



**Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, Telecommunications
Franchise Agreement request for Ordinance**

City of Tacoma | MCO – Franchise Services

**Government Performance & Finance Committee
September 16, 2025**

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● ● ● BACKGROUND



- Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC is a new provider to the City of Tacoma
- Ezee is successfully operating in a number of Texas and New Mexico communities, and is either under construction, about to start construction, or about to get a franchise agreement in a number of Washington communities (Kent, Lakewood, Des Moines, Federal Way, Issaquah). Almost complete in Bremerton and fully complete in Vancouver, WA and Salem, Oregon.
- 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



Residential services:

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

Enterprise and GovEd Clients:

- Internet and point to point (layer 2) services
- 1 gbps to 100 gbps

In some scenarios Dark Fiber services are available

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NEXT STEPS



City Council Consideration –
First Reading – September 23, 2025
Final Reading – October 14, 2025

Publication – October 17, 2025

Effective Date – October 31, 2025

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RECOMMENDATIONS



- Staff recommends approval of the Ezee Fiber Texas, 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.

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