

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2023-0624 **Proposal:** Ord 23-059

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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 Ziply Fiber Northwest, LLC dba Ziply Fiber, under SCC 13.80.030.

Background

Ziply Fiber has applied to Snohomish County for a non-exclusive franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system within public rights-of-way in unincorporated Snohomish County.

Ziply Fiber 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.

Included in the ECAF packet is an illustration of the franchise area as specified in Section 1.3 of the Franchise and as depicted in Exhibit A of 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 Ziply Fiber.

Duration: The maximum term is twenty (20) years.

Fiscal Implications: County expenditures are estimated at \$1,000.00, and all costs are to be reimbursed by the applicant to Public Works prior to recording of the franchise.

Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: APPROVE.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

<u>Attachments:</u> See ECAF packet.

Amendments: NONE.

Request: The requested action is for Council to move this to GLS on June 21, 2023, to set a time and date for a Public Hearing (July 12, 2023, at 10:30 am is suggested).