



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VERIZON WIRELESS A CONCURRENT USE PERMIT FOR THREE SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES ON MINNESOTA POWER POLES IN THE PLATTED STREET RIGHT OF WAY NEAR 4405 WEST 4TH STREET, 2500 LONDON ROAD, AND 3860 EAST SUPERIOR STREET.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. Under the authority of Section 100 of the 1912 Home Rule Charter of the city of Duluth, as amended, and subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions hereinafter set forth, permission is granted to Verizon Wireless and its successor(s) in interests, referred to herein as the permittee, to construct and maintain the following:

- (a) A small wireless facility on a Minnesota Power wooden 40-foot pole, near the SW corner of the intersection of West 4th Street public right of way and North 45th Avenue west public right of way, as shown in Attachment 1.
- (b) A small wireless facility on a Minnesota Power wooden 35-foot pole, near the SE corner of the intersection of London Road public right of way and South 24th Avenue East public right of way, as shown in Attachment 2.
- (c) A small wireless facility on a Minnesota Power wooden 40-foot pole, within the public right of way that is East Superior Street, SW of the intersection of East Superior Street and Greyhound Drive, and as shown in Attachment 3.

Section 2. Before this ordinance shall be effective for any purpose whatsoever, the permittee shall file with the planning division a certification of insurance approved as to form by the city attorney evidencing that the permittee has in force a policy of insurance meeting the following requirements:

- (a) Comprehensive general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,500,000 for bodily injuries and in an amount not less than \$500,000 for property damage or \$1,500,000 single limit coverage; and
- (b) Insurance coverage shall include all permittee's activities occurring upon or within public right of way or easement occupied pursuant to this ordinance whether said activities are performed by the permittee or its agents or representatives; and
- (c) The insurance policy shall be approved by the city attorney; and
- (d) The policy shall contain a condition that it may not be canceled without 30 days written notice to the city of Duluth and directed to the attention of the city attorney; and
- (e) The city of Duluth shall be named as an additional insured; and
- (f) The certificate shall also reference this ordinance by its ordinance number.

Section 3. The permit granted by this ordinance may be terminated at any time by the city official exercising departmental authority of the public easement if the city of Duluth determines to use the area

occupied by the permittee for any public purpose in accordance with the duly dedicated public easement or other lawful use.

Unless a shorter notice period is necessitated by emergency circumstances, or the violation of the conditions set forth in this ordinance, giving the permittee 30 days written notice delivered to the last known electronic address, facsimile number, or mailing address of the permittee shall be sufficient notice of termination.

Upon termination permittee shall cause all private improvements to be removed by the deadline provided in termination notice. Permittee shall be responsible for all costs incurred to remove the private improvements, including any costs associated with repairing damage caused to the public easement by the removal and without right to claim from the city of Duluth, or any of its officers, agents or servants, any compensation or reimbursement for damages of any kind whatsoever.

Section 4. By accepting the terms of this ordinance, the permittee agrees to hold to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city of Duluth from all liability or claims of liability for bodily injury or death to persons, or for property damage, in which the claim: A. alleges a negligent or otherwise wrongful act or omission of the permittee or its employee, agent, or independent contractor in installing, maintaining, or repairing the permittee's facilities; and alleges that the local government unit is liable, without alleging any independent negligent, or otherwise wrongful, act or omission on the part of the local government unit; or B. is based on the local government unit's negligent or otherwise wrongful act or omission in issuing the permit or in failing to properly or adequately inspect or enforce compliance with a term, condition, or purpose of the permit granted to the permittee.

Section 5. The permittee shall, at its expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, or remove from the public easement, the private improvements when required by city officials by reason of snow removal, traffic conditions, public safety, street vacation, freeway and street construction, change or establishment of street grade, sidewalks, installation of sewers, drains, water pipes, power lines, signal lines and tracks, the installation or repair of any type of structures or improvements by governmental agencies, when acting in a governmental or proprietary capacity.

Section 6. The concurrent use permit, and all rights thereunder, may not be sold, assigned, or transferred without the written consent of the city, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Upon the sale or transfer of permittee's interest in the permit granted by this ordinance and written consent, the permittee shall provide written notice to the planning division within ten days of such transfer. The permittee's successor in interest shall file with the planning division within ten days of such transfer a duly executed and acknowledged written acceptance of the terms of this ordinance and the certificate of insurance required in Section 2 above.

Section 7. The permit granted by this ordinance is subject to termination by the city of Duluth upon permittee's failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this permit. Ten days written notice, delivered as provided in Section 3 above shall be sufficient notice of termination. Upon termination, permittee shall remove the private improvements as provided in Section 3.

