

ORDINANCE NO. 295
CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON GRANTING THE RIGHT OF FRANCHISE TO ZIPLY FIBER PACIFIC, LLC, WHOLESAIL NETWORKS, LLC, ZIPLY WIRELESS, LLC, WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARIES OF NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC, FOR THE OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE.

WHEREAS, Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC, Wholesail Networks, LLC, Ziplly Wireless, LLC, wholly owned subsidiaries of Northwest Fiber, LLC (herein referred to jointly as "Ziplly Affiliates"), are engaged in the business of providing telecommunication services consistent with applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Ziplly Affiliates, has respectfully requested that the City of Liberty Lake, Washington (hereinafter referred to as "City") enter into a franchise agreement to locate, construct, own, maintain, repair, replace, extend, operate, and use such Facilities, and all necessary appurtenances thereto for the use of its telecommunications network as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the persons and businesses in the City to grant this franchise agreement to Ziplly Affiliates.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits and the terms and conditions of the below franchise agreement, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this Franchise, and all exhibits attached hereto (if any), the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

1.1 "City" means the City of Liberty Lake, a code city of the State of Washington, and its successors and assigns.

1.2 "Days" means calendar days.

1.3 "Facilities" means those facilities normally and regularly used in providing telecommunication services, including any and all wires, lines, conduits, cables, vaults, duct runs, and all necessary or convenient facilities and appurtenances thereto, whether the same is located over, above or underground.

1.4 "Franchise" means this Ordinance, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Franchise.

1.5 "Franchise Area" means the Public Right of Way.

1.6 "Parties" means the City and Ziplly Affiliates (Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC, Wholesail Networks, LLC, Ziplly Wireless, LLC, wholly owned subsidiaries of Northwest Fiber, LLC) collectively.

1.7 "Party" means the City or Ziplly Affiliates, (Ziplly Fiber Pacific, LLC, Wholesail Networks, LLC, Ziplly Wireless, LLC, wholly owned subsidiaries of Northwest Fiber, LLC), individually.

1.8 "Public Right of Way" means any, every and all of the roads, streets, avenues, alleys and highways of the City as now laid out, platted, dedicated or improved; and any, every and all roads, streets, avenues, alleys and highways that may hereafter be laid out, platted, dedicated or improved within the present limits of the City and as such limits may be hereafter extended.

1.9 "Public Works Director" means the Director of Planning & Engineering or his/her designee.

1.10 "State" means the State of Washington.

Section 2. Facilities Within and Outside Franchise Area.

2.1 Subject to the terms and conditions of this Franchise, the City grants to Ziplly Affiliates the non-exclusive privilege to use the Public Right of Way to provide telecommunication services, and for no other purpose. Ziplly Affiliates accepts all areas in existing condition(s) and the City makes no express or implied assurances of suitability of any area for Ziplly Affiliates 's needs or purposes, whether now or hereafter.

2.2 The City hereby grants to Ziplly Affiliates the privilege to set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect and stretch wire cable between, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use Facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the Franchise Area for purposes of maintaining and operating a telecommunication network.

2.3 This Franchise shall not convey any right to Ziplly to provide such services as designated in Section 2.2 on or to otherwise use City-owned or leased properties outside the Franchise Area.

Section 3. Compliance with Laws

In carrying out any authorized activities under the Franchise granted herein, Ziplly Affiliates shall meet accepted industry standards and regulatory requirements of state and federal agencies and comply with all applicable laws of any governmental entity with jurisdiction over the Facilities and their operation. This shall include all applicable laws, rules and regulations existing at the Effective Date of this Franchise or that may be subsequently enacted by any governmental

entity with jurisdiction over Ziplly Affiliates and/or the Facilities. These requirements also include applicable requirements of the City's Municipal Code.

Section 4. Noninterference of Facilities.

4.1 Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities shall be located, constructed, installed, maintained and repaired within the Franchise Area in accordance with applicable safety standards, and so as not to unreasonably interfere with the free and safe passage of pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic therein or with the reasonable ingress or egress to properties abutting thereto and in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. Ziplly Affiliates shall exercise its rights within the Franchise Area in accordance with applicable City codes and ordinances governing use and occupancy of the Franchise Area, including but not limited to those contained in Section 3; provided, however, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency of such codes and ordinances with the terms and conditions of this Franchise, the codes and ordinances, as now or hereafter amended, shall govern and control; provided, further, nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, prejudice or otherwise limit any right of appeal afforded Ziplly Affiliates by such City codes and ordinances.

4.2 In the event that the City reasonably determines, after providing, consistent with applicable City Code(s), written notice to Ziplly Affiliates and a reasonable opportunity for Ziplly Affiliates to respond to its concerns, that any one or more of its Facilities within the Franchise Area interferes with the free and safe passage of pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic therein or with the reasonable ingress or egress to properties abutting thereto, then Ziplly Affiliates shall promptly take such action as is reasonably necessary to eliminate such interference. In so doing, the City shall, within reason, fully cooperate with Ziplly Affiliates. In the event such interference requires relocation of Ziplly Affiliates' Facilities within the Franchise Area, such relocation shall be accomplished in accordance with Section 10 below. Any such interference, resulting from new development, with ingress or egress to properties abutting the Franchise Area in proximity to Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities existing within the Franchise Area prior to the development shall be subject to Section 10.5.

4.3 All location, construction, installation, repair, replacement, relocation, or operation of Facilities and appurtenances performed by Ziplly Affiliates in the Franchise Area shall be done in such a manner as to not interfere with existing facilities of other utilities, public or private, including drains, drainage ditches and structures, irrigation ditches and structures located therein, nor with the final grading or improvement of the Franchise Area.

