

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



Agenda Date:	June 17, 2024
Action Required:	Approve Franchise Agreement
Presenter:	Steven Hicks, Director of Public Works
Staff Contacts:	James Freas, Deputy City Manager Chris Sibold
Title:	Ordinance to create and enact Level 3 Communications Franchise Agreement (2nd reading)

Background

To help provide for public safety and 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 Level 3 Communications, LLC.

Discussion

Approval is needed for creation of this Franchise Agreement in order to continue operations and regulation 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 Level 3 Communications, LLC.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

NA

Community Engagement

NA

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 use of the Public-Rights-of-Way.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.

Alternatives

NA

Attachments

1. Lumen Franchise Agreement Final
2. Level 3 Communications Exhibit 1