



## Ordinance Request for Sprint (T-Mobile) Telecommunications Franchise Agreement

City of Tacoma | Media & Communications Office

Government Performance and Finance Committee

May 2, 2023

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## OVERVIEW



- *Request for an Ordinance for a 10-year Telecommunications Franchise Agreement*
- *This is the second 10-year Telecom Franchise Agreement with Sprint (previous Ord. # 28033)*
- *Legal, Financial, Technical aspects as a provider in our community were reviewed*
- *Negotiated terms which included updates to the agreement based on Municipal Code changes over the last 10 years*

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## OVERVIEW



- *Sprint has had infrastructure in the City for over 25 years*
- *Due to the Auburn Case (2001) state law does not allow Franchise Fees to be paid as part of this agreement*
- *Sprint is a "Long Haul" provider*

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## BACKGROUND



- *Allows the provider 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



- *Approval of this Request for Ordinance would allow Sprint (T-Mobile) to continue to provide Telecommunications Services in the City of Tacoma*
- *This Telecommunications Franchise Agreement would be the second for this provider*
- *The Ordinance Request keeps Sprint (T-Mobile) 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 – May 9, 2023 – First Reading
- 15 Day Public Comment Period
- City Council – June 6, 2023 – Final Reading
- Publication Date – June 9, 2023
- Signature Period – 30 days
- Ordinance Effective Date – July 7, 2023

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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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