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# MEMORANDUM

*Finance Department*

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

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From: Brandon Neish, Finance Director

Subject: Casco Communications, Inc. dba Peak Internet Franchise Agreement

## I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to request City Council approval of a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise agreement between the City of Lebanon and Casco Communications, Inc., d/b/a Peak Internet. This agreement reflects the City's updated telecommunications franchise template, developed in coordination with legal counsel, to address current federal regulations and local right-of-way management needs.

## II. CURRENT REPORT

In recent years, federal law and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules governing telecommunications and broadband providers' use of public rights-of-way have continued to evolve. In response, City staff worked with legal counsel to update the City's standard telecommunications franchise agreement to ensure compliance with applicable FCC requirements while preserving the City's authority to manage, protect, and coordinate use of the public rights-of-way.

The proposed franchise agreement with Peak Internet is the first agreement to utilize this updated template. While the franchise remains non-exclusive and consistent with past City practice, the updated format provides clearer and more comprehensive provisions related to:

- Definitions of communications services and facilities consistent with federal law
- Use of and access to public rights-of-way, including permitting and construction standards
- Coordination, relocation, and restoration requirements associated with public infrastructure projects
- Insurance, indemnification, and performance security requirements
- Franchise compensation, reporting, and audit provisions
- Enforcement, remedies, and termination procedures

These updates are intended to provide greater clarity for both the City and service providers, improve consistency in franchise administration, and better protect public infrastructure as broadband services expand within the community.

Approval of this agreement establishes the City's revised franchise framework moving forward and will serve as the baseline structure for future telecommunications and internet service provider franchises.

The franchise agreement provides ongoing revenue to the City's General Fund through the collection of franchise fees based on Peak Internet's gross revenues generated within the city limits. No City expenditures are required for approval or administration of the agreement beyond routine franchise oversight.

### III. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Ordinance 2026-02, Ordinance No. 3044, A Bill for an Ordinance Establishing a Non-Exclusive Franchise for Casco Communications, Inc. dba Peak Internet.