



# Public Infrastructure and Conservation

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2024-1121  
**Ordinance:** 24-046

**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 Arlington, for the construction, operation and maintenance of a water and wastewater 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:**

The maximum term of the proposed Franchise is twenty (20) 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 Arlington operates a Group A-Community - Public Water System, ID 02950K, which provides service to a population of 18,235 residents through approximately 5,900 customer accounts in the city limits, its urban growth area (UGA), and surrounding rural residential and agricultural lands. The city of Arlington operates a wastewater collection, treatment, disposal, and a reuse system (advanced treatment processes to remove contaminants from wastewater so that it meets drinking water standards and other appropriate water quality regulations).

The city of Arlington has applied to Snohomish County for a non-exclusive franchise to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and repair water and wastewater distribution facilities 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 June 26 to set time and date for a Public Hearing, with the suggested date and time of July 17, 2024, at 10:30 am.