

January 15, 2021

All Affected Cities, Counties and Towns
All Certificated Local Exchange Providers

RE: Right of Way Use Fees

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under State Code §56-468.1, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for calculating the monthly fee per access line and reporting it to all affected localities and certificated providers of local exchange telephone services.

Annual Reports received indicate there were 1,868,108 access lines and 5,427,866 feet of new installation as of January 5, 2021. Based upon that information, and the latest highway mileage figure of 71,551.56, the public right of way use fee will be \$1.60 per access line for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This is an increase per access line of \$.44 (.38%) from last year. With the average decrease of 25.39% in access lines and the average increase of 28% in feet of new installation, along with the calculated annual 38.26% increase in the fee per access line, the total fees projected to be collected during this rate period is expected to increase.

All telecommunication companies affected by this legislation should take the necessary steps to include the charge on their billings and submit collections to the appropriate governmental entity. Monies due VDOT should be sent using the Public Right-of-Way Use Fee Remittance Advice form. The Remittance Advice form can be accessed at: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/row-usefee.asp>

Should there be any questions regarding the right of way use fee, please contact Jacquelyn Lane at (757) 956-3254 or by email at rowusefee@vdot.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Reynolds.
State Utilities Property Manager

cc: Virginia Department of Taxation
Virginia Association of Counties
Virginia Municipal League
Virginia Telecommunication Industry Association
State Corporation Commission
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