



WILDWOOD

June 28, 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: Update on the City's Internet Access Project

Council Members:

⇒ **Project Updates – INFORMATION ITEM**

The Department of Planning has been following the progress of the projects that are underway for the provision of high-speed internet in the City of Wildwood. These projects include those that have short and long-term impacts for the future. These projects have added 600 plus households over the last seven (7) years, while the future considerations of a fiber-to-the premise solution would triple that number. These projects are summarized below.

FIBER-TO-THE-PREMISE: The Mayor, along with City Team Members, continue to work toward a long-term solution to the City's internet needs. Substantial progress is being made and discussions continue.

⇒ **Current Options - INFORMATION ITEM**

It is important to identify that a range of options do exist for high-speed internet in the City. Not all of them are excellent options, but do offer opportunities for consideration and they include the following items:

1. Bays ET – Fixed wireless network service (original)
2. Bays ET – Fiber-to-the-Home (only to certain areas – Hawks Rest, Homestead Estates at Wildwood, and Shiloh Subdivisions)
3. Wisper Internet – Fixed wireless network service (original)
4. Wisper Internet – Fixed wireless network service (new)
5. AT&T Wireless – Mobile communication provider – **Hotspot Use**

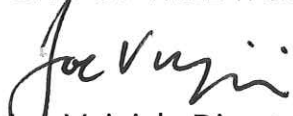
6. AT&T – Non-mobile option, where property owner or subdivision compensates provider for extension of fiber optic or T1 Business Line to location(s). Dr Rambaud can provide more background and authored an e-mail in this regard.
7. Verizon – Mobile communication provider – **Hotspot Use**
8. T-Mobile/Sprint – Mobile communication provider – **Hotspot Use**
9. Gateway Fiber – **A new company the City is contacting about potential fiber-to-the premise service. The City is attempting to arrange a meeting with this entity and discuss potential expansion into the City of Wildwood.**
10. Other Mobile Providers – Mobile communication providers, i.e., Mint Mobile, Metro, Cricket, etc. – **Hotspot Use**
11. Satellite – Different providers
12. Spectrum (Charter Communications)
13. Wildwood Workspaces – 16759 Main Street, Suite 205 (co-working spaces for internet needs)
14. Rockwood School District (offers hotspots for students of the district).

⇒ **Questions and Contact Information - INFORMATION ITEM**

If any of the City Council Members should have questions or comments in this regard, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for your continued support of this project and the efforts to address the needs of all Wildwood residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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