

# LawrenceFreenet

A Community Connection

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CITY MANAGERS OFFICE  
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Dear Mr. Corliss,

Two years ago we put forward a plan to provide wireless broadband to patrons of Downtown Lawrence businesses free of charge. Several businesses have taken advantage of this including Wheatfields, the Granada and the 8<sup>th</sup> St. Tap Room. Many more would take advantage of this if our coverage in the area was more consistent.

We are also providing service to individual visitors to our community through a daily pricing program. Last month we provided over 800 individual days of service to visitors to our community, many of them downtown.

When we originally asked to place equipment on the overhead illumination poles along Mass St., our request was denied, largely due to the size of the proposed units.

As a result we developed a solar powered solution to place inside of Lawrencian newspaper boxes. Though these units have served us well, they are very expensive to install and maintain.

We recently had two of these units vandalized and the solar panels stolen. A police report is attached. Due to this theft and the increasingly tightening credit market, we are very hesitant to continue sinking resources into this solution.

To continue providing service to our 1,300 members and 800 visitors in the downtown area, we'd like to install our equipment in the area in the same way we have elsewhere in the community.

We now have over 500 of these radios installed and have a perfect safety record. They are small, unobtrusive and are seldom even noticed.

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We'd like to install these in the following locations:

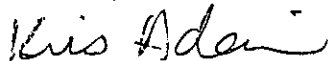
650 Mass St. – West Side	900 Mass St. – NW Corner
700 Mass St. – NW Corner	950 Mass St. – East Side
750 Mass St. – East Side	1000 Mass St. – NW Corner
800 Mass St. – NW Corner	1050 Mass St. – East Side
850 Mass St. – East Side	1100 Mass St. – NW Corner

These units draw less than 7W of electricity and are already prevalent around the community. The overall project represents an investment of around \$10,000 in the downtown area and can be accomplished in a single morning of work by our technicians.

As with all of our installations, we are committed to doing the installation safely and professionally with minimum impact to the appearance of the area.

Please let us know what you need from us to arrange access to these sites. We would be happy to provide engineering documents and photographs of existing installations for consideration.

Sincerely,



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