1. CALL TO ORDER
   Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Additions/Deletions

2. AUDIENCE COMMENT

3. PUBLIC HEARING (pg. 2)
   Ordinance No. 17-0504, adopting an immediate, six-month moratorium on the acceptance of applications for Planned Residential Developments (PRD'S) under EMC 18.50.095, for the purpose of allowing the City to evaluate the existing regulations for consistency with law and the City’s Comprehensive Plan, such moratorium to be in effect while the City performs the necessary infrastructure analysis, legal review and follows the processes for any needed code amendments, and setting the date for the required public hearing, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390

4. MAYOR’S REPORT

5. CONSENT AGENDA (pg. 9): The consent agenda includes items that are routine in nature and are adopted by one motion. Should Council wish to discuss a consent agenda item, the item would be removed from the consent agenda and discussed under Council Business.
   The following items are presented for Council approval:
   A. Study Session and Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2017.
   B. AB 17-032, a motion approving August 2017 Budgeted Expenditures as follows:
      IRS 941 ACHs; AWC Employee Benefit Trust; Deferred Compensations Program; Dept. of Retirement Systems and Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of $87,428.30; and Vendor Check Numbers 22851-22872 with EFT Payments in the amount of $3,892,458.06. Total distributions submitted for review & authorization in the amount of $3,979,886.36.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS
   A. AB17-0505 (pg. 22), a motion to accept first reading of Ordinance No. 17-0505, granting a nonexclusive franchise to Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, to construct and operate a telecommunications system within certain public rights-of-way; providing for severability, and establishing an effective date
   B. AB17-0506 (pg. 75), a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-0506, establishing the procedures for the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, consistent with the Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW), describing the elements of a complete application, the steps involved in processing involving the Planning Commission and City Council, requiring public notice of public hearings, describing the content of the public notice, establishing the criteria for approval of amendments to Development Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan, describing the final action by the City Council, adopting a Public Participation Program as required by RCW 36.70A.140 and repealing Chapter 18.60 of the Edgewood Municipal Code, and adopting a new Chapter 18.60 to the Edgewood Municipal Code

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. ADJOURN

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council, City of Edgewood
FROM: Carol Morris, Morris Law, P.C., Edgewood City Attorney
RE: Public Hearing on PRD Moratorium

I. Background. What is a Planned Residential Development (PRD)? As explained by the Washington courts:

Traditional zoning has had the virtue of certainty and the handicap of rigidity. A designated zone authorized certain uses and no others. A designated zone authorized certain uses and no others, absent a variance. While a rezone into a more permissive class might accommodate a desirable use, it might also allow an undesirable one. … In contrast the PUD achieves flexibility by permitting specific modifications of the customary zoning standards as applied to a particular parcel. The developer is not given carte blanche authority to make any use which would be permitted under traditional zoning. … [T]his flexible device is often referred to as a floating zone. It hovers over the entire municipality until subsequent action causes to embrace an identified area. … What is the legal nature and effect of the act of imposing a PUD upon a specific parcel of land? We hold that it is an act of rezoning …

1 Lutz v. City of Longview, 83 Wash.2d 566, 568, 520 P.2d 1374 (1974). A PUD, or planned unit development is the same as a PRD or planned residential development. In some cities, a PUD does not allow residential uses.

In sum, municipalities allow PRDs for flexibility, and to encourage developers to use a more creative approach to developing land, especially where there are environmental constraints, such as wetlands.

II. Edgewood’s PRD code. In Edgewood, a developer may request a PRD on certain properties in order to increase the density allowed in the underlying zoning classification. In exchange for the increase in density, the developer must provide the City with some benefit that

3 EMC 18.50.095(A).
would not otherwise be required under the City’s codes for the project, such as open space. Based on the existing code, a developer may request a density increase as follows:

A density increase of up to 20 percent greater than allowed in the underlying zone is permissible provided that the minimum requirements of this chapter are met. A maximum density increase of up to 50 percent greater than the underlying zone may be authorized where the PRD satisfies at least five of the following criteria: 

These criteria for the 50% increase are extremely subjective and do not address the negative consequences associated with increased density. The Examiner makes a recommendation on the PRD to the City Council, but the content of this recommendation is confusing. Nothing requires the Examiner to find compliance with EMC 18.50.095, and there are additional criteria to consider.

In addition, nothing in the existing PRD regulations explain PRD and subdivision processing. “Unless an applicant for a preliminary plat approval requests otherwise, a preliminary plat shall be processed simultaneously with applications for rezones, variances, planned unit developments, . . . and similar quasi-judicial or administrative actions to the extent that procedural requirements applicable to these actions permit simultaneous processing.” The reason for this is because a preliminary plat cannot be approved unless and until the city “makes a formal written finding of fact that the proposed subdivision . . . is in conformance with any applicable zoning ordinance or other land use controls which may exist.”

What these statutes mean in practice is that if a developer has requested a PRD for a 50 lot preliminary plat, when the underlying zoning only allows 25 lots, the Examiner cannot approve the preliminary plat unless the Examiner first makes a finding that the PRD meets all applicable criteria. In other words, the PRD application and the preliminary plat application must be processed together. If the Examiner finds that the PRD application does not meet the PRD criteria, then the preliminary plat application can’t be approved.

The final problem with the City’s PRD code is that the Examiner makes a recommendation on the PRD to the City Council and the Council makes the final decision. However, the City’s procedures for processing a preliminary plat require that the Examiner make the final decision, which is appealable to the City Council. If these two applications must be processed

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4 EMC 18.50.095(H).
5 Does this mean chapter 18.50 EMC?
6 EMC 18.50.095(J)(1).
7 EMC 18.50.095(J)(1)(a) through (f).
8 EMC 18.50.095(N), which states that the Examiner’s recommendation “
9 RCW 58.17.070.
10 RCW 58.17.195.
11 EMC 18.50.095(N).
12 EMC 18.40.100.
simultaneously, the Examiner cannot make a final decision on one and not the other. Either the Examiner makes a recommendation on both and the Council makes the final decision -- OR, the Examiner makes the final decision on both and both are appealable to the City Council.

III. MORATORIUM. On July 11, 2017, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-504, which imposed a moratorium on the submission of all new PRD applications. Under RCW 36.70A.390, the City may adopt a moratorium to be effective for a period of six months (without a work program), provided that a public hearing is held within at least 60 days of the adoption of the moratorium. In addition, the City must adopt findings and conclