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# **2023 Master License Agreements: AT&T, Verizon, ExteNet, Mobilitie, and Crown Castle**

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## Background on 2014 Master License Agreements

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- During 2012 through 2014, the SFMTA and the SFPUC separately negotiated MLAs with four telecommunications carriers
- 2014 MLAs established the terms and conditions for the licensees to install cell telephone antennae and equipment on specific SFMTA or SFPUC poles
- Verizon, ExteNet, Mobilitie and AT&T, signed 2014 MLAs with SFMTA and SFPUC
- The MLAs for both agencies were approved by the Board of Supervisors from 2014-2016



## 2023 Master License Agreement

- In 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted Order No. FCC 18-133 which construed federal law to limit to cost recovery the fees that the City can charge telecommunications carriers for the use of SFMTA and SFPUC poles for cell telephone antennae equipment in the public right-of-way
- In 2019, the City eliminated the requirement that installations obtain a Public Works permit and consolidated administrative review procedures
- Led by OEWD, the City determined that it made sense to have a unified license agreement that complies with the FCC order
- The SFMTA and SFPUC have now completed 2023 MLAs with AT&T, Verizon Wireless, ExteNet, Crown Castle, and Mobilitie

## Summary of 2023 MLA terms and conditions

Term:	12 years, beginning on the Effective Date.
Master License Effective Date:	The first day of the month after MLA execution
Pole License Commencement Dates:	After MLA execution
SFMTA Annual License Fee:	\$813 (\$864.22 adjusted for 2023)
SFPUC Annual License Fee:	\$270 Steel (\$287.01 adjusted for 2023) \$360 Concrete (\$382.68 adjusted for 2023)
Fee Adjustment Due to Cost-of-Living Increases:	All fees set forth in Exhibit C will escalate by 4% on January 1 of each year, starting on January 1, 2023. If COI increases by 6% or more, then the escalation rate will be the COI for the previous year.
Master License Application Fee:	\$7,500 (\$7,972.50 adjusted for 2023), to be delivered with Licensee's signed counterpart of this Master License.
Pole License Administrative Fee:	\$2,000 (\$2,126.00 adjusted for 2023)
Security Deposit:	\$75,000



## Action Item

- The SFMTA and SFPUC respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of Transportation and SFPUC General Manager to enter into MLAs with AT&T, Verizon, ExteNet, Mobilitie, and Crown Castle