent, impending, or actual natural or humanly induced situation wherein the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the city is threatened, and includes, but is not limited to any declaration of emergency by city state or federal governmental authorities.

Distributed Antenna System or DAS shall be included as a type of "Network Node."

Easement means and shall include any public easement or other compatible use created by dedication, or by other means, to the city for public utility purposes or any other purpose whatsoever.

Federal Communications Commission or FCC means the Federal Administrative Agency, or lawful successor, authorized to oversee cable television and other multi-channel regulation on a national level.

Highway right-of-way means right-of-way adjacent to a state or federal highway.

Law means common law or a federal, state, or local law, statute, code, rule, regulation, order, or ordinance.

Local means within the geographical boundaries of the City.

Location means the City approved and lawfully permitted location for the Network Node.

Macro tower means a guyed or self-supported pole or monopole greater than the height parameters prescribed by Chapter 284, Section 284.103 and that supports or is capable of supporting antennas.

Micro network node means a network node that is not larger in dimension than 24 inches in length, 15 inches in width, and 12 inches in height, and that has an exterior antenna, if any, not longer than 11 inches.

Municipal park means an area that is zoned or otherwise designated as a public park for the purpose of recreational activity.

Municipally owned utility pole means a utility pole owned or operated by a municipally owned utility, as defined by Section 11.003, Utilities Code, and located in a public right-of-way.

MUTCD means Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Network node means equipment at a fixed location that enables wireless communications between user equipment and a communications network. The term:

- (A) includes:
  - (i) equipment associated with wireless communications;
  - (ii) a radio transceiver, an antenna, a battery-only backup power supply, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration; and
  - (iii) coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is immediately adjacent to and directly associated with a particular collocation; and
- (B) does not include:
  - (i) an electric generator;
  - (ii) a pole; or
  - (iii) a macro tower

#### *Network provider* means:

- (A) a wireless service provider; or
- (B) a person that does not provide wireless services and that is not an electric utility but builds or installs on behalf of a wireless service provider:
  - (i) network nodes; or
  - (ii) node support poles or any other structure that supports or is capable of

supporting a network node.

*Node support pole* means a pole installed by a network provider for the primary purpose of supporting a network node.

*Permit* means a written authorization for the use of the public right-of-way or collocation on a service pole required from a municipality before a network provider may perform an action or initiate, continue, or complete a project over which the municipality has police power authority.

*Pole* means a service pole, municipally owned utility pole, node support pole, or utility pole.

*Private easement* means an easement or other real property right that is only for the benefit of the grantor and grantee and their successors and assigns.

Provider has the same meaning as "Network Provider."

*Public right-of-way* means the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, public sidewalk, alley, waterway, or utility easement in which the municipality has an interest. The term does not include:

- (A) a private easement; or
- (B) the airwaves above a public right-of-way with regard to wireless telecommunications.

Public right-of-way management ordinance means an ordinance that complies with Chapter 284, Subchapter C and is incorporated in the River Oaks Code of Ordinances pursuant to Article 13.06 "Utility Facilities in Right-of-Way"

Public Works Director means the City official authorized by the City Council, or his designated representative, to be responsible for the public works department operations including, but not limited to, Right-of-Way Management.

SCADA or Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems means a category of software application programs and hardware used by the City for process control and gathering of data in real time from remote locations in order to monitor equipment and conditions of the City public water and wastewater utility facilities. These systems may utilize both cable and wireless communications.

Service pole means a pole, other than a municipally owned utility pole, owned or operated by a municipality and located in a public right-of-way, including:

- (A) a pole that supports traffic control functions;
- (B) a structure for signage;
- (C) a pole that supports lighting, other than a decorative pole; and
- (D) a pole or similar structure owned or operated by a municipality and supporting only network nodes.

Small cell shall be included as a type of "Network Node."

Street means only the paved portion of the right-of-way used for vehicular travel, being the area between the inside of the curb to the inside of the opposite curb, or the area between the two parallel edges of the paved roadway for vehicular travel where there is no curb. A "Street" is generally part of, but smaller in width than the width of the entire right-of-way, while a right-of-way may include sidewalks and utility easements, a "Street" does not. A "street" does not include the curb or the sidewalk, if either are present at the time of a permit application or if added later.

SWPPP shall mean Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

TAS means Texas Accessibility Standards.

*Traffic Signal* means any device, whether manually, electrically, or mechanically operated by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

Transport facility means each transmission path physically within a public right-of-way, extending with a physical line from a network node directly to the network, for the purpose of providing backhaul for network nodes.

Underground Requirement Area shall mean means an area where poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead or above ground structures have been removed and buried or have been approved for burial underground pursuant to municipal ordinances, zoning regulations, state law, private deed restrictions, and other public or private restrictions, that prohibit installing aboveground structures in a public right-of-way.

*User* means a person or organization which conducts a business over facilities occupying the whole or a part of a public street or right-of-way, depending on the context.

Utility pole means a pole that provides:

- (A) electric distribution with a voltage rating of not more than 34.5 kilovolts; or
- (B) services of a telecommunications provider, as defined by Chapter 284, Section 51.002, Utilities Code.

Wireless service means any service, using licensed or unlicensed wireless spectrum, including the use of Wi-Fi, whether at a fixed location or mobile, provided to the public using a network node.

Wireless service provider means a person that provides wireless service to the public.

Wireless facilities mean "Micro Network Nodes," "Network Nodes," and "Node Support Poles" as defined in Texas Local Government Code Chapter 284.

# SECTION 3. PROHIBITED AND PREFERRED LOCATIONS OF MICRO NETWORK NODE, NETWORK NODE, NODE SUPPORT POLE AND RELATED GROUND EQUIPMENT.

- A. Prohibited or Restricted Areas for Certain Wireless facilities, except with Separate City Agreement or Subject to Concealment Conditions.
- 1. Municipal Parks and Residential Areas. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.104 (a), a Network Provider may not install a Node Support Pole in a public right-of-way without the City's discretionary, nondiscriminatory, and written consent if the public right-of-way is in a Municipal park or is adjacent to a street or thoroughfare that is:
- a. not more than 50 feet wide of paved street surface, being the area measured as the shortest distance between the inside of the curb to the inside of the opposite curb, or the area measured as the shortest distance between the two parallel edges of the paved roadway for vehicular travel where there is no curb; and
- b. adjacent to single-family residential lots or other multifamily residences or undeveloped land that is designated for residential use by zoning or deed restrictions.
- 1.1 In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.104 (b), a Network Provider installing a Network Node or Node Support Pole in a public right-of-way described above shall comply with private deed restrictions and other private restrictions in the area that apply to those facilities.
- 1.2 Each permit application shall disclose if it is within a Municipal Park and Residential Areas as described above.
- 2. **Design Districts**. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.105, a Network Provider must obtain advance written approval from the City before collocating Network Nodes or installing Node Support Poles in a Design District with Decorative Poles or in an area of the City zoned or otherwise designated as a Design District.
- 2.1. As a condition for approval of Network Nodes or Node Support Poles in Design Districts with Decorative Poles, the City shall require reasonable design or Concealment measures for the Network Nodes or Node Support Poles. Therefore, any request for installations in a Design District with Decorative Poles, must be accompanied with proposed Concealment measures in the permit applications.
- 2.2. A Network Provider shall explore the feasibility of using Camouflage measures to improve the aesthetics of the Network Nodes, Node Support Poles, or related ground equipment, or any portion of the nodes, poles, or equipment, to minimize the impact to the aesthetics in Design Districts containing decorative poles.
- 2.3. A Network Provider shall comply with and observe all applicable City, State, and federal historic preservation laws and requirements.

- 2.4. Each permit application shall disclose if it is within a Design District with Decorative Poles or in an area of the City zoned or otherwise designated as a Design District.
- **3.** Compliance with Undergrounding Requirements. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.107, a Network Provider shall comply with nondiscriminatory undergrounding requirements, including municipal ordinances, zoning regulations, state law, private deed restrictions, and other public or private restrictions, that prohibit installing aboveground structures in a public right-of-way without first obtaining zoning or land use approval.
- 3.1 Areas may be designated from time to time by the City as Underground Requirement Areas in accordance with filed plats, and or conversions of overhead to underground areas, as may be allowed by law.
- 3.2 Each permit application shall disclose if it is within an area that has undergrounding requirements.

#### B. Least preferable locations.

- 1. **Residential Areas and Parks**. A Network Provider is discouraged from installing a Network Node on an existing pole in a public right-of-way without written consent from the City Council if the public right-of-way is located in or adjacent to a street or thoroughfare that is adjacent to a municipal park or single-family residential lots or other multifamily residences or undeveloped land that is designated for residential use by zoning or deed restrictions.
- 1. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.104 (b) a Network Provider installing a Network Node or a Node Support Pole in a public right-of-way shall comply with private deed restrictions and other private restrictions in the area that apply to those facilities.
- 2. **Historic Districts**. A Network Provider is discouraged from installing a Network Node or a Node Support Pole in the public right-of-way in any area designated by the City as a Design Districts unless such a Network Node or a new Node Support Pole is camouflaged.

#### C. Most preferable locations

- 1. Industrial areas if not adjacent to a Municipal Park, Residential area, or Design District.
- 2. Highway Rights-of-Way areas if not adjacent to a Municipal Park, Residential area, or Design District.
- 3. Retail and Commercial areas if not adjacent to a Municipal Park, Residential area, or Design District.

#### D. Designated Areas.

1. The City Council may designate an area as a Design District under Chapter 284.105 at any time.

- 2. The failure to designate an area in this Design Manual shall not mean that such an area is not within a defined district, if so designated by the City Council. Future areas may be designated as one of these Districts at any time. Such a designation does not require a zoning case.
- 3. While not required under Chapter 284 to designate Underground Compliance Areas to prohibit above ground Wireless facilities, the City may also, from time to time, designate Underground Compliance Areas.

#### E. Exceptions

The City by its discretionary consent and agreement may grant exceptions to the above prohibited locations and sizes, but only in a non-exclusive, and non-discriminatory manner, as allowed or required by Chapter 284, Sec. 284.109 and Sec. 284.110.

## F. Order of Preference regarding Network Node attachment to existing facilities and New Node Support Poles.

- 1. Existing telephone or electrical lines between existing utility poles. Micro Network Nodes shall only be lashed on existing telephone or electrical lines between existing utility poles (electric poles or telephones poles), with notice to the pole owner as required by the Federal Pole Attachment Act, and not placed on Utility Poles, Node Support Poles or Service Poles.
- 2. Existing Utility Poles (electric poles or telephones poles), shall be the preferred support facility for Network Nodes and related ground equipment.
  - 3. Municipal Service Poles:
    - a. Non-decorative street lights with a height of more than 20 feet.
  - b. *Traffic signal structures* when such installation will not interfere with the integrity of the facility and will not interfere with the safety of public and in accordance with an agreement as allowed by Chapter 284, Sec. 285.056 and Sec. 284.101 (a) (3), and (b).
    - c. Street signage shall be a low priority use for attachment of a Network Node.
    - d. Other municipal Service pole use is discouraged.
- 4. New node support poles shall be the least preferred type of allowed facility for attachment of Network Nodes.
  - 5. Ground Equipment. Ground equipment should be minimal and the least intrusive.

#### SECTION 4. GUIDELINES ON PLACEMENT.

#### A. Generally.

In accordance with Chapter 284.102, a Network Provider shall construct and maintain Network Nodes and Node Support Poles in a manner that does not:

- 1. obstruct, impede, or hinder the usual travel or public safety on a public right-of-way;
  - 2. obstruct the legal use of a public right-of-way by other utility providers;
  - 3. violate nondiscriminatory applicable codes;
- 4. violate or conflict with the City's publicly disclosed public right-of-way management ordinance or this Design Manual.
- 5. violate the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.).

#### **B.** General Requirements and Information:

- 1. Size Limits. Network Providers shall provide detailed drawings, with calculations to show strict conformity to the size limitations as set forth in Chapter 284, in accordance with, but not limited to Chapter 284, Sec. 284.002, size of a Micro Network Node, Sec. 284.003, Size of Network Nodes, and Sec. 284.103, Max. pole height, with each application and with each request for a permit for each location.
- 2. State and Federal Rights-of-way permit. If the project lies within a Highway Right-of-Way, the applicant must provide evidence of a permit from the State or Federal Government.
- 3. Confirmation of non-interference with City Safety Communication or SCADA Networks.
  - a. The Network Provider needs to provide analysis that the proposed network node shall not cause any interference with City public safety radio system, traffic signal light system, SCADA system, or other city safety communications components in accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.304.
  - b. It shall be the responsibility of the Network Provider to evaluate, prior to making application for permit, the compatibility between the existing City infrastructure and Provider's proposed Network Node. A Network Node shall not be installed in a location that causes any interference. Network Nodes shall not be allowed on City's public safety radio infrastructure.
- 4. Improperly Located Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment. Improperly Located Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment shall not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic in the Right-of-Way. If any Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles or ground equipment is installed in a location that is not in accordance with the plans approved by the Public Works Director and impedes pedestrian or vehicular traffic or does not comply or otherwise renders the Right-of-Way non-compliant with applicable Laws, including the American Disabilities Act, then Network Provider shall promptly remove the Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles or ground equipment.

#### B. Underground Requirement Areas.

- 1. In accordance with Chapter 284.107, a Network Provider shall, in relation to installation for which the City approved a permit application, comply with nondiscriminatory undergrounding requirements, including municipal ordinances, zoning regulations, state law, private deed restrictions, and other public or private restrictions, that prohibit installing aboveground structures in a public right-of-way without first obtaining zoning or land use approval.
- 2. If a location is designated by the City to transits to be an Underground Requirement Area, then a Network Provider's permit for the location of the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole, and related ground equipment at such location will be revoked 90 days after the designation, with removal of said the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole, and related ground equipment at such location within 90 days of such designation, or as otherwise reasonably allowed by the City for the transition of other overhead facilities.
- 3. Before commencing underground installation, 811 Dig Tess must be called so that the area can be flagged for underground utilities.

#### C. Network Node facilities placement:

- 1. Right-of-Way: Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment shall be placed, as much as possible, within two feet of the outer edge of the Right-of-Way line to minimize any obstruction, impediment, or hindrance to the usual travel or public safety on a public right-of-way.
- 2. Height above ground. Network Node attachments to a pole shall be installed at least eight (8) feet above the ground in accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.108, and if a Network Node attachment is projecting toward the street, for the safety and protection of the public and vehicular traffic, the attachment shall be installed no less than sixteen (16) feet above the ground. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Public Works Director may authorize an exception to this requirement, on a nondiscriminatory basis, if it is demonstrated that the safety and protection of the public and vehicular traffic is not jeopardized by a lower minimum height.
- 3. Protrusions. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.003 (a) (1) (C), Sec. 284.003 (a) (2) (C) and Sec. 284.003 (a) (3) (B) no protrusion from the outer circumference of the existing structure or pole shall be more than two (2) feet.
- 4. Limit on number of Network Nodes per Site. There shall be no more than one Network Node on any one Pole. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Public Works Director may authorize an exception to this requirement, on a nondiscriminatory basis, if it is demonstrated that the pole integrity is not placed at risk and that the safety and protection of the public and vehicular traffic is not jeopardized and provided it is not prohibited by other law.

#### D. New Node Support Poles.

1. New Node Support Poles Spacing. New node support poles shall be spaced apart from existing utility poles or Node Support poles at the same as the spacing

between utility poles in the immediate proximity, but no less than at a minimum 300 feet from a utility pole or another Node Support Pole to minimize the hazard of poles adjacent to road ways and to minimize effect on property values and aesthetics on the area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Public Works Director may authorize an exception to this requirement, on a nondiscriminatory basis, taking into account whether the purposes of the spacing requirement detailed herein are adequately addressed.

