



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON  
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.J.  
For Meeting of: February 3, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** Ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to NFC Northwest, LLC to operate a telecommunications system within the City of Yakima

**SUBMITTED BY:** Randy Beehler, Communications and Public Affairs Director

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

In January 2026, NFC Northwest, LLC (NFC) formally requested the grant of a Telecommunications System Franchise by the City. The City requested and received all necessary and appropriate documentation from NFC to determine that NFC is qualified to be granted a Telecommunications System Franchise.

The attached Telecommunications System Franchise Ordinance (the Ordinance) and the franchise it grants allow NFC to occupy City streets and rights-of-way in order to construct, operate, and maintain a telecommunications system. The franchise authorized by the Ordinance is for a term of ten (10) years. The Ordinance provides that NFC will pay the City a tax equal to six percent (6%) of the total gross income derived from NFC's business in the city, pursuant to Yakima Municipal Code 5.50.050. The City will not charge a separate franchise fee at this time, pursuant to RCW 35.21.860.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** N/A

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pass Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Franchise NFC Northwest, LLC - Draft.doc](#)