4.4 During the term of this Franchise and with respect to poles, if any, which are Facilities and which are wholly owned by Ziplly Affiliates and which are within the Franchise Area, the City may, subject to Ziplly Affiliates prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, install and maintain City-owned overhead wires upon such poles for traffic signal communications and to provide for communications to various City buildings such as City Hall, Public Safety Building, Public Works operation building(s), and other public buildings as they presently exist or may exist in the future. The foregoing rights of the City to install and maintain such wires are further subject to the following:

4.4.1 Such installation and maintenance shall be done by the City at its sole risk and expense in accordance with all applicable laws (including, but not limited to, RCW 70.54.090),

and subject to such reasonable requirements as Ziplly Affiliates may specify from time to time (including without limitation, requirements accommodating Ziplly Affiliates or the facilities of other parties having the right to use Ziplly Affiliates); and

4.4.2 Ziplly Affiliates shall have no obligation under Section 12 (or arising under the purview of Section 12) in connection with any City-owned wires so installed or maintained except for the negligence of Ziplly Affiliates employees, agents, servants, or representatives.

4.4.3 Ziplly Affiliates shall not charge the City a fee for the use of such poles as a means of deriving revenue therefrom; provided however, nothing herein shall require Ziplly Affiliates to bear any cost or expense in connection with such installation and maintenance by the City including Ziplly Affiliates 's administrative review of and consent to City's request to make use of such poles or any relocation required of City-owned wires under Section 10 hereof.

4.4.4 All installation of City-owned wires shall be done by a qualified contractor with approval by the State electrical inspector and in accordance with all applicable regulations including but not limited to the National Electric Safety Code.

4.4.5 If any work by City contractors or the City involving the installation and maintenance of City-owned wires shall cause Ziplly Affiliates to replace a utility pole, the City shall reimburse Ziplly Affiliates for the cost of such pole.

Section 5. Dangerous Conditions, Authority for the City to Abate

5.1 In the event that Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities or operations cause or contribute to a condition that appears to endanger any person or substantially impair the lateral support of any portion of the Franchise Area, or other public or private property or create other risk of loss or liability to the City, the City may direct Ziplly Affiliates , at no charge or expense to the City, to promptly take such action as may be reasonably necessary to resolve such condition or to eliminate such endangerment. Such directive may include compliance within a prescribed period of time.

5.2 In the event Ziplly Affiliates fails to promptly take action as directed by the City pursuant to Section 5.1, or fails to fully comply with such direction, or if emergency conditions exist which require immediate action to prevent imminent injury or damages to persons or property, the City may take action(s) as it reasonably believes are necessary to protect persons or property and in such event Ziplly Affiliates shall be responsible to reimburse the City for its costs incurred in so doing.

Section 6. Permit Required

6.1 Whenever Ziplly Affiliates works in the Franchise Area for purposes of installation, construction, repair, maintenance, excavation, or relocation of its Facilities, it shall apply to the City for a permit to do so in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the City. In no case shall any such work commence within the Franchise Area without a permit, except as otherwise provided in this Franchise. Ziplly Affiliates also acknowledges that such work required in arterial streets, especially during peak hours of operation, or during special civic events requires substantial coordination with the City prior to issuance of a permit. Ziplly Affiliates agree to coordinate such activity prior to commencing such work as necessary to minimize impacts to the public as required by the City.

6.2 Ziplly Affiliates shall at all times post and maintain proper barricades and comply with all applicable safety regulations during any period of construction or maintenance activities within the right-of-way as required by City or state regulations, including RCW 39.04.180, for the construction of trench safety systems. Additionally, such work identified in this Section shall be performed with reasonable dispatch, in a workmanlike manner, and with as little interference or inconvenience to the rights of the public as may be reasonable.

6.3 In the event of any emergency where any Facilities located in the Franchise Area are broken or damaged, or if Ziplly Affiliates 's work area within the Franchise Area is in such a condition as to endanger any person or property, Ziplly Affiliates shall immediately take any and all necessary emergency measures to repair or remove its Facilities or otherwise make its work area safe without first applying for and obtaining a permit as required by Section 6.1. This provision shall not relieve Ziplly Affiliates from later obtaining any necessary permit for the emergency work. Ziplly Affiliates shall apply for the required permit the next business day following the emergency work or, in the case of an extended state of emergency, as soon thereafter as practical and comply with any mitigation requirements or other conditions in the after-the-fact permit. The City shall not be responsible for any costs associated with such emergency action.

Section 7. Restoration

7.1 Ziplly Affiliates shall, after any installation, construction, excavation, relocation, maintenance, or repair of Facilities within the Franchise Area, promptly restore the Franchise Area to at least the same condition as existed immediately prior to any such installation, construction, excavation, relocation, maintenance or repair in accordance with City standards, as now or hereafter amended, and at its sole cost and expense. All survey monuments which are to be disturbed or displaced by such work shall be referenced and restored per WAC 332-120, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, and all pertinent federal, state and City standards and specifications. The Public Works Director shall have final approval of the condition of the Franchise Area after restoration.

