

AT&T to sell iPhone without contract for \$599

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(AP) -- AT&T Inc. said Thursday it will start selling iPhones without requiring a two-year contract, but they will cost \$400 more.

Spokesman Michael Coe said AT&T will sell the phones starting next Thursday for \$599 or \$699, depending on the storage capacity. The two models cost \$199 or \$299 under contract.

The phone company had said in July, when the latest version of the [iPhone](#) was launched, that it would sell contract-free phones in the United States. Such phones are sold in some other countries.

The new phones will still be "locked" to AT&T and won't work with any other cellular carrier unless they're modified. AT&T will only activate them on the regular iPhone plans, which include a \$30 monthly charge for data access. Prepaid service will not be available.

[Apple](#) Inc., the maker of the iPhone, has been selling the device from its stores and Web site, but would not say if it would sell the contract-free version.

Apple is widely expected to release a new version of the phone this summer.

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