



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** Public Works and Infrastructure

**Analyst:** Deb Evison Bell

**ECAF:** 2022-0564

**Proposal:** Ord. 22-026

**Date:** June 21, 2022

### **Consideration**

The proposed ordinance would grant a non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in portions of unincorporated Snohomish County, Washington to Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC jointly and severally, under SCC 13.80.030.

### **Background**

Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, jointly and severally (“Comcast”) both Washington limited liability companies with UBI Numbers 603 547 299 and 602 712 140, respectively, have applied to the County for a non-exclusive franchise to operate, maintain, repair, and install overhead and underground facilities within Snohomish County rights-of-way and the proposed service area as needed to provide service to customers.

Comcast agrees to comply with all requirements of Federal Law, State Law, County Charter, County Code, the County EDDS, the County’s Utility Accommodation Policy, all rights-of-way use permit application, review, and construction standards, including but not limited to the County’s Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, and other development regulations.

Comcast also agrees to provide support for implementation of Educational and Governmental Access Channels as outlined in the 2021 Cable Needs Assessment Report. Included in the ECAF packet is an illustration of the franchise area (all County rights-of-way in Unincorporated Areas of Snohomish County), along with the County Engineers report and recommendation, which is to grant the right-of-way franchise, under SCC 13.80.040.

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Approval by Council of this non-exclusive franchise to Comcast.

*Duration:* The term of the franchise agreement will be for a period of ten (10) years.

*Fiscal Implications:* County expenditures are estimated at \$44,107.68, and all costs are to be reimbursed by the applicant to Public Works prior to recording of the franchise.

**Budget Impacts:** Franchise expenditure reimbursements are not specifically included in the adopted Public Works budget due to timing of application and fee payment. The 2021 Comcast franchise fee remittance was \$2,991,843.00 and was paid into the General Fund.

**Handling:** EXPEDITE

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Risk Management:** APPROVE.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Attachments:** See ECAF packet.

**Amendments:** NONE.

**Request:** The requested action is for Council to move this to GLS on June 22nd to set a time and date for a Public Hearing.