



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2024-1279
Ordinance: 24-053

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:

Non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of County rights-of-way in portions of Unincorporated Snohomish County.

Scope:

The ordinance would approve a non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in Snohomish County, Washington to the city of Gold Bar, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a water system.

The franchise would encompass unincorporated rights-of-way in Snohomish County as specified in Section 1.3 of the Franchise and as depicted on Exhibit A of the Engineers Report.

Duration:

An initial term of ten (10) years and an 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	Total
Fund 102	\$1,000			\$1,000
Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	Total
Fund 102 Reimbursable Revenue	\$1,000			\$1,000

Authority Granted: Authorizes a non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in Snohomish County to the city of Arlington, under SCC 13.80.030.

Background: The city of Gold Bar operates a Group A-Community - Public Water System, ID 28300Y, which provides service to a population of 2,211 residents through approximately 645 residential connections and 34 commercial/multi-family connections in the city limits, its urban growth area (UGA), and unincorporated Snohomish County. The system was installed in 1970 by the Gold Bar Community Water Association, Inc. and was purchased by the city in 1983.

The city of Gold Bar has applied to Snohomish County for a non-exclusive franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a water distribution facility to include water mains, fire hydrants, blow-off valves, sample stations, and customer water services. Facility access is needed for water main inspections and flushing, fire hydrants usage, valve exercising, water quality monitoring, meter reading, routine maintenance, and emergency repairs in, on, across, over, along, under and/or through public rights-of-way. An Engineer's Report has been prepared by the Department of Public works, which recommends that the subject franchise be granted, subject to the terms and conditions of the Franchise.

Action Requested: To move the ordinance to GLS on July 10 to set time and date for a Public Hearing, with the suggested date and time of July 31, 2024, at 10:30 am.