



MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

FROM: Andrew Hester, Public Works Real Estate Coordinator

RE: Franchise for Forged Fiber 37, LLC

DATE: June 8, 2026

▪ **Requested Action**

Adopt an ordinance that grants a franchise to Forged Fiber 37, LLC allowing it to use and be present in County Rights of Way to install, construct, erect, operate, maintain, repair, relocate and remove telecommunication facilities to allow the provision of telecommunication services per the terms of the franchise agreement, under RCW 36.55 and § 9.30 of the Home Rule Charter.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

AT&T is in the process of purchasing a portion of the fiber business of Lumen Technologies, Inc. and through its legal entity Forged Fiber 37, LLC has applied for a franchise agreement for the purposes of utilizing County rights of way to allow the provision of telecommunication services.

Please contact Chris Quinn at extension 5777 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.