



# CITY OF TUALATIN

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Bates Russell – Information Services Director

**DATE:** July 14, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Extension of the Comcast Cable Franchise Term Through June 30, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Council approve the extension of the existing Comcast cable franchise agreement through June 30, 2026, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. This extension will provide time for the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission (MACC) to complete the ongoing renewal and negotiation process.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City's cable franchise agreement with Comcast is currently set to expire on June 30, 2025. As one of the 15 members of the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission (MACC), we've delegated the administration and renewal of the franchise to MACC staff and their legal counsel.

MACC has been working closely with Comcast to negotiate a renewed agreement. Progress has been made, but it's now clear that the renewal won't be finalized before the current agreement expires. To ensure continuity of service and regulation, the MACC Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on June 13, 2025, to recommend that all member jurisdictions approve a one-year extension.

Comcast supports this approach and has agreed to the terms of the extension. The extension agreement keeps all current terms in place and simply moves the expiration date to June 30, 2026, or until a new agreement is adopted, whichever comes first.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

If Council approves this recommendation:

- Maintains uninterrupted cable service and regulatory authority.
- Gives MACC and Comcast additional time to complete renewal negotiations
- Keeps us aligned with our regional partners in MACC
- Comcast will continue operating under the same terms, including franchise fee payments to the City.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

Declining the extension: This could result in the franchise expiring without a successor, creating regulatory and billing uncertainty and potential service issues for citizens.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no additional costs associated with this extension. Comcast will continue to pay franchise fees to the City under the existing terms, providing continued revenue until a new agreement is in place

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- MACC Extension Resolution Tualatin
- 2025-02 Extension of the Cable Franchise Term with Comcast