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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into a twenty year communications tower lease agreement with Crown Castle GT for leased space on park property at Lookout Mountain

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Crown Castle GT is a current tenant and this revised agreement has been modified to allow for leasing of additional space to accommodate an additional equipment shed to house emergency generator equipment.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
11/06/2019	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 7 Brenner, Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Sidhu	
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 0	
11/19/2019	Council	APPROVED	
		Aye: 6 Brenner, Browne, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Sidhu	
		Nay: 0	
		Absent: 1 Buchanan	

1 **PROPOSED BY: PARKS & RECREATION**
2 **INTRODUCTION DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2019**
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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-058**
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7 **AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A TWENTY YEAR**
8 **COMMUNICATION TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE GT FOR**
9 **LEASED SPACE ON PARK PROPERTY AT LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN**
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11 **WHEREAS**, in January 2014, the State of Washington through the Department of
12 Natural Resources conveyed to Whatcom County land which contained three (3)
13 Commercial Communication Tower Lease sites with existing established towers; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Code 1.10.410 requires County Council to indicate by
16 resolution whether a real property lease may be awarded by private negotiation with
17 interested parties; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Code 1.10.410 authorizes County Council approval of
20 real property leases; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the tower lease sites are located on Lookout Mountain and are remote
23 and do not impede or impact public recreation or any other County purpose; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the prior Department of Natural Resources tower leases were for a
26 period of ten years and will be expiring; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the established communication towers are a substantial company
29 expenditure and commitment and long term leases are necessary in this industry; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, Crown Castle GT, owner of one of the towers, has requested to extend
32 its communication tower lease for an additional twenty years; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the new communication tower lease contains updated lease provisions
35 from the prior DNR leases, including lease rate increases, an annual three (3) % increase,
36 road maintenance fees, and five year lease rate reviews; and
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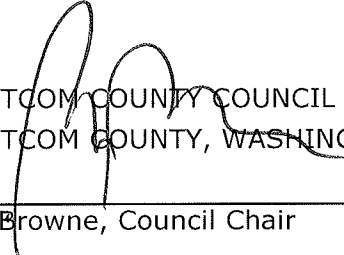
38 **WHEREAS**, this communication tower lease appears to be in the best interest of the
39 County and the people thereof.
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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the communication tower lease with
2 Crown Castle GT proposed by Parks & Recreation Department is hereby awarded through
3 private negotiation with interested parties.
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5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council authorizes the County Executive to
6 enter into a twenty year communication tower lease agreement with Crown Castle GT for
7 leased space on park property at Lookout Mountain as outlined in the lease agreement.
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9 **ADOPTED** this 19th day of November, 2019.

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13 ATTEST:
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16 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
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21 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
22 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rud Browne, Council Chair

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor