



City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: November 19, 2019

Submitted by: Jon Thatcher, City Attorney

Consent	Public Hearing	Action Item X
Item Title: Discuss and consider action on the adoption of the Design Manual by the City of Forney, Texas for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles (Wireless Service Small Cells) pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 284.		

How this item ties-in with the City's Mission, Vision and Values: We are open to new ideas and acceptive to create solutions to all challenges. [Visionary].

Summary Statement

Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code allows certain types of providers to install and operate small cell towers in public rights-of-way. The Design Manual by the City of Forney, Texas for the Installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles includes guidelines to assist wireless service providers with their design of facilities in Forney public rights-of-way. The manual provides additional guidance for providers who desire to install small cell towers in the public rights-of-way. The design manual is intended to supplement the proposed right-of-way ordinance for wireless facilities.

In addition to the requirements of Chapter 284, the bill allows cities to adopt a design manual that includes additional installation and construction details. The guidelines in the manual are intended to provide a uniform and aesthetically pleasing landscape which enhance the use of the right-of-way, and also provides a functional platform for wireless services.

Staff has prepared the Design Manual that includes guidelines to assist wireless service providers with their design of facilities in Forney right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of the Design Manual.