



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive,
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

FROM: Andrew Hester, Public Works Real Estate Coordinator *AH*

RE: Franchise for Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

DATE: April 20, 2021

▪ **Requested Action**

Adopt an ordinance that grants a franchise to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, allowing it to use and be present in County Rights of Way for the installation, maintenance, operation, repair, modification, replacement, and/or removal of such small wireless facilities for the provision of wireless telecommunications services per the terms of the franchise agreement, under RCW 36.55 and § 9.30 of the Home Rule Charter.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, has applied for a new franchise agreement for the purposes of utilizing County rights of way to provide wireless telecommunications services. This ordinance was previously approved by the Whatcom County Council. However, final payment of the administrative costs and acceptance of the franchise was delayed and due to the terms of the franchise the franchise was terminated automatically.

Please contact Chris Quinn at extension 5729 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.