



## Ordinance Request for Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC Telecommunications Franchise Agreement

City of Tacoma | Media & Communications Office

Government Performance and Finance Committee

February 6, 2024

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## OVERVIEW



- *Request for an Ordinance for a 10-year Telecommunications Franchise Agreement*
- *This is the first 10-year Telecom Franchise Agreement with Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC*
- *Legal, Financial, Technical aspects as a provider were reviewed*
- *Negotiated terms*

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## OVERVIEW



- *Ziplay has had infrastructure in the Puget Sound Region for over 10 years (Previously Frontier)*
- *Due to the Auburn Case (2001) state law does not allow Franchise Fees to be paid as part of this agreement*
- *Ziplay provides a variety of telecommunications services for Residential and Business customers*

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## BACKGROUND



- *Allows the provider to operate within the City Right of Way for 10 years*
- *Protects and Indemnifies the City*
- *Requires the necessary bonds, letter of credit and insurance required by Title 10 and Title 16B of the Tacoma Municipal Code*

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## ISSUES



- *Approval of this Request for Ordinance would allow Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC to provide Telecommunications Services in the City of Tacoma*
- *This Telecommunications Franchise Agreement would be the first for this provider*
- *The Ordinance Request allows Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC to operate within Federal, State, and Local Law operating within Municipal Code - Title 10 and Title 16B*
- *This proposed ordinance maintains/improves community conditions: Livability; Economy and Workforce; Equity and Accessibility; Sustainability*

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## NEXT STEPS



- City Council Consideration – February 13, 2024 – First Reading
- 15 Day Public Comment Period
- City Council – March 5, 2024 – Final Reading
- Publication Date – March 8, 2024
- Approval Period (TMC) – 30 days after publication
- Ordinance Effective Date – April 8, 2024

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## RECOMMENDATIONS



- Staff recommends the Government Performance and Finance Committee forward the following to City Council for consideration and approval

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# Questions

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