

## WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FAQ's:

- Can the City deny a Wireless Provider access to the public right-of-way to place a small cell pole? *Current Federal and State regulations seek to allow Wireless Providers access to the Public Right-of-Way. The City does have some oversight of the installation and work by the Wireless Providers, as per the Cincinnati Municipal Code and Wireless Design Guidelines, but it is limited.*
- What are some examples as per the City's Design Guidelines? *The City can require the Wireless Provider to paint and cover (shroud) their equipment to blend in with the surrounding area; reposition a pole up to 100' to locate it on property lines or improve sight distance at corners; align their cell pole with other poles in areas that have underground facilities; place their cable underground where all other utilities are already underground, etc. More details can be found in the revised design guidelines.*
- What will these small cell poles look like? *The poles will be either wood or metal and will match the existing utility poles in the area. They are generally 40' tall with the cell equipment on top and a power box/ meter at street level.*
- Does a Wireless Provider need to obtain a permit from the City before they can install a small new cell pole? *Yes. Once the permit is issued the Permittee has up to one year for installation.*
- Why did I receive this postcard? *Per the City's Municipal Code, a Wireless Provider is required to notify residents within 100' of the proposed site or as further determined by the design guidelines.*
- Who owns the poles? *The small cell poles are owned and maintained by the Wireless Provider.*
- Concerns about the 5G Signal? *(See Council FYI Memo - 2019)*
- Are there limitations from the Wireless Provider perspective on where they can install a small cell pole? *Yes. They must stay regulated distances from existing overhead power lines. In addition, they will place their small cell poles in areas that reach the radio frequency (RF) range that they require for coverage.*
- If you have additional questions, please email to: [CellTowerInquires@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:CellTowerInquires@cincinnati-oh.gov)