

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	March 18, 2024
Action Required:	Adoption of Franchise Agreement (first reading)
Presenter:	Jacob Stroman, City Attorney
Staff Contacts:	Steven Hicks, Public Works Director Ryan Franklin, Assistant City Attorney Jonathan Dean, Public Service Manager
Title:	Ordinance adopting the WANRock Telecommunications Franchise Agreement

Background

This is a very important project designed to increase internet accessibility and speed to all users of this network at the Charlottesville Public Schools. This also helps provide for public safety and to ensure the integrity of its roads and streets and the appropriate use of the Public Rights-of-Way the City enacts ordinances to impose regulations on telecommunications and its associated equipment and facilities currently in place or to be placed at some time in the future. These ordinances must be reviewed and renewed according to the timelines set forth in the specific agreement between the City and associated user of the Public-Rights-of-Way, specifically WANRack.

Discussion

Approval is needed for the creation of this Franchise Agreement in order to continue associated operations and regulations of associated equipment, including posts, poles, cables, wires and all other necessary overhead or underground apparatus and associated equipment on, over, along, in, under and through the streets, alleys, highways and other public places of the City that may be required by WANRack.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

To help ensure a Connected Community by regulating the use of the City's Public-Rights-of-Way.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

There is no budgetary impact except for the prescribed measures granted by this agreement for the City to recover costs as appropriate for WANRack's use of the Public-Rights-of-Way.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

1. WANRack Franchise Agreement