



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-0080

**Ordinance:** 24-006

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** Installation of water distribution lines within County rights-of-way.

**Scope:** The ordinance would approve a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the city of Granite Falls to construct, operate, maintain, replace, and repair a water distribution system in public rights-of-way within unincorporated Snohomish County.

The franchise would encompass the district facilities located within T30N, R7E, within Sections 18 and 19 as stipulated in Section 1.3 of the Franchise and as depicted on Exhibit A of the Engineers Report.

**Duration:** The initial term of the proposed franchise is for a period of ten (10) years, beginning on the effective date with automatic renewal for an additional term of ten (10) years.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  N/A

County expenses are for the preparation and processing of the Franchise. All costs are to be reimbursed by the applicant prior to acceptance of the Franchise.

Expenditures	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	Total
Fund 102	\$1,000				\$1,000
Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	Total
Fund 102	\$1,000				\$1,000

**Authority Granted:** Authorizes limited use of the public road rights-of-way to the city of Granite Falls, under RCW 36.55.010, Snohomish County Charter 9.20 and Title 13 of Snohomish County Code.

**Background:** The city of Granite Falls operates a Group A Community Water System, ID 29050X, and provides water and wastewater services to customers within the city limits and adjacent urban growth areas. Snohomish County has previously granted utility franchises to the town of Granite Falls in 1941, the city of Granite Falls by Ordinance 99-040 (approved July 1999) which expires August 5, 2024.

The Snohomish County Public Utility District No. 1 has been the sole source of water to the city water system since 1996, when it discontinued use of its wells. Water is supplied by transmission mains owned and operated the PUD. There are approximately 32 miles of water main that provide service to more than 1,500 customer connections within the service area. Most of the distribution system is of 8-inch ductile iron pipe, however there is some older, smaller pipe from the 1970's still in use. The city's Capital Improvement Plan anticipates replacement beyond 2042.

**Action Requested:** To set time and date for a Public Hearing, suggested date and time of February 28, 2024, at 10:30 am.