



Ordinance Request for Port of Tacoma Telecommunications Franchise Agreement

City of Tacoma | Media & Communications Office

Government Performance and Finance Committee

November 5, 2024

ITEM # 1



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OVERVIEW



- *Request for an Ordinance for a 10-year Telecommunications Franchise Agreement*
- *This is the second 10-year Franchise Agreement with Port of Tacoma (previous 2011 Ord.# 28016) which was a Limited Area Franchise Agreement*
- *Legal, Financial, Technical aspects as a provider in our community were reviewed*
- *Negotiated terms and updated with code changes that have occurred over the last 13 years*

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- *Port of Tacoma has had infrastructure in the City Right of Way for just over 13 years*
- *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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BACKGROUND



- *Allows the Port of Tacoma to continue to operate within the City Right of Way for another 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



- *The Ordinance Request keeps Port of Tacoma operating 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 – November 19, 2024 – First Reading
- 15 Day Public Comment Period
- City Council – December 10, 2024 – Final Reading
- Publication Date – December 12, 2024
- Signature Period – 30 days
- Ordinance Effective Date – January 12, 2025

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RECOMMENDATIONS



- Staff recommends the Government Performance and Finance Committee votes to forward this request for ordinance to the City Council for consideration and approval

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Questions

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