



Committee of the Whole

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2023-1354

Ordinance: 23-134

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 and sewer lines within County rights-of-way.

Scope: The ordinance would approve a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the Northshore Utility District to construct, operate, maintain, replace, and repair a water distribution and sanitary sewer transmission system in public rights-of-way within unincorporated Snohomish County.

The franchise would encompass the district facilities located within T27N, R4E, within Section 35 as stipulated 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 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	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Fund 102	\$1,000					\$1,000
Revenue	Current Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Fund 102	\$1,000					\$1,000

Authority Granted: Authorizes limited use of the public road rights-of-way to the Northshore Utility District, under RCW 36.55.010, Snohomish County Charter 9.20 and Title 13 of Snohomish County Code.

Background: The District was originally formed in 1947 as the King County Water District No. 79, which operated as a water purveyor until 1979, when it merged with the Northeast Lake Washington Sewer District. After the merger, the district was known as the Northeast Lake Washington Water and Sewer District, until 1992 when the name was changed to the Northshore Utility District.

Most of the service area and facilities are located within King County, with over 22,000 water and sewer service connections. In Snohomish County, the district provides retail service on an interim basis to a small area within the Alderwood Water and Wastewater District corporate boundary near Lockwood Elementary School between the cities of Brier and Bothell.

Snohomish County has previously granted utility franchises to the district in the past, most recently with Ordinance 08-099, which is set to expire on November 16, 2023.

Action Requested: To set time and date for a Public Hearing, suggested date and time of December 13, 2023, at 10:30 am.