



# City of Denton

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## Legislation Text

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### Agenda Information Sheet

**DEPARTMENT:** Denton Municipal Electric

**CM/ ACM:** Howard Martin

**Date:** September 20, 2016

#### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas adopting and approving a uniform pole attachment agreement for all pole attachment fees and charges and all conduit fees and charges involving poles and conduits owned by the City of Denton, Texas; establishing authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements; authorizing the expenditure of funds; and providing an effective date.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Pole Attachments consist of the placement of either communications circuits such as for voice, data, or internet onto the electrical system poles, or vice versa. The improper attachment of circuits can cause several issues:

- A negative impact on the safety of the public and employees
- Problems with the structural integrity of the system
- Interference with other communications circuits
- Potential service interruptions to the electrical system
- Financial impact on City resources - staff or expenses

These issues and others create the need to handle pole attachments in a controlled, regulated, uniform, and properly vetted manner. In order to accomplish that goal, a Uniform Pole Attachment License Agreement has been written. Entities who wish to attach to poles owned by the City must sign the Agreement and follow its provisions. The Agreement provides for a uniform rate of compensation, adopts reasonable and uniform technical standards, permits the City to remove attachments if necessary to protect the City's ability to perform its functions, and complies with new technology and the new regulatory environment.

#### **OPTIONS**

1. Approve the Ordinance
2. Do not approve the Ordinance and provide Staff with direction

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Ordinance

#### **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

On-going

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

PUB Review on February 22, 2016

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

The implementation of the Uniform Pole Attachment License Agreement should be budget neutral - all charges should make the City whole for any expenses in allowing the attachments.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP**

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

**Related Key Focus Area:**     **Public Infrastructure**

**Related Goal:**                 **2.3 Promote superior utility services and facilities**

**EXHIBITS**

Uniform Pole Attachment License Agreement

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