

**ORDINANCE NO. 905**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON EXTENDING AND RESTATING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO NORTHWEST FIBER LLC BY ORDINANCE NO. 522 FOR A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, AND REPAIR A CABLE SYSTEM IN, ON, ACROSS, OVER, ALONG, UNDER, UPON, THROUGH, AND BELOW PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2008, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020, RCW 35A.47.040, and Chapter 12.25 SMC, the Shoreline City Council passed Ordinance No. 522 granting a twelve-year non-exclusive franchise for a cable system within the public-rights-of-way of the City to Verizon Northwest, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Franchise granted by Ordinance No. 522 expires on November 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution No. 289, the franchise was transferred to Frontier Communications Corporation and, with the passage of Resolution No. 443, the franchise was transferred to Northwest Fiber LLC; and

WHEREAS, the City and Northwest Fiber LLC are currently negotiating a new franchise agreement but such negotiations are still on-going, having been impacted by the recent acquisition of Frontier by Northwest Fiber LLC, and may continue beyond the November 4, 2020 expiration date of the current franchise; and

WHEREAS, by providing a one-year extension of the Franchise granted by Ordinance No. 522, the City and Northwest Fiber LLC will be able to complete negotiations that benefit the residents of the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Shoreline to grant a one-year non-exclusive franchise to Northwest Fiber LLC for a cable system within the City rights-of-way to allow for productive negotiations to occur;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Ordinance No. 522 Amended.** Section 1 of Ordinance No. 522, granting a non-exclusive franchise to Verizon Northwest, Inc. now transferred to Northwest Fiber LLC, is hereby amended to provide for a one (1) year extension of the franchise:

**Section 1. Grant of Franchise.** The second sentence of this section is amended to read:

Subject to the provisions in Ordinance No. 522, the term of the franchise shall be extended for a period of one (1) year, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time on November 5, 2020 and terminating at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on November 4, 2021, and shall grant Northwest Fiber LLC the right, privilege, and authority to construct, maintain, operate, and repair a cable system in, on, across, over, along, under, upon, through, and below the public rights-of-way to provide cable services in the City of Shoreline, all as provided in Exhibit A.

**Exhibit A – Cable Franchise Agreement. Section 2.3. Term.** This subsection is amended to read:

The amended and extended term of the Franchise granted hereunder shall be from 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time on November 5, 2020 to 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on November 4, 2021.

**Section 2. Terms and Conditions of Non-Exclusive Franchise Granted by Ordinance No. 522 Remain the Same.** Except as specifically provided in this Ordinance, the terms and conditions of the non-exclusive franchise granted to Northwest Fiber LLC by Ordinance No. 522, including Exhibit A Cable Franchise Agreement, continue in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this Ordinance to Northwest Fiber. No later than 11:59 p.m. PST, November 4, 2020, Northwest Fiber LLC shall accept in writing the extension authorized by this Ordinance and the continuation of the non-exclusive franchise granted by Ordinance No. 522. If Northwest Fiber LLC fails to provide written acceptance, this Ordinance shall become null and void and the franchise granted by Ordinance No. 522 shall expire.

**Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and/or the Code Reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the corrections of scrivener or clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering and references.

**Section 5. Severability.** Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to any person or situation.


**Section 6. Publication and Effective Date.** In accordance with state law, a summary of this Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper. The cost of such publication shall be borne by Northwest Fiber LLC. If accepted by Northwest Fiber LLC as provided in Section 3 above, this Ordinance shall take effect at 12:01 am Pacific Time on November 5, 2020. Otherwise, this Ordinance and the franchise granted by Ordinance No. 522 shall become null and void as of 11:59 pm Pacific Time on November 4, 2020.

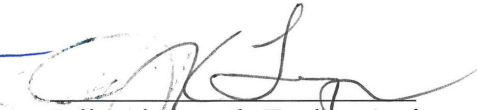
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 19, 2020.

  
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Mayor Will Hall

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Jessica Simulcik Smith  
City Clerk

  
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Julie Ainsworth-Taylor, Assistant City Attorney  
On behalf of Margaret King, City Attorney

Date of Publication: October 22, 2020  
Effective Date: November 5, 2020