

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-214**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH  
THE ALABAMA FIBER NETWORK**

**WHEREAS**, Fiber Utility Network, Inc. (d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network) has requested a franchise from the City for the installation and operation of a fiber-optic telecommunications system in the City's right of way; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Madison has determined that the proposed franchise, for a ten-year term, will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and otherwise serve the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Madison as follows:

**Section 1.** The City, in consideration of the acceptance of the mutual covenants and agreements and of all the terms and conditions of this Ordinance hereby grants to Fiber Utility Network, Inc. (d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network), the right, privilege, authority, and non-exclusive agreement for the installation and operation of a fiber-optic telecommunications system, as defined in the Franchise Agreement attached to this Ordinance, and to use the streets, avenues, and public rights of way in the City for such purposes in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Franchise Agreement.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Franchise Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and that the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to appropriately attest the same.

**Section 3.** If any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance or the Franchise Agreement shall be invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision hereof.

**Section 4.** That the Franchise Agreement shall be in full force and effect after the date of its final passage, adoption, and proper execution. A synopsis of this Ordinance and the Agreement shall be published one time in the Madison County Record, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Madison, Alabama.

**READ, PASSED, and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of July 2025.

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*John D. Seifert, II, Council President*

City of Madison, Alabama

ATTEST:

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*Lisa D. Thomas, City Clerk-Treasurer*  
City of Madison, Alabama

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2025.

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*Paul Finley, Mayor*  
City of Madison, Alabama