



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Authorize City Manager to Execute Lease Agreement with AirTouch Cellular at Water Tower, 125 North Stockton Street

**MEETING DATE:** January 20, 1999

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with AirTouch Cellular for the purpose of installing a small equipment building on City property and erecting an antenna on the City's elevated water tank.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** AirTouch, who is looking for an antenna site in or near the Downtown area, recently approached the City. We considered using the existing radio tower at City Hall, but could not identify a suitable place for the 12-foot x 20-foot equipment building. The stadium property was also considered, but AirTouch said it was too far from the Downtown core for their needs. We settled on the Parks and Recreation yard/water tank as an acceptable site as long as the antenna could be mounted on the tower column. AirTouch proposes that three panels (8 feet tall, 1 foot wide), painted to match the tower, be installed vertically at 95 feet, just below the tank. The equipment building will be located on the ground north of the tower, inside the fenced area. Wires will run up the inside of the tower and will not be easily visible. The proposed terms of the lease include the following:

- \$550 per month, payable in advance each year.
- 4%, or CPI, annual increase, whichever is greater.
- 20-year term with three 5-year additional options.
- \$2,500 one-time processing fee.
- Provision for AirTouch participation on a square-footage pro-rated basis on costs to improve the site frontage, fencing or landscaping, not including City building improvements.

In addition, AirTouch will take out a building permit and satisfy any structural or code requirements regarding attachments to the tower.

The City Attorney will review and approve the proposed lease once Council gives approval to proceed.

**FUNDING:** Not applicable. Lease will provide the City with additional General Fund revenue of \$6,600 per year.

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Finance Director  
Water/Wastewater Superintendent  
AirTouch Cellular

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager