

Leasing City-Owned Facilities for Communications Equipment

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City	Email	First Name	Last Name	Phone (Work)	Job Title	Pop	Grand Division	Do you lease space to companies to place communications equipment on public facilities such as water towers or a city owned communications tower?	How much is paid annually to the city?	How long is the lease period?	Does the payment increase over time?	If yes, please describe.
Athens	enewberry@aub.org	Eric	Newberry	(423) 745-4501	Utility Manager	13,458	East	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Blaine	ewhite.cityofblaine@yahoo.com	Elizabeth	White	(865) 933-1240	City Recorder	1,856	East	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brentwood	chris.milton@brentwoodtn.gov	Chris	Milton	(615) 371-0080	Water Manager	37,060	Middle	Yes	\$21,600	5	No	
Clinton	tloggins@clintonub.com	Todd	Loggins	(865) 220-6263	Technical Operations Supervisor	9,841	East	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Estill Springs	tsmith@united.net	Tina	Smith	(931) 649-5188	City Recorder	2,055	Middle	Yes	\$1,200	Renews yearly	No	
Gatlinburg	dphelps@ci.gatlinburg.tn.us	Dale	Phelps	(865) 430-1305	Utility Manager	3,944	East	We do own one communications tower that we received via a lease agreement. A communications company built a tower on our property per agreement. At the conclusion of the 20-year agreement the city became owner of the tower with the existing entities being granted an extended lease to continue. We didn't particularly seek out this agreement, but we have it. We do have city-owned communications equipment on this tower.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harriman	N/A	Candace	Vannsdale	(865) 882-3242	Utility Manager	6,350	East	No, we just have an agreement with 911 services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jacksboro	recorder@jacksboro.org	Emma	Caldwell	(423) 562-9312	Town Recorder	2,020	East	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jamestown	gail.dishmon@jamestowntn.gov	Gail	Dishmon	(931) 879-8815	City Recorder	1,959	East	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Johnson City	WALyons@johnsoncitytn.org	Wayne	Lyons	(423) 434-5800	Management Analyst, Water and Sewer Services	63,152	East	Yes. We currently have 8 cellular lease agreements. There are three types of Cellular leases. The first type is a company placing communications equipment on one of our water towers. The second is a company placing communication equipment on city owned land that is shared with our tank. The third is a company placing communication equipment on a city owned communication tower.	The amount paid per lease varies with each lease. The total amount received annually is \$97,782.73.	Lease periods are on a case-by-case basis; most are typically done on 20 year terms, then 1 year after that.	Yes. This is dependent upon the lease, client, etc. which will determine the parameters.	Some are increased annually at 3%, while others are increased every 5 years based on the Consumer Price Index.
Lawrenceburg	vpusser@lburgus.com	Vic	Pusser	(931) 762-7161	Utility Manager	10,428	Middle	No, we only allow the fire department and police department to attach to our tanks.	We do not charge the city departments	N/A	N/A	N/A
Milan	jgriggs@cityofmilantn.com	Jason	Griggs	(731) 686-1537	Utility Manager	7,851	West	No. The only thing we have attached is one repeater for the police/fire radios. We don't charge the city (ourselves) for that.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

New Johnsonville	brandyv.cityhall@yahoo.com	Brandy	Vann	(931) 535-2715	City Recorder	1,951	Middle	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pegram	recorder@pegam.net	Jamie	Mrzena	(615) 646-0773	Town Recorder	2,093	Middle	No, the towers are for the use of the fire department.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pigeon Forge	N/A	Jerry	Sutton	(865) 850-4735	Water Manager	5,875	East	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ridgetop	krcityhall@comcast.net	Kelly	Rider	(615) 859-0596	City Recorder	2,054	Middle	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Savannah	vmorris@cityofsavannah.org	Virgil	Morris	(731) 925-4216	Utility Manager	6,982	West	Yes	\$33,000	5	Yes	15% every 5 year term
Spring City	bdodson@townofspringcitytn.org	Brenda	Dodson	(423) 365-6441	City Recorder	1,981	East	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Springfield	tbeers@springfield-tn.org	Terry	Beers	(615) 382-1600	Water/Wastewater Director	16,440	Middle					
Tulahoma	bskelton@tullahomautilities.com	Brian	Skelton	(931) 455-4515	President at TUA	18,655	Middle	Yes, but owned by TUA, not the City. We have priced out but provider has not built on our tanks yet.	\$1,500	15 with 2-5 year renewals	Yes	10% increase every 5 years
Walden	waldentownhall@comcast.net	Leslie	Lockhart	(423) 886-4362	City Recorder	1,898	East	No, but utility company (not owned by city) may.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A