- 2. Height of Node Support Poles or modified Utility Pole. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.103 a Node support pole or modified Utility Pole may not exceed the lesser of:
  - a. 10 feet in height above the tallest existing utility pole located within 500 linear feet of the new pole in the same public right-of-way; or
    - b. 55 feet above ground level.

#### E. Ground Equipment.

- 1. Ground Equipment near street corners and intersections: Ground equipment should be minimal and the least intrusive. In accordance with Chapter 284.102 (1), to minimize any obstruction, impediment, or hindrance to the usual travel or public safety on a public right-of-way the maximum line of sight required to add to safe travel of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and in order to maximize that line of sight at street corners and intersections and to minimize hazards at those locations, ground equipment may not be installed within 250 feet of a street corner or a street intersection, unless approved by the Public Works Director in writing.
- 92. Ground Equipment near Municipal Parks. For the safety of Municipal park patrons, particularly small children, and to allow full line of sights near Municipal park property, the Network Provider shall not install Ground Equipment in a Right-of-Way that is within a Park or within 250 feet of the boundary line of a Park, unless approved by the Public Works Director in writing.
  - 3. Minimize Ground equipment density:

In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.102 (1) to enhance the safety requirements of line of sight of pedestrians, particularly small children, the Public Works Director, may deny a request for a proposed Location if the Network Provider installs Network Node ground equipment where existing ground equipment within 300 feet already occupies a footprint of 25 sq. ft. or more.

4. Water, Sewer and Storm Drainage Lines:

Special precautions must be taken where underground fiber optic cable is installed in public street right-of-ways commonly used for utility corridors.

- a. Underground utilities and service connections must be identified prior to excavation. "Dig Alert," "One Call," or similar underground utility contractor must be contacted to identify the locations of subsurface utilities.
- b. If temporary disruption of service is required, the installation contractor must notify the City, the service provider, and customers at least 24 hours

in advance. No service on such lines may be disrupted until prior approval from the City and the service provider.

- c. At locations where the fiber optic cable will cross other subsurface utilities or structures, the cable must be installed to provide a minimum of 12 inches of vertical clearance between it and the other subsurface utilities or structures, while still maintaining the other applicable minimum depth requirement. To maintain the minimum depth requirement, the cable must be installed under the existing utility. If the minimum 12-inch clearance cannot be obtained between the proposed cable facility and the existing utility, the fiber optic cable must be encased in steel pipe of avoid future damage.
- d. Existing Water Lines: No communication lines shall be placed on top of a water line but may be placed to the side of a water line at least 4 feet from the center line of the water line. When crossing a water line, a 12-inch vertical or horizontal clearance must be maintained. Poles must be at least 3 feet from a water line.
- e. *Existing Sewer Lines*: No communication lines shall be placed on top of a sewer line but may be placed to the side of a sewer line at least 4 feet from the center line of the sewer line. When crossing a sewer line, a 12-inch vertical or horizontal clearance must be maintained. Poles must be at least 3 feet from a sewer line.
- f. Existing Storm Drainage Lines: No communication lines shall be placed on top of a storm drainage line but may be placed to the side of a storm drainage line at least 4 feet from the center line of the storm drainage line. When crossing a storm drainage line, a 12-inch vertical or horizontal clearance must be maintained. Poles must be at least 3 feet from a storm drainage line.
- 5. Blocking streets, roads, alleys or lanes:

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) standards must be followed for work zone areas that will block streets, roads, alleys or lanes. A traffic plan must be submitted to the City prior to construction.

#### F. Municipal Service Poles:

- 1. In accordance with Agreement: Installations on all Service Poles shall be in accordance with an agreement as allowed by Chapter 284, Sec. 284.056 and Sec. 284.101 (a) (3), and (b).
- 2. Required industry standard pole load analysis: Installations on all Service Poles shall have an industry standard pole load analysis completed and submitted to the municipality with each permit application indicating that the Service Pole to which the Network Node is to be attached will safely support the load, in accordance with Chapter 284.108.

- 3. Height of attachments: All attachments on all Service Poles shall be at least 8 feet above grade, in accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 285.108 (a) (1) (2) and if a Network Node attachment is projecting toward the street, for the safety and protection of the public and vehicular traffic, the attachment shall be installed no less than sixteen (16) feet above the ground. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Public Works Director may authorize an exception to this requirement, on a nondiscriminatory basis, if it is demonstrated that the safety and protection of the public and vehicular traffic is not jeopardized by a lower minimum height.
- 4. *Installations on Traffic Signals*: Installations on all Traffic signal structures must not interfere with the integrity of the facility in any way that may compromise the safety of the public and must be in accordance with an agreement as allowed by Chapter 284, Sec. 284.056 and Sec. 284.101 (a) (3), and (b). Installation of Network Node facilities on any traffic signal structures shall:
  - a. Be encased in a separate conduit than the traffic light electronics;
  - b. Have a separate electric power connection than the traffic signal structure; and
    - c. Have a separate access point than the traffic signal structure; and
- 5. Installations on Street signage: Installations on all street signage structures must not interfere with the integrity of the facility in any way that may compromise the safety of the public. Installation of Network Node facilities on any street signage structures that has electrics shall:
  - a. Be encased in a separate conduit than any City signage electronics;
  - b. Have a separate electric power connection than the signage structure;
  - c. Have a separate access point than the signage structure; and
- 6. Restoration of City facilities and private property: The Network Provider shall be responsible for repairing any damage to any street, street right-of-way, ditch or any structure to its original condition immediately upon completing the installation. Any change to the slope of the land must be remedied, and there must be replacement of top soil and grass to its original condition.

#### SECTION 5. GENERAL AESTHETIC REQUIREMENTS

#### A. Concealment.

- 1. Concealment of Network Nodes and Node support poles shall be required by the City in Design Districts with Decorative Poles pursuant to Chapter 284.105.
- 2. It is also the City's preference that all new node support poles be camouflaged, except those located in an area zoned or predominantly industrial area. Companies shall submit their proposal for camouflage with the permit application.
- 3. The Network Node facilities shall be concealed or enclosed as much as reasonably possible in an equipment box, cabinet, or other unit that may include ventilation openings. External cables and wires hanging off a pole shall be sheathed or enclosed in a conduit, so that wires are protected and not visible or visually minimized to the extent possible in strict

accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.

4. The Network Node facilities shall be concealed or enclosed as much as possible in an equipment box, cabinet, or other unit that may include ventilation openings. External cables and wires hanging off a pole shall be sheathed or enclosed in a conduit, so that wires are protected and not visible or visually minimized to the extent possible, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.

#### B. New Node Support Pole Spacing.

New node support poles shall be at a minimum 300 feet from a utility pole or another Node Support Pole to minimize the hazard of poles adjacent to road ways and to minimize effect on property values and aesthetics on the area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Public Works Director may authorize an exception to this requirement, on a nondiscriminatory basis, taking into account whether the purposes of the spacing requirement detailed herein are adequately addressed.

#### C. Minimize Ground Equipment Concentration.

In order to minimize negative visual impact to the surrounding area, and in accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.102 (1) to enhance the safety requirements of line of sight of pedestrians, particularly small children, the City's designee may deny a request for a proposed Location if the Network Provider installs Network Node ground equipment where existing ground equipment within 300 feet already occupies a footprint of 25 sq. ft. or more to minimize effect on property values and aesthetics on the area.

#### D. Allowed Colors.

- 1. Colors in Design Districts must be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284
- 2. Colors in Design Districts must be approved by the Public Works Director from a palette of approved colors. Unless otherwise provided, all colors shall be earth tones or shall match the background of any structure the facilities are located upon and all efforts shall be made for the colors to be inconspicuous. Colors in areas other than in Design Districts shall conform to colors of other installations of telecommunication providers in the immediately adjacent areas.

#### SECTION 6. ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

A. Network Provider shall be responsible for obtaining any required electrical power service to the Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and ground equipment. The City shall not be liable to the Network Provider for any stoppages or shortages of electrical power furnished to the Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles or ground equipment, including without limitation, stoppages or shortages caused by any act, omission, or requirement of the public utility serving the structure or the act or omission of any other tenant or Network Provider of the structure, or for any other cause beyond the control of the City.

B. Network Provider shall not allow or install generators or back-up generators in the Public Right-of-Way in accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.002 (12) (B) (1).

#### SECTION 7. INSURANCE, INDEMNITY, BONDING AND SECURITY DEPOSITS.

- A. Insurance, bonding and security deposits shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- B. Indemnity shall be in accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.302, as provided for in Chapter 283, Sec. 283.057 (a) and (b) of the Texas Loc. Gov't Code.

## SECTION 8. REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT, REPLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

#### A. REMOVAL OR RELOCATION BY NETWORK PROVIDER.

- 1. Removal and relocation by the Network provider of its Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment at its own discretion, shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284
- 2. If the Network Provider removes or relocates a Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment at its own discretion, it shall notify the Public Works Director in writing not less than 10 business days prior to removal or relocation. Network Provider shall obtain all Permits required for relocation or removal of its Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment prior to relocation or removal.
- 3. The City shall not issue any refunds for any amounts paid by Network Provider for Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles or related ground equipment that have been removed.

#### B. REMOVAL OR RELOCATION REQUIRED FOR CITY PROJECT.

- 1. Removal and Relocation of Network Provider's Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment, or portion thereof required for a City project shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.107, except as provided in existing state and federal law.
- 2. In accordance with Chapter 284, Sec. 284.107, except as provided in existing state and federal law, a Network Provider shall relocate or adjust Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment in a public right-of-way in a timely manner and without cost to the City managing the public right-of-way
- 3. Network Provider understands and acknowledges that the City may require Network Provider to remove or relocate its Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, or any portion thereof from the Right-of-Way for City construction projects as allowed by state and federal law, including the common-law.

- 4. Network Provider shall, at the Public Works Director's direction, remove or relocate the same at Network Provider's sole cost and expense, except as otherwise provided in existing state and federal law, whenever the Public Works Director reasonably determines that the relocation or removal is needed for the construction, completion, repair, widening, relocation, or maintenance of, or use in connection with, any City construction or maintenance project of a street or public rights-of-way to enhance the traveling public's use for travel and transportation.
- 5. If Network Provider fails to remove or relocate the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment, or portion thereof as requested by the Public Works Director within 90 days of Network Provider 's receipt of the request, then the City shall be entitled to remove the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment, or portion thereof at Network Provider's sole cost and expense, without further notice to Network Provider.
- 6. Network Provider shall, within 30 days following issuance of invoice for the same, reimburse the City for its reasonable expenses incurred in the removal (including, without limitation, overhead and storage expenses) of the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment, or portion thereof.

### C. REMOVAL REQUIRED BY CITY FOR SAFETY AND IMMINENT DANGER REASONS.

- 1. Network Provider shall, at its sole cost and expense, promptly disconnect, remove, or relocate the applicable Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment within the time frame and in the manner required by the Public Works Director if the Public Works Director reasonably determines that the disconnection, removal, or relocation of any part of a Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment (a) is necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, or City property, (b) the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, or portion thereof, is adversely affecting proper operation of streetlights or City property, or (c) Network Provider fails to obtain all applicable licenses, Permits, and certifications required by Law for its Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, or use of any Location under applicable law in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 2. If the Public Works Director reasonably determines that there is imminent danger to the public, then the City may immediately disconnect, remove, or relocate the applicable Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment at the Network Provider's sole cost and expense in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 3. Network Provider shall, at its sole cost and expense, promptly disconnect, remove, or relocate the applicable Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment within the time frame and in the manner required by the Public Works Director if the Public Works Director reasonably determines that the disconnection, removal, or relocation of any part of a Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment (a) is necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, or City property, (b) the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, or portion thereof, is adversely affecting proper operation of streetlights or City property, or (c)

Network Provider fails to obtain all applicable licenses, Permits, and certifications required by Law for its Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, or use of any Location under applicable law. If the Public Works Director reasonably determines that there is imminent danger to the public, then the City may immediately disconnect, remove, or relocate the applicable Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment at the Network Provider's sole cost and expense.

- 4. The Public Works Director shall provide 90 days written notice to the Network Provider before removing a Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment under this Section, unless there is imminent danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.
- 5. Network Provider shall reimburse City for the City's actual cost of removal of Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment within 30 days of receiving the invoice from the City.

#### **SECTION 9. INSTALLATION AND INSPECTIONS**

#### A. INSTALLATION.

- 1. Network Provider shall, at its own cost and expense, install the Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment in a good and workmanlike manner in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284
- 2. Network Provider shall, at its own cost and expense, install the Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the requirements promulgated by the City Public Works Director, as such may be amended from time to time. Network Provider's work shall be subject to the regulation, control and direction of the Public Works Director. All work done in connection with the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, modification, and/or replacement of the Micro Network Node, Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations of the City, applicable county, the state, and the United States ("Laws").

#### **B. INSPECTIONS.**

- 1. The Public Works Director may perform visual inspections of any Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment located in the Right-of-Way shall be allowed in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284
- 2. The Public Works Director may perform visual inspections of any Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole or related ground equipment located in the Right-of-Way as the Public Works Director deems appropriate, without notice. If the inspection requires physical contact with the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Poles or related ground equipment, the Public Works Director shall provide written notice to the Network Provider within five business days of the planned inspection. Network Provider may have a representative present during such inspection.

# SECTION 10. REQUIREMENTS UPON ABANDONMENT OF OBSOLETE MICRO NETWORK NODE, NODE SUPPORT POLE AND RELATED GROUND EQUIPMENT.

- 1. Abandoned or obsolete Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment shall be removed in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 2. Network Provider shall remove Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment when such facilities are Abandoned regardless of whether or not it receives notice from the City. Unless the City sends notice that removal must be completed immediately to ensure public health, safety, and welfare, the removal must be completed within the earlier of 90 days of the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment being abandoned or within 90 days of receipt of written notice from the City. When Network Provider removes, or abandons permanent structures in the Right-of-Way, the Network Provider shall notify the Public Works Director in writing of such removal or Abandonment and shall file with the Public Works Director the location and description of each Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment removed or Abandoned. The Public Works Director may require the Network Provider to complete additional remedial measures necessary for public safety and the integrity of the Right-of-Way.

#### **SECTION 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

- 1. As Built Maps and Records. Network Provider's as built maps and records shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 1.1 A Network Provider shall maintain accurate maps and other appropriate records of its Network Node facilities, Node Support Poles and related ground equipment as they are actually constructed in the Rights-of-Way, including, upon request, the use of Auto CAD/GIS digital format. Network Provider will provide additional maps to the City upon request.
- 2. Courtesy and Proper Performance. Courtesy and proper performance of Network Provider's personnel, and contractors shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 2.1 A Network Provider shall make citizen satisfaction a priority in using the Right-of-Way. Network Provider shall train its employees to be customer service-oriented and to positively and politely interact with citizens when dealing with issues pertaining to its Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment in the Right-of-Way. Network Provider's employees shall be clean, courteous, efficient, and neat in appearance and committed to offering the highest quality of interaction with the public. If, in the opinion of the Public Works Director, Network Provider is not interacting in a positive and polite manner with citizens, he or she shall request Network Provider to take all remedial steps to conform to these standards.