The City reserves the right to not allow open trenching for five (5) years following a street overlay or improvement project. Ziplly Affiliates shall be given written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of the project. Required trenching due to an emergency, or in the case that no commercially viable alternative route exists, will not be subject to the five (5) year street trenching moratorium, however the respective pavement restoration in such instances shall include a trench patch meeting with the City, as well as City approval of asphalt over lay of the street itself. For trenches which cross the street pavement or portions thereof, the limits of the overlay shall extend one hundred (100) linear feet along said street as measured in both directions from the centerline of the trench patch. Further, prior to installing the overlay the existing pavement within the area to be overlaid shall first be ground down to the thickness of the anticipated overlay, including along any curbs if such curbs are present, such that the final driving surface with respect to ride and appearance shall be almost indistinguishable as reasonably determined by the City from the before condition. For trenches which parallel the roadway the overlay shall encompass the full roadway width and like crossings. The existing roadway pavement shall first be ground down to the thickness of the anticipated overlay including along any curbs, if such curbs area present, such that the final roadway driving surface with respect to ride and appearance shall be almost indistinguishable as reasonably determined by the City from

the before condition. The limits of the full roadway width overlay shall extend one hundred (100) linear feet beyond the end or ends of the trench cut. Where the paralleling trench cut is limited to one side or the other of the road center line then subject to the approval of the City the grinding and asphalt overlay restoration work can be limited to the affected half street portion.

7.2 If it is determined by the City that Ziplly Affiliates has failed to restore the Franchise Area in accordance with Section 7, the City shall provide Ziplly Affiliates with written notice including a description of actions the City reasonably believes necessary to restore the Franchise Area. If the Franchise Area is not restored in accordance with the City's notice within thirty (30) days of that notice, the City, or its authorized agent, or contractor, may restore the Franchise Area. Ziplly Affiliates shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by the City in restoring the Franchise Area in accordance with this Section. The remedy granted to the City under this Section shall be in addition to those otherwise provided by this Franchise.

7.3 All work by Ziplly Affiliates pursuant to this Section 7 shall be performed in accordance with the permit issued by the City, together with the laws of the State of Washington, City Municipal Code and applicable regulations and standards of the City as the same now exists or as may be hereafter amended or superseded.

Section 8. Bonding Requirement

8.1 Before undertaking any of the work authorized by this Franchise, Ziplly Affiliates shall furnish an ongoing performance bond executed by Ziplly Affiliates and a corporate surety authorized to do surety business in the State of Washington, in a sum to be set and approved by the Public Works Director as reasonably sufficient to ensure performance of Ziplly Affiliates 's obligations under this Franchise. The bond shall be conditioned so that Ziplly Affiliates shall observe all the covenants, terms and conditions and faithfully perform all of the obligations of this Franchise, and to restore or replace any defective work or materials discovered in the restoration of the Franchise Area within a period of two (2) years from the final City inspection date of any such restoration. Ziplly Affiliates may meet the obligations of this section with one (1) or more bonds issued by a surety with an A VII Best's rating or better. In the event that a bond furnished pursuant to this Section is canceled by the surety, after proper notice and pursuant to the terms of said bond, Ziplly Affiliates shall, prior to the expiration of said bond, procure a replacement bond which complies with the terms of this Section.

8.2 With respect to undertaking any of the work authorized by this Franchise, in the event Ziplly Affiliates fails to perform its obligations under this Franchise and further fails to cure any deficiency within a reasonable period of time after receipt of written notice of such deficiency by the City, then the City may use any bond(s) furnished by Ziplly Affiliates pursuant to Section 8.1 to cure such deficiency. Neither the amount of such bond(s) nor the City's use thereof shall limit the City's full recovery from Ziplly Affiliates of costs incurred by the City to cure such deficiency.

8.3 In the event the City makes use of such bond(s) furnished by Ziplly Affiliates pursuant to Section 8.2, the City shall promptly provide written notice of same to Ziplly Affiliates. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, Ziplly Affiliates shall replenish or replace such bond(s) as provided in Section 8.1.

8.4 The rights reserved to the City by this Section 8 are in addition to other rights of the City whether reserved by this Franchise or authorized by law, and no action, proceeding, or exercise of right under this Section 8 shall constitute an election or waiver of any rights or other remedies the City may have.

Section 9. Underground Installation of Facilities

9.1 This Section 9 shall govern all matters related to underground installation of Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities within the Franchise Area subject to the required permit(s) set forth in Section 6 and restoration of the Franchise Area set forth in Section 7.

9.2 Ziplly Affiliates acknowledge that the City desires to promote a policy of underground installation of Facilities within the Franchise Area.

9.3 New extensions of Facilities constructed by Ziplly Affiliates within the Franchise Area during the term of this Franchise shall be located underground unless existing above-ground installations are in place and City consents to placement above ground.

9.4 If, during the term of this Franchise, the City shall direct Ziplly Affiliates to replace (convert) its overhead Facilities then existing within the Franchise Area or portion thereof with underground Facilities, Ziplly Affiliates will cooperate and participate with the City and underground its Facilities within the Franchise Area including paying all costs thereof.

9.4.1 Public Works Improvements. If the City undertakes any Public Works improvement which would otherwise require relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's above-ground Facilities in accordance with subsection 10.1 below, or if subsection 10.5 below applies, the City may, by written notice to Ziplly Affiliates, direct that Ziplly Affiliates convert any such Facilities to underground Facilities. All costs for such conversion shall be paid by Ziplly Affiliates.

9.4.2 Location of Equipment. All equipment to be installed within the Franchise Area shall be installed underground; provided, however, that such equipment or Facilities may be installed above ground if so, authorized by the City, such as splice boxes, which authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, consistent with the provision of the City's Municipal Code and applicable development standards.

9.4.3 If any third party requests the underground installation or relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's above-ground Facilities to accommodate work of such third party within the Franchise Area or on other public grounds then Ziplly Affiliates shall have the right as a condition of any such underground installation or relocation to require payment to Ziplly Affiliates , at a time and upon terms acceptable to Ziplly Affiliates , for any and all costs and expenses incurred by Ziplly Affiliates for the underground installation or relocation of its above-ground Facilities, as provided for by applicable law or regulation. Where the underground installation or relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's above-ground Facilities is due in part to development or improvement of a third party's property, which also results in

construction of a Public Works improvement project for the City pursuant to 9.4 above, Ziplly Affiliates 's costs and expenses of underground installation or relocation shall be proportionally allocated between the third party and City, provided the City shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses for its proportionate share as set forth herein.

Section 10 Relocation of Facilities.

10.1 Whenever the City undertakes (or causes to be undertaken at City expense) the construction of any Public Works improvement within the Franchise Area, or the Public Works Director reasonably determines that Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities interfere with the free and safe passage of pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic pursuant to Section 4 above, and such Public Works improvement or interference necessitates the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities then existing within the Franchise Area, the City shall:

10.1.1 provide Ziplly Affiliates, within a reasonable time prior to the City's commencement of activities requiring such Public Works improvement, written notice requesting such relocation, not less than ninety (90) days; and

10.1.2 provide Ziplly Affiliates with copies of relevant portions of the City's plans and specifications for such Public Works improvements.

After receipt of such notice and such plans and specifications, Ziplly Affiliates shall relocate such Facilities within the Franchise Area at no charge to the City. If, during the construction of any such Public Works improvement, an emergency posing a threat to public safety or welfare, or a substantial risk of severe economic consequences to the City, arises requiring the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities within the Franchise Area, the City shall give Ziplly Affiliates notice of the emergency as soon as reasonably practicable. Upon receipt of such notice from the City, Ziplly Affiliates shall endeavor to respond as soon as reasonably practicable to relocate the affected Facilities at no charge to the City.

In the event federal, state or other funds are available in whole or in part for utility relocating purposes, upon Ziplly Affiliates 's request in writing, the City agrees to use reasonable efforts to apply for such funds, provided such funds do not interfere with the City's right to obtain the same or similar funds, or otherwise create any expense or detriment to the City. The City may recover all costs, including internal costs, associated with obtaining such funds.

10.2 The City shall act in good faith and shall use its best efforts to provide sufficient space within the Franchise Area for the safe and efficient installation, operation, repair and maintenance of the relocated and/or underground converted Facilities. Ziplly Affiliates shall act in good faith and shall use its best efforts to install relocated and/or underground converted Facilities in such space within the Franchise Area, consistent with prudent utility practice. If the City and Ziplly Affiliates agree that there is not sufficient space for the relocated and/or underground converted Facilities in the existing Franchise Area, then, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the City and Ziplly Affiliates , the City shall as is reasonably practicable provide sufficient space for the relocated and/or underground converted Facilities by obtaining additional right-of-way or other equivalent rights mutually agreeable to the City and Ziplly Affiliates , which shall be Franchise Area, title of which shall be in the City's name.

10.3 Ziplly Affiliates may install relocated and/or underground converted Facilities on property outside of the Franchise Area, the rights for which shall be obtained by Ziplly Affiliates at no expense to the City. Notwithstanding the use of best efforts by the City and Ziplly Affiliates as outlined above, if the City and Ziplly Affiliates do not agree whether there is or will be sufficient space within the Franchise Area for the relocated and/or underground converted Facilities, or if the City and Ziplly Affiliates disagree whether underground converted Facilities within such space within the Franchise Area would be inconsistent with prudent utility practice, the City and Ziplly Affiliates shall each act in good faith and use their respective best efforts to mutually agree on the location of such relocated and/or underground converted Facilities outside of the Franchise Area. Absent such mutual agreement, nothing in this Section 10 shall limit the rights of the City or Ziplly Affiliates with respect to acquisition or use of property rights outside of the Franchise Area.

10.4 Ziplly Affiliates shall have the right as a condition of any relocation described in this Section 10.4 to require such person or entity other than the City to make payment to Ziplly Affiliates, at a time and upon terms acceptable to Ziplly Affiliates, for any and all costs and expenses incurred by Ziplly Affiliates in the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities, but without expense or liability to the City, whenever:

10.4.1 any person or entity, other than the City, requires the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities to accommodate the work of such person or entity within the Franchise Area, including but not limited to, activities relating to development, roadway frontage improvements or mitigation of impacts; or

10.4.2 the City requires any person or entity to undertake work (other than work undertaken at the City's cost and expense) within the Franchise Area and such work requires the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities within the Franchise Area.

10.4.3 Where the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities is due in part to a person or entity other than the City, but also results in construction of a Public Works improvement, Ziplly Affiliates's costs and expenses of relocation shall be proportionally allocated between such person or entity and City, provided the City shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses for its proportionate share.

Unless agreed to specifically in writing between the City and Ziplly Affiliates, work funded by the creation of a local improvement district (LID) shall be considered the work of the City and Ziplly Affiliates shall not be entitled to recover costs and expenses incurred by Ziplly Affiliates in the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities as necessary to facilitate construction of improvements funded through an LID.

10.5 Any condition or requirement imposed by the City upon any other person or entity (including, without limitation, any condition or requirement imposed pursuant to any contract or in conjunction with approvals or permits obtained pursuant to any zoning, land use, construction or other development regulation) which requires the relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities within the Franchise Area shall be a condition or requirement causing relocation of Ziplly Affiliates's Facilities to occur subject to the provisions of Section 10.4 above; provided, however:

10.5.1 in the event the City reasonably determines and notifies Ziplly Affiliates that the primary purpose of imposing such condition or requirement upon such person or entity is to cause the construction of a Public Works improvement within a segment of the Franchise Area on the City's behalf, and

10.5.2 such Public Works improvement is otherwise reflected in the City's adopted Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program or Capital Facilities Program;

then only those costs and expenses incurred by Ziplly Affiliates in connecting such relocated Facilities with Ziplly Affiliates 's other Facilities shall be paid to Ziplly Affiliates by such person or entity, and Ziplly Affiliates shall otherwise relocate its Facilities within such segment of the Franchise Area in accordance with Sections 10.1-10.3.

10.6 As to any relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities whereby any part of the cost and expense thereof is to be borne by Ziplly Affiliates in accordance with Sections 10.1-10.3, Ziplly Affiliates may, after receipt of written notice requesting such relocation, submit in writing to the City alternatives to relocation of its Facilities. Upon the City's receipt from Ziplly Affiliates of such written alternatives, the City shall evaluate such alternatives and shall advise Ziplly Affiliates in writing if one or more of such alternatives are suitable to accommodate the work which would otherwise necessitate relocation of Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities. In evaluating such alternatives, the City shall give each alternative proposed by Ziplly Affiliates full and fair consideration with due regard to all facts and circumstances which bear upon the practicality of relocation and alternatives to relocation. No alternatives proposed by Ziplly Affiliates shall be evaluated by the City in an arbitrary or capricious manner. In the event the City determines that such alternatives are not appropriate, Ziplly Affiliates shall relocate its Facilities as otherwise provided in Sections 10.1-10.3.

10.7 Nothing in this Section 10 shall require Ziplly Affiliates to bear any cost or expense in connection with the location or relocation of any Facilities existing under benefit of easement or other prior rights not derived from this Franchise.

Section 11. Records of Installation and Planning

11.1 Upon the City's reasonable written request, Ziplly Affiliates shall provide to the City copies of available plans for improvements, relocations and conversions to its Facilities within the Franchise Area; provided, however, any such plans so submitted shall be for informational purposes only and shall not obligate Ziplly Affiliates to undertake any specific improvements within the Franchise Area, nor shall such plan be construed as a proposal to undertake any specific improvements within the Franchise Area.

11.2 Upon the City's reasonable written request, Ziplly Affiliates shall provide to the City copies of available drawings in use by Ziplly Affiliates showing the approximate location of Ziplly Affiliates 's Facilities at specified locations within the Franchise Area. Ziplly Affiliates shall further provide, upon the City's reasonable request in connection with the City's design of new streets, intersections and/or other municipally funded public works projects and major renovations of existing streets and intersections, field marking of Ziplly Affiliates 's underground Facilities within the Franchise Area, if such Facilities can be so field marked with reasonable accuracy using

devices designed and accepted as the industry standard, to respond to the presence of Ziplly Affiliates 's underground Facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Ziplly Affiliates does not warrant the accuracy or sufficiency of any such drawings or field markings or other information provided by Ziplly Affiliates, and Ziplly Affiliates shall not be liable to the City or others for any errors or defects in the same.

11.3 In addition, whenever in the City's reasonable and prudent judgment that it is beneficial to both parties in connection with the design of new streets, intersections and/or municipally funded public works projects and major renovations of existing streets and intersections, Ziplly Affiliates shall verify the actual location of its underground Facilities within the Franchise Area by excavating, including pot holing. The cost of such work shall be at Ziplly Affiliates 's expense.

11.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 11 is intended (nor shall be construed) to relieve either Party of their respective obligations arising under applicable law with respect to determining the location of utility facilities.

Section 12. Indemnification

12.1 Ziplly Affiliates shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City, its officers, elected officials, agents, representatives, engineers, consultants, employees, and volunteers ("Indemnitees") harmless from and against any and all claims demands, liability, loss, cost, damage, or expense of any nature whatsoever including all costs and attorneys' fees, made against the Indemnitees on account of injury or damage to the person or property of another, to the extent such injury or damage is caused by the negligence of Ziplly Affiliates , its agents, servants or employees in exercising the rights granted to Ziplly Affiliates in this Franchise.

Ziplly Affiliates 's indemnification obligations pursuant to this Section shall include assuming liability for actions brought by Ziplly Affiliates 's own employees and the employees of Ziplly Affiliates 's agents, representatives, contractors, and subcontractors even though Ziplly Affiliates might be immune under Title 51 RCW from direct suit brought by such employees. It is expressly agreed and understood that this assumption of liability for actions brought by the aforementioned employees is limited solely to claims against the City arising by virtue of Ziplly Affiliates 's exercise of the rights set forth in this Franchise. The obligations of Ziplly Affiliates under this Section have been mutually negotiated by the Parties hereto, and Ziplly Affiliates acknowledges that the City would not enter into this Franchise without Ziplly Affiliates 's waiver thereof. To the extent required to provide this indemnification and this indemnification only, Ziplly Affiliates waive its immunity under Title 51 RCW as provided in RCW 4.24.115.