Section 8. The permittee shall observe the following conditions:

- (a) Permittee's use of the public right of way or easement shall be limited to the designated area described in Section 1 above and further shown on the attached exhibits; and
- (b) Permittee agrees that the private improvements shall be constructed and maintained in such a manner so as in no way interfere with or damage any portion of any public improvement, or other public utilities now or to hereinafter located in any part of said public easement; and
- (c) Applicant shall provide notice to work two working days in advance of any work permitted under this permit or any other permitted related to such work and shall schedule such work to coordinate with any required inspections.
- (d) Applicant shall obtain all other permits as may be required by the city, other governmental agencies and Minnesota Power, including, but not limited to obstruction, excavation, electrical, stormwater, etc.

(e) Applicant shall not connect any permitted facilities to any power source owned, controlled, or paid for by the city. Applicant shall identify all power sources, and indicate connection and ownership of power source, providing evidence of approval by other entities besides the city when applicable. Indicate location of any new meters as may be required.

(f) Applicant shall provide a contact name and telephone for our use in case of emergency. The phone number should be available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

(g) Applicant will locate any underground items in accordance with Gopher State Once Call rules and the applicant or subsequent owner of the small wireless facility shall relocate any underground facilities found to be in conflict with existing or future city utility or street projects.

(h) Applicant must repair or replace at their expense any damage to anything in the right-of-way caused by the applicant's permitted installation or operations to the city's reasonable satisfaction.

(i) Applicant must submit record drawings within 30 days of activation of the small wireless facility installed on each permitted location, showing the actual location of any wiring or conduit runs below grade. Record drawings shall be in accordance with the city of Duluth Public Works and Utilities' "Engineering guidelines for Professional Services and Developments".

(j) Applicant shall within 90 days after termination remove its equipment, conduits, fixtures and all personal property and restore the all portions of the right of way to its original condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted. City agrees and acknowledges that all of the equipment, conduits, fixtures and personal property of the applicant shall remain the personal property of the applicant and the applicant shall have the right to remove the same at any time during the term of the permit. All underground conduit and pole related fixtures are and shall remain the property of the city.

(k) Applicant shall implement all measures at the transmission site as required by FCC regulations, including but not limited to posting signs and markings. The city shall cooperate with the applicant to fulfill its Radio Frequency exposure obligations. City agrees that in the event any future party causes the entire site to exceed FCC Radio Frequency radiation limits, city shall hold such future party liable for all such non-compliance issues caused by their installation. Applicant agrees to install only equipment of the type and operating frequency which will not cause harmful interference which is measurable in accordance with then existing industry standards to any equipment of the city or other users of the structure which existing on the structure prior to the date the permit was issued or to any equipment operated by the city. In the event any of the applicant's equipment causes such interference, and after the city has notified applicant in writing of such interference, the applicant will take all steps necessary to eliminate the interference, including but not limited to the applicant powering down its equipment for intermittent testing

(l) The applicant shall maintain the small wireless facility in a good and safe condition, and in compliance with all applicable fire, health, building or other codes or permits as applicable

Section 9. The following events shall automatically cause the termination of the term of this ordinance:

(a) The failure by the permittee to file the required insurance certificate as specified in Section 2 60 days after this ordinance takes effect; or

(b) The failure of the permittee to commence the improvements authorized by this ordinance within 180 days after this ordinance takes effect.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance grants Verizon Wireless a concurrent use permit for three small

wireless facilities on existing distribution poles that are owned and operated by Minnesota Power within the dedicated public right of way. The three proposed locations are located in the platted right of way near 4405 West 4th Street (DUL Denfeld), 2400 London Road (DUL Red Tide), and 3860 East Superior Street (DUL Duluth East HS).

The wireless facilities will not be stealthed or camouflaged; the equipment will be visibly attached to the exterior of the pole. The attachments will include between 3 to 6 exterior mounted panel antennas or power converters mounted between at least 22 to 32 feet above the ground, with electric meters at about 5 feet from the ground and underground wire connections. The replacement wooden poles will be 35 to 40 feet tall.

On November 14, 2017, the planning commission held a public hearing on the proposal as shown in Attachment 4, and voted x yeas, x nay, x abstentions, to recommend that the city council approve the request for a concurrent use permit for three small wireless facilities located on Minnesota Power poles.

Petition received: September 6, 2017 (application incomplete September 27, information submitted October 10, 2017)

Action deadline: December 18, 2017

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

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