



**Fatbeam, LLC, Telecommunications Franchise  
Agreement request for Ordinance**

City of Tacoma | MCO – Franchise Services

**Government Performance & Finance Committee**

**October 21, 2025**

**ITEM # 1**

1



## **BACKGROUND**



- Fatbeam, LLC is a new provider to the City of Tacoma
- Fatbeam is headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and is already operating in a number of Washington cities including: Paulsbo, Pasco, Auburn, Parkland, Bonney Lake, University Place, Spanaway, Centralia, Sumner, Sultan, Forks, and Kingston.
- Due to the Auburn Case (2001) State law does not allow Franchise Fees to be paid as part of this agreement.

2

2

## ••• THIS ORDINANCE



- This Franchise has a 10-year term
- Allows the provider to operate in the ROW
- Requires the necessary bonds, letter of credit and insurance required by Title 16B and Title 10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code

3

3

## ••• Provider Services



### Residential services:

- Internet services
- 1 gbps (symmetrical) up to 8 gpbs

### Enterprise and GovEd Clients:

- Internet and point to point services

Dark Fiber services are available

4

4



## NEXT STEPS



City Council Consideration –

First Reading – October 28, 2025

Final Reading – November 18, 2025

Publication – November 20, 2025

Effective Date – December 12, 2025

5

5



## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Staff recommends approval of the Fatbeam, LLC Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with the City of Tacoma and further requests that the Government Performance and Finance Committee forward this item to the full City Council for consideration and adoption.

6

6



**Fatbeam, LLC, Telecommunications Franchise  
Agreement request for Ordinance**

City of Tacoma | MCO – Franchise Services

**Government Performance & Finance Committee**

**October 21, 2025**

**ITEM # 1**

