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RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC FOR SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City Council has received a request from Crown Castle Fiber LLC to encroach upon the public right-of-way of various streets within the City Limits with small cell wireless facilities; and

WHEREAS, Crown Castle Fiber LLC is proposing a buildout of approximately 100 sites over the next 12-24 months and is requesting that the City of Winston-Salem grant a master encroachment agreement; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-400.50-56 regulates "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities" within the public right-of-way or on private property, requiring the City to notify the applicant of any deficiencies in the application within 30 days of their submittal and limits the review process to 45 days from the initial submittal of the application. At the end of the review period the City will either approve or deny a complete application, unless a longer time frame has been mutually agreed upon between the applicant and the City. If the City fails to act within the 45-day review period and no time extension has been agreed upon by both parties, then the application shall be deemed approved; and

WHEREAS, a master encroachment agreement would speed up the approval process by eliminating the preparation, review, and execution of multiple agreements; and prevent applications from being approved by default; and

WHEREAS, each new facility will require review by City staff and approval by the Assistant City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, that the City Manager or his designee and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a master encroachment agreement with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for small cell wireless facilities.