



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance granting Forged Fiber 37, LLC a non-exclusive franchise for the purposes of offering and providing telecommunications services

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

RCW 36.55.040, Whatcom County Charter Section 9.30, and Whatcom County Code 12.24 provides for the granting of franchises to public and private utility companies for use of County Rights-of-Way. This is a franchise allowing for the use and presence in County Rights-of-Way to allow for the provision of telecommunications services in Whatcom County

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/23/2026	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	
07/28/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	

Attachments: Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Fact Sheet, Notice of Hearing - Franchise after 6.23.2026