



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Lumen (formally Centurylink) Franchise Agreement

Preferred Agenda: February 8, 2022

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Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: Type Code/Policy Here

Towards Council Goal: We Aspire to have an effective and efficient local government
We Aspire to provide viable and sustainable essential services
Economic Strength – Collaborate with regional partners

Attachments: Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2022 – Track Changes
Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2022 - Final

Purpose of this RCA:

To update the franchise agreement with Centurylink

Background/Context:

The previous franchise agreement with Centurylink was granted in 2010. The franchise agreement specifies terms and conditions for use of City rights of ways and City property for the construction and operation of telecommunication systems within the City of Sweet Home. The new agreement is for ten years and will replace Ordinance Bill No. 2 adopted in 2010.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City adopt Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2022, an ordinance granting a Franchise Agreement to Lumen (formally Centurylink) for the operation of telecommunication service within the City of Sweet Home?

Stakeholders:

- Citizens of Sweet Home–
- Lumen (Centurylink) –
- City Council–

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The Franchise agreement provides for 7% of applicable revenues to be paid to the City for use of City rights of ways and other properties. City Attorney Snyder has confirmed this percentage is the most the City can collect for this franchise.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Authorize Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2022 allowing for a franchise agreement with Lumen.

Options:

1. Option #1– Do Nothing.
2. Option #2 – Make a motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2022 and move for a first reading.
3. Option #3– Direct staff to make additional revisions

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option #2 – Make a motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 2 for 2022 and move for a first reading.