



Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-0819

Motion: 26-151

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 -original
- No
- N/A

Subject: Extend the time for acceptance of the Nonexclusive Cable Franchise authorizing limited use of County rights-of-way in Snohomish County.

Scope: To extend the franchise acceptance deadline of previously approved [Ordinance 25-073](#).

Duration: Franchise acceptance date would be extended to June 1, 2026.

The term of the franchise is ten (10) years, beginning on the effective date as defined.

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.

| Expense | 2026 | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 102.50650131011 Administrative Salary | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Revenue | 2026 | Total |
| 102.30644443895 Reimbursable revenue | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |

Authority Granted: The Snohomish County Council hereby:

- Extends the time period for Wave to accept the franchise until June 1, 2026.
- The franchise granted by Ordinance 25-073 shall now take effect on the date on which each and every one of the following conditions have been met (the "Effective Date"):
 - (i) a minimum of 10 days have passed since the County Council approved this franchise acceptance extension motion;
 - (ii) Wave executes the acceptance page of the franchise granted by Ordinance No. 25-073 and returns the same to the Clerk of County Council;
 - (iii) Wave presents to the County acceptable evidence of insurance and performance security as required in Sections 9 and 12 of Attachment A to Ordinance No. 25-073; and
 - (iv) Wave pays all applicable fees as set forth in Section 18.4 of Attachment A to Ordinance No.25-073.
- Following Wave's acceptance of the franchise, the Franchise Ordinance together with this acceptance extension motion shall be recorded with the Snohomish County Auditor's Office.

Background: WaveDivision I, LLC D/B/A Astound Broadband applied to Snohomish County for a franchise to construct, maintain, operate, replace and repair its cable system facilities in County public rights-of-way. The Snohomish County Council granted the franchise following the procedures in Snohomish County Code 13.80, County Charter Section 9.2, RCW 36.55.010, and 47 U.S.C. §521.

Action Requested: To move the motion to GLS on April 15, 2026, for consideration.