- 3. **DRUG POLICY.** Drug policy of Network Provider's personnel, and contractors in the public rights-of-way shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 3.1 It is the policy of the City to achieve a drug-free workforce and workplace. The manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale, or use of illegal drugs or alcohol by Network Provider's employees, contractors, subcontractors, sub-Network Provider's, or vendors while on City rights-of-way is prohibited.
- 4. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR REMOVAL AND STORAGE. The City Council has currently appropriated no funds to pay for the cost of any removal or storage of Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, as authorized under the law.
- 5. **OWNERSHIP**. Ownership of Network Node and related equipment shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable codes and ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 5.1 No part of a Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment erected or placed on the Right-of-Way by Network Provider will become, or be considered by the City as being affixed to or a part of, the Right-of-Way. All portions of the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment constructed, modified, erected, or placed by Network Provider on the Right-of-Way will be and remain the property of Network Provider and may be removed by Network Provider at any time, provided the Network Provider shall notify the Public Works Director prior to any work in the Right-of-Way.
- **6.** Tree Maintenance. Tree maintenance shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 6.1 A Network Provider, its contractors, and agents shall obtain written permission from the City Public Works Director before trimming trees hanging over its Micro Network Node, Network Node, or Node Support Pole, to prevent branches of such trees from contacting attached Micro Network Node, Network Node, or Node Support Pole. When directed by the Public Works Director, Network Provider shall trim under the supervision and direction of the City Public Works Director. The City shall not be liable for any damages, injuries, or claims arising from Network Provider's actions under this section.
- 7. Signage. Signage shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 7.1 Network Provider shall post its name, location identifying information, and emergency telephone number in an area on the cabinet of the Network Node facility that is visible to the public. Signage required under this section shall not exceed 4" x 6", unless otherwise required by law (e.g. RF ground notification signs) or the Public Works Director.
- 7.2 Except as required by law or by the Utility Pole owner, a Network Provider shall not post any other signage or advertising on the Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole, Service pole or Utility Pole.

- **8. Graffiti Abatement**. Graffiti abatement shall be in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 8.1 As soon as practical, but not later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date Network Provider receives notice thereof, Network Provider shall remove all graffiti on any of its Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole, and related ground equipment located in the Right of Way. The foregoing shall not relieve the Network Provider from complying with any City graffiti or visual blight ordinance or regulation.

#### 9. Restoration.

- 9.1 A Network Provider shall restore and repair of the public rights-of-way from any damage to the Right-of-Way, or any facilities located within the Right-of-Way, and the property of any third party resulting from Network Provider's removal or relocation activities (or any other of Network Provider's activities hereunder) in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 9.2 A Network Provider shall repair any damage to the Right-of-Way, or any facilities located within the Right-of-Way, and the property of any third party resulting from Network Provider's removal or relocation activities (or any other of Network Provider's activities hereunder) within 10 calendar days following the date of such removal or relocation, at Network Provider's sole cost and expense, including restoration of the Right-of-Way and such property to substantially the same condition as it was immediately before the date Network Provider was granted a Permit for the applicable Location or did the work at such Location (even if Network Provider did not first obtain a Permit), including restoration or replacement of any damaged trees, shrubs or other vegetation. Such repair, restoration and replacement shall be subject to the sole, reasonable approval of the City Public Works Director.

#### 10. Network provider's responsibility.

- 10.1 A Network Provider shall be responsible and liable for the acts and omissions of the Network Provider's employees, temporary employees, officers, directors, consultants, agents, Affiliates, subsidiaries, sub-Network Provider's and subcontractors in connection with the installations of any Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole and related ground equipment, as if such acts or omissions were Network Provider's acts or omissions in strict accordance with the City's rights-of-way management ordinance, and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent not consistent with Chapter 284.
- 10.2 A Network Provider shall be responsible and liable for the acts and omissions of the Network Provider's employees, temporary employees, officers, directors, consultants, agents, Affiliates, subsidiaries, sub-Network Provider's and subcontractors in connection with the installations of any Micro Network Node, Network Node, Node Support Pole, Transport Facility and related ground equipment, as if such acts or omissions were Network Provider's acts or omissions.

#### SECTION 12. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING – REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

12.1 Except where otherwise authorized herein, should the Network Provider desire to deviate from any of the standards set forth in the Design Manual, the Network Provider may

request an Administrative Hearing before a Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall act as the Board of Appeals for a Request for Exemption.

12.2 The process for an application, hearing and vote shall follow the process set out for a variance.

#### **TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 284**

#### **POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  COUNTY OF TARRANT §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §
THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into pursuant to Section 284.056, Section 284.201, and Section 284.301 of the Texas Local Government Code, effective this day of
<b>WHEREAS,</b> the Network Provider is a wireless telecommunications <i>network provider</i> as that term is defined in Section 284.002 of the Texas Local Government Code (the "Code); and
WHEREAS, the City owns certain public rights-of-way with service and or utility poles within its municipal territorial limits; and
WHEREAS, the Network Provider desires to attach certain <i>Network Nodes</i> , as that term is defined in Section 284.002 of the Code, on City-owned service poles and/or utility poles; and
WHEREAS, the Network Provider and the City desire to enter into this Agreement to secure authority from the City for the Network Provider to install certain Network Nodes on such City poles, subject to the City's <u>Design Manual for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles</u> (the "Design Manual") and the City's Right-of-Way Management Ordinance; and
WHEREAS, this Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code, in order to address the desires of the Network Provider and the procedures of the City; and
WHEREAS, the Network Provider and the City acknowledge that this Agreement is binding upon the City and the Network Provider and their respective successors and assigns for the term (defined below) of this Agreement; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:
1. <u>Location of the City Poles</u> . The Service and/or Utility Poles owned by the City on which the Network Nodes are to be attached by the Network Provider are generally described as:


- 2. The Network Provider acknowledges that it has received and reviewed the applicable provisions in the City's Design Manual and the Right-of-Way Management Ordinance; and further acknowledges that this Pole Attachment Agreement is subject to the terms and regulations of each.
- 3. The Network Provider agrees to pay the City for collocation of its Network Nodes at the following annual rates:
  - a. City Service Poles: \$20.00 per year per service pole.
  - b. <u>City Utility Poles</u>: An annual pole attachment rate applied on a per-foot basis consistent with Section 54.024 of the Texas Utilities Code.
- 4. The City acknowledges that it will comply with the requirements of the Code and that it will allow the collocation of Network Nodes on the City service and utility poles on a non-exclusive, nondiscriminatory basis, subject to the Network Provider paying the applicable fees to the City and complying with the Design Manual and the Right-of-Way Management Ordinance.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 284.301 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Network Provider agrees that the City is authorized to enforce all of the City's regulations that do not materially interfere with the use of Network Nodes.
- 6. The primary term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years commencing upon the effective date first set forth above. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed and extended for subsequent one (1) year terms, unless at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the term, either party shall give written notice to the other of the party's intent to terminate the Agreement at the end of the current term.
- 7. Indemnity.
- (a) General Indemnity Clause Network Provider covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, the City and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of the City, individually and collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the City directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from

or related to Network Provider's activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of Network Provider, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, consultant or subcontractor of Network Provider, and their respective officers, agents employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of the rights or performance of the duties under this Agreement. The indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of City, its officers or employees, in the instances where such negligence causes personal injury, death, or property damage. IN THE EVENT NETWORK PROVIDER AND CITY ARE FOUND JOINTLY LIABLE BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, LIABILITY SHALL BE APPORTIONED COMPARATIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY AVAILABLE TO THE CITY UNDER TEXAS LAW AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW.

- (b) Network Provider's Liability for Its Acts and Omissions Network Provider shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its own employees, officers, directors, and any contractors, subcontractors, representatives, agents, or any parties involved directly or indirectly in the construction, installation, maintenance, or operation of Network Provider's Network Nodes and proprietary Node Support Poles. Any act or omission of non-employees, officers, and directors shall be considered an act or omission of the Network Provider.
- (c) Duty to Indemnify City Against Claims Arising from Agreement Network Provider shall defend, indemnify and hold the City and its officers, employees, and appointed and elected officials harmless against all damages, cost, loss or expense arising out of, incident to, directly or proximately resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of Network Provider, its employees, officers, directors, contractors, subcontractors, agents, or representatives in the performance of activities under this Agreement for:
  - (1) the repair, replacement, or restoration of City property, equipment, materials, structures, and facilities which are damaged, destroyed, or found to be defective;
  - (2) damage to or loss of the property of any person including, but not limited to Network Provider, its agents, officers, employees and subcontractors, the City's agents, officers and employees, and third-parties; and
  - (3) death, bodily injury, illness, disease, worker's compensation, loss of services, or loss of income or wages to any person no matter how, or to whom, the loss may occur.
- (d) City's Duty to Notify Network Provider of Claims The City shall give prompt written notice to Network Provider of any claim for which the City seeks indemnification. Network Provider shall have the right to investigate, defend, and compromise these claims subject to the City Attorney's prior approval. Said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

- (e) City's Consent to Settle Claims Network Provider may not settle any claim subject to this Section 13 without the consent of City, unless (i) the settlement will be fully funded by Network Provider, and (ii) the proposed settlement does not contain an admission of liability or wrongdoing by any elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers or representatives of City. The City's withholding its consent as allowed in the preceding sentence does not release or impair Network Provider of any obligations under this Section 13. Network Provider must give City at least twenty (20) days advance written notice of the details of a proposed settlement before it becomes binding. Any settlement purporting to bind City must first be approved by City Council.
- (f) City Not Liable to Network Provider City shall not be liable to Network Provider, or its customers, agents, representatives, or employees for any claims arising from this Agreement for lost revenue, lost profits, loss of equipment, interruption or loss of service, loss of data; or for incidental, indirect, special, consequential, or punitive damages, even if advised of the possibility of such damages, whether under theory of contract, tort (including negligence), strict liability, or otherwise.

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- 9. This Agreement may be enforced by Network Provider or City by any proceeding at law or in equity. Failure to do so shall not be deemed a waiver to enforce the Agreement thereafter.
- 10. If any provision contained in this Agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, then the remaining provisions shall be deemed severable and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 11. This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Texas and construed in conformity with the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 284. Venue shall lie in River Oaks, Tarrant County, Texas.

(Signatures follow on next page.)

## IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed and executed this Agreement effective as of the date first set forth above.

CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS	
Mayor	Dated:
Mayor	
ATTEST:	
City Secretary	
NETWORK PROVIDER:	
Signature of Authorized Officer	
	Dated:
Title of Authorized Officer	