



**Forged Fiber 37, LLC (AT&T),  
Telecommunications Franchise Agreement  
request for Ordinance**

City of Tacoma | MCO – Franchise Services  
**Government Performance & Finance Committee**  
**October 21, 2025**  
**ITEM # 2**



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**BACKGROUND**



- Forged Fiber 37, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T
- Forged Fiber 37, LLC is a new provider to the City of Tacoma. AT&T entered into a purchase agreement to acquire certain fiber assets (under the Forged Fiber 37, LLC entity) within the City of Tacoma Public Right of Way
- Forged Fiber 37, LLC (AT&T) is headquartered in Dallas, Texas and is seeking franchises across the country for previously owned Lumen infrastructure.
- Due to the Auburn Case (2001) State law does not allow Franchise Fees to be paid as part of this agreement.

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## 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

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## Provider Services



- Forged Fiber 37, LLC will provide residences and small businesses with broadband service, along with wholesale broadband service

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## NEXT STEPS



City Council Consideration –

First Reading – October 28, 2025

Final Reading – November 18, 2025

Publication – November 20, 2025

Effective Date – December 12, 2025

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## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Staff recommends approval of the Forged Fiber 37, LLC (AT&T) 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.

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