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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 5, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Troy City Council

From: Frank Nastasi, City Manager  
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney

Subject: Renewal of PROTEC Membership



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PROTEC is the Michigan Coalition to Protect Rights of Way. This entity was formed 26 years ago by several Michigan cities who were interested in protecting municipal control over public rights of way and the right to receive fair compensation from the telecommunications providers that use public property. PROTEC is requesting that we annually renew our membership in the organization. Municipalities with representatives on the PROTEC Board include Dearborn, Livonia, and Southfield, and there are many other municipal members. Troy was one of the original members. The Michigan Municipal League serves as the fiscal agent for the coalition.

PROTEC continues to keep its members informed of telecommunications developments at the state and federal level. PROTEC has also taken an active role in filing pleadings and/or comments with the Federal Communications Commission that urge protection of municipal interests. PROTEC has also provided municipal support for small cell issues, as well as actively monitoring developments that impact municipal rights of way.

PROTEC's membership solicitation is attached for the fiscal year, and it contains an update of accomplishments. The cost for Troy's yearly membership, based on our population, is \$10,911.75. This amount is budgeted in the City Attorney's outside consultant budget.

City Administration recommends renewal of the City's PROTEC membership. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

# PROTEC

The Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Rights-of-Way

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June 6, 2024

## **Membership Dues Notice 2024-25**

PROTEC is a nonprofit organization that works to protect local control over public rights-of-way and municipalities' ability to receive fair compensation from telecommunications companies and other users of our ROW and other public property. Please see the attached letter for more information.

If your community would like to renew a current PROTEC membership or become a new member for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, please complete this Application for Membership and send it to the address below, along with the indicated dues payment.

*No response or payment is needed if your community does not wish to be a PROTEC member.*

### **Contact Information**

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

PROTEC membership dues are based on population figures as reported in the 2020 Census (\$0.125 per resident, capped at \$12,500).

Troy's dues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 would be: **\$10,911.75**

Please make checks payable to PROTEC and mail to:

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ANN ARBOR MI 48107-7409

PROTEC Board of Directors:

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Fiscal Agent: Michigan Municipal League

Note: A copy of this Application for Membership has been sent to your municipality's Mayor/President/Administrator/Finance Director (as appropriate).