12.2 In the event any matter is presented to or filed with the City, the City shall promptly notify Ziplly Affiliates thereof, and Ziplly Affiliates shall have the right, at its election and at its sole cost and expense, to settle and compromise such matter provided Ziplly Affiliates supplies the City with written acceptance of its indemnification obligations as contained in this Section. In the event any suit or action is commenced against the City based upon any such matter, the City shall likewise promptly notify Ziplly Affiliates thereof, and Ziplly Affiliates shall have the right, at its election and its sole cost and expense, to settle and compromise such suit or action, or defend the same at its sole cost and expense, by attorneys of its own election provided Ziplly Affiliates

has agreed in writing to the full indemnification and defense of the City and its officers, elected officials, agents, representatives, engineers, consultants, employees and volunteers. In the event of a less than full written agreement to indemnify and defend, the City may select attorneys and bill the costs of the same to Ziplly Affiliates and Ziplly Affiliates shall pay the same.

Section 13. Insurance

13.1 Ziplly Affiliates shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Franchise, insurance, against all claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the exercise of the Franchise granted hereunder to Ziplly Affiliates, its officers, directors, agents, representatives, servants, volunteers, or employees. Ziplly Affiliates shall provide certificate(s) of insurance and all applicable policy endorsements naming the City, its officers, elected officials, agents, employees, representatives, consultants and volunteers as additional insureds, and to the City for its inspection and approval prior to the commencement of any work or installation of any Facilities pursuant to this Franchise. Such certificate(s) of insurance shall evidence the following minimum coverages:

(i) Commercial general liability insurance or excess or umbrella liability insurance, including coverage for premises operations, explosions and collapse hazard, underground hazard and products completed hazard, written on an occurrence basis, with limits not less than:

- A. \$2,000,000 for bodily injury or death to each person; and
- B. \$2,000,000 for property damage resulting from any one accident.

(ii) Automobile liability for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a limit of \$2,000,000 for each person and \$2,000,000 for each accident.

(iii) Worker's compensation within statutory limits and employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000.

13.2 Ziplly Affiliates shall maintain the liability insurance policies required by this Section 13 throughout the term of this Franchise. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City. Payment of deductibles and self-insured retentions shall be the sole responsibility of Ziplly Affiliates. Such coverage shall continue to apply after termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Franchise as to all claims accruing during any hold-over period for a minimum of three (3) years, or longer if the Facilities remain in the ground.

13.3 Ziplly Affiliates 's insurance shall be primary insurance with respect to the City, its officers, elected officials, agents, employees, representatives, consultants and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the City, its officers, elected officials, agents, employees, representatives, consultants and volunteers shall be in excess of Ziplly Affiliates 's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

13.4 The cancellation clause of any certificate(s) of insurance (ACORD Form 25 or equivalent) provided to the City pursuant to Section 13.1 shall include the following provision:

“Should any of the policies described by this certificate be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will endeavor to provide at least thirty (30) days written notice thereof to the certificate holder.”

13.5 In the event any of the insurance required by this Section 13 is canceled or otherwise not renewed during the term of this Franchise, Ziplly Affiliates shall promptly acquire replacement insurance to restore and maintain the amount of coverage required by this Section 13 and shall promptly provide to the City certificate(s) of insurance and all applicable policy endorsements as provided in this Section 13 as may be applicable.

13.6 On or before sixty (60) days of the anniversary Effective Date of the Franchise, Ziplly Affiliates shall file with the City Clerk proof of continued insurance coverage, at least in the amounts required in this Section, through a Certificate of Insurance, indicating the coverage required herein.

Section 14. Administrative fees and Reimbursement of Costs.

14.1 As specifically provided by RCW 35.21.860, the City may not impose a franchise fee or any other fee or charge of whatever nature or description upon Ziplly Affiliates. However, as provided in RCW 35.21.860, the City may recover from Ziplly Affiliates actual administrative expenses incurred by the City that are directly related to: (i) receiving and approving a permit, license or this Franchise, (ii) inspecting plans and construction, or (iii) preparing a detailed statement pursuant to Chapter 43.21C RCW. Ziplly Affiliates agree to pay the City \$2,500.00 as an administrative fee to cover the cost to the City of preparing this Franchise.

14.2 If, at some time, the restrictions of RCW 35.21.860, or related statute, should be removed, Ziplly Affiliates and the City shall negotiate a fair and reasonable franchise fee. Nothing in this Section shall preclude the City from collecting from Ziplly Affiliates fees lawfully imposed by the City (related to this Franchise or otherwise) including fees for permits and inspections.

Section 15. Moving Buildings within the Franchise Area.

If any person or entity obtains permission from the City to use the Franchise Area for the moving or removal of any building or other object, the City shall, prior to granting such permission, require such person or entity to make any necessary arrangements with Ziplly Affiliates for the temporary adjustment of Ziplly Affiliates 's wires and/or cable to accommodate the moving or removal of said building or other object. Such necessary arrangements with Ziplly Affiliates shall be made, to Ziplly Affiliates 's satisfaction, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the moving or removal of said building or other object. In such event Ziplly Affiliates shall at the expense of the person or entity desiring to move or remove such building or other object, adjust any of its wires and/or cables which may obstruct the moving or removal of such building or other object, provided that:

- (i) The moving or removal of such building or other object which necessitates the adjustment of wires and/or cable shall be done at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner so as not to unreasonably interfere with Ziplly Affiliates 's business;

(ii) Where more than one route is available for the moving or removal of such building or other object, such building or other object shall be moved or removed along the route approved by the City; and

(iii) The person or entity obtaining such permission from the City to move or remove such building or other object shall be required to indemnify and save Ziplly Affiliates harmless from any and all claims and demands made against it on account of injury or damage to the person or property of another arising out of or in conjunction with the moving or removal of such building or other object, to the extent such injury or damage is caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of the person or entity moving or removing such building or other object or the negligence or intentional misconduct of the agents, servants or employees of the person or entity moving or removing such building or other object.

Section 16. Forfeiture, Revocation and Remedies

If Ziplly Affiliates shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Franchise, unless otherwise provided for herein, the City may serve upon Ziplly Affiliates a written notice to so comply within thirty (30) days from the date such notice is received by Ziplly Affiliates. If Ziplly Affiliates is not in compliance with this Franchise after expiration of said thirty (30) day period, the City may act to remedy the violation and may charge the costs and expenses of such action to Ziplly Affiliates, provided, however, if any failure to comply with this Franchise by Ziplly Affiliates cannot be corrected with due diligence within said thirty (30) day period (Ziplly Affiliates' obligation to comply and to proceed with due diligence being subject to unavoidable delays and events beyond its control), then the time within which Ziplly Affiliates may so comply shall be extended for such time as may be reasonably necessary and so long as Ziplly Affiliates commences promptly and diligently to effect such compliance.

The City may act without the thirty (30) day notice in case of an emergency. In the event Ziplly Affiliates fails to substantially cure defaults on more than two (2) occasions, the City may in addition, by motion of City Council, declare an immediate forfeiture of this Franchise. No forbearance by the City shall constitute a waiver of the City's right to enforce any provision of this Franchise.

Section 17 Non-Waiver.

Failure of the City to declare any breach or default of this Franchise immediately upon the occurrence thereof, or delay in taking any action in connection therewith, shall not waive such breach or default, but the City shall have the right to declare any such breach or default at any time. Failure of the City to declare one breach or default does not act as a waiver of the City's right to declare another breach or default. In addition, the pursuit of any right or remedy by the City shall not prevent the City from thereafter declaring a forfeiture or revocation for breach of the conditions therein.

Section 18 No Waiver, Expansion, Change of Boundary

18.1 The City, in granting this Franchise, does not waive any rights which it may now have or may hereafter acquire with respect to the Franchise Area of the City under this Franchise,

and this Franchise shall not be construed to deprive the City of any such powers, rights, privileges which it now has or may hereafter acquire to regulate the use of and to control the Franchise Area covered by this Franchise. Ziplly Affiliates shall be bound by all ordinances, resolutions, codes, rules, regulations or policies now or hereafter adopted regarding the City's Franchise Area.

18.2 Facilities in the City's Franchise Area that are incidental to the Franchise Area, or that have been, or are at any future time acquired, newly constructed, leased or utilized in any manner by Ziplly Affiliates shall be subject to all provisions of this Franchise.

18.3 Any subsequent additions or modifications of the boundaries of the City, whether by annexation, consolidation, or otherwise, shall be subject to the provisions of this Franchise as to all such areas.

Section 19 Abandonment of Facilities.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, in the event Ziplly Affiliates abandons and permanently ceases use of any of its Facilities within the Franchise Area, Ziplly Affiliates shall, within a reasonable period of time after such permanent cessation of use, remove such Facilities from the Franchise Area.

The City may allow, in its sole discretion, applicable conduit and wires to remain underground after Ziplly Affiliates has abandoned or permanently ceased to use such conduit and wire within the Franchise Area, provided said conduit and wires shall become the sole property of the City.

Section 20. Nonexclusive Franchise.

20.1 This Franchise is not, and shall not be deemed to be, an exclusive Franchise. This Franchise shall not in any manner prohibit the City from granting other and further franchises in, over, upon, under, across, and along the Franchise Area that do not interfere with Ziplly Affiliates' rights under this Franchise. This Franchise shall not prohibit or prevent the City from using the Franchise Area or affect the jurisdiction of the City over the same or any part thereof.

20.2 By granting this Franchise, the City is not assuming any risks or liabilities therefrom, which shall be solely and separately borne by Ziplly Affiliates. Ziplly Affiliates shall, at its sole cost and expense, take all necessary and prudent steps to protect, support, and keep safe from harm its Facilities, or any part thereof, when necessary to protect the public health and safety.

20.3 This Franchise is only intended to convey a limited right and interest. It is not a warranty of title or interest in the Franchise Area or any other City-owned property. None of the rights granted herein shall affect the City's jurisdiction over its property, including but not limited to the Franchise Area.

Section 21. Shared Use of Excavations

21.1 Ziplly Affiliates and the City shall exercise best efforts to coordinate construction work either may undertake within the Franchise Area so as to promote the orderly and expeditious

performance and completion of such work as a whole. Such efforts shall include, at a minimum, reasonable and diligent efforts to keep the other Party and other utilities within the Franchise Areas informed of its intent to undertake such construction work. Ziply Affiliates and the City shall further exercise its best efforts to minimize any delay or hindrance to any construction work undertaken by themselves or other utilities within the Franchise Area.

If at any time either Ziply Affiliates, the City, or another franchisee, shall cause excavations to be made within the Franchise Area, the party causing such excavation to be made shall afford the other upon receipt of a written request to do so, an opportunity to use such excavation, provided that:

(a) Such joint use shall not unreasonably delay the work of the party causing the excavation to be made;

(b) Such joint use shall be arranged and accomplished on terms and conditions satisfactory to both parties. The parties shall each cooperate with other utilities in the Franchise Area to minimize hindrance or delay in construction.

The party causing the excavation to be made shall give the other parties a written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of the project except in cases due to an emergency; provided, however, that Ziply Affiliates shall be deemed to have met its obligation under this Section when it applies for a permit as required within Section 6 Permitting Required. The City reserves the right to require Ziply Affiliates to joint trench with other facilities if both parties are anticipating trenching within the same Franchise Area and provided that the terms of (a) and (b) above are met.

Section 22. Franchise Term.

The initial term of the franchise shall be ten (10) years commencing on the Effective Date of the Franchise. At the expiration of the initial term, this Franchise shall be automatically extended, subject to approval of the Liberty Lake City Council, for an additional term of ten (10) years unless either party gives the other written notice of intent to terminate, which notice shall be given at least six (6) months before the expiration date.

Section 23. Assignment.

Ziply Affiliates shall not have the right to assign its rights, benefits and privileges in and under this Franchise without the prior written consent of the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any assignee shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of any assignment, file written notice of the assignment with the City together with its written acceptance of all terms and conditions of this Franchise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Ziply Affiliates shall have the right, without such notice or such written acceptance, to transfer its rights, benefits and privileges to a parent company, subsidiary, or affiliate of Ziply Affiliates, or mortgage its rights, benefits and privileges in and under this Franchise for the benefit of bondholders, provided such transfer or mortgage is not intended to avoid performance under this Franchise.

Section 24. Alteration of Franchise.

24.1 The City and Ziplly Affiliates hereby reserve the right to alter, amend or modify the terms and conditions of this Franchise in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

24.2 At any time during the term of this Franchise, the City or Ziplly Affiliates may request, by written notice, that the other Party promptly participate in negotiations to alter, amend or modify the terms and conditions of this Franchise.

24.3 Within a reasonable time after receipt of the notice required by Section 24.2, the City and Ziplly Affiliates shall, at a mutually agreed-upon time and place, commence negotiations to alter, amend or modify the terms and conditions of this Franchise. The City and Ziplly Affiliates shall conduct such negotiations in good faith and with due regard to all pertinent facts and circumstances; provided, however, that neither the City nor Ziplly Affiliates shall be obligated to agree to any proposed alteration, amendment or modification. Further, no rights or privileges granted by this Franchise shall be prejudiced, impaired or otherwise affected by the failure of the City or Ziplly Affiliates to agree to any proposed alteration, amendment or modification.

24.4 Neither the City nor Ziplly Affiliates shall be obligated to continue negotiations after the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date they commence such negotiations; provided, however, the City and Ziplly Affiliates may agree to continue such negotiations for an additional period of time.

24.5 Any alteration, amendment or modification to which the City and Ziplly Affiliates agree shall be submitted to the legislative authority of the City as a proposed ordinance. The ordinance so proposed shall expressly provide that, unless Ziplly Affiliates properly files a written notice of acceptance within sixty (60) days of its effective date, the ordinance shall not be effective and this Franchise shall not be altered, amended or modified. To the extent permitted by law, the party proposing the alteration, amendment or modification shall bear all actual administrative costs directly related to approval thereof.

Section 25 Franchise Dispute Resolution.

Except in cases of forfeiture under Section 16, disputes regarding the interpretation or execution of the terms of this Franchise shall be resolved by direct discussion between a decision-making representative of Ziplly Affiliates and the City's Public Works Director. Such discussion shall take place as soon as reasonably possible once the Parties are aware of the dispute.

In the event that direct discussions do not result in resolution of the dispute, the Parties shall in good faith attempt resolution of the matter through mediation. The Parties shall select a mediator as soon as reasonably possible after the failure of direct discussions. Should the Parties not agree on mediator selection, either of them may request that one be appointed by the Seattle office of the American Arbitration Association. Once a mediator is appointed, the Parties shall abide by the rules and instructions of the mediator. A mediation session shall be held as soon as reasonably possible after appointment of the mediator, and decision makers with authority to resolve the dispute shall personally attend the mediation session.

With Copy to: Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney
Evans, Craven & Lackie, P.S.
818 W. Riverside, Suite 250
Spokane, WA 99201

If to Ziplly Affiliates:
Attn: Jessica Epley
Ziplly Fiber & Affiliates
135 Lake Street South, Ste 155
Kirkland, WA 98033

From time to time the City and Ziplly Affiliates may designate another person and/or address for all purposes of this Franchise by a notice given to the other Party in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 32. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective on August 2, 2023, after having been published as required by law, having been passed at a regular meeting of the City Council, with approval of the Mayor of the City, and acceptance by Ziplly Affiliates.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 11th day of July, 2023.

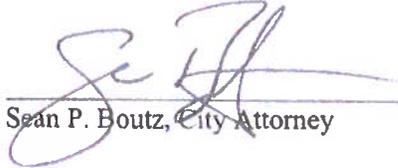
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Cristella Kaminskas
Mayor Cristella Kaminskas

ATTEST:

Kelsey Hardy
Kelsey Hardy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney

UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE BY:

I, the undersigned officer of ZiPLY Affiliates, am authorized to bind ZiPLY Affiliates _____ and to unconditionally accept the terms and conditions of the foregoing City of Liberty Lake Franchise Ordinance, which are hereby accepted by ZIPLY AFFILIATES this 19th day of JULY, 20~~22~~ 23

By: 

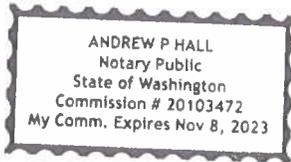
Name: GEORGE BAKER THOMSON, JR

Title: ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ~~SPOKANE~~ KING)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that George B. Thomson, Jr is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that s/he signed this instrument, on oath stated that s/he was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the Vice President of Ziply Affiliates Washington limited liability company, to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated: July 19, 2023



Andrew P. Hall
Notary Public for the State of WA
Print Name: ANDREW P. HALL
Residing in: KING COUNTY
My Commission Expires: 11-8-2023

Publication Date: 7/28/2023
Effective Date: 8/2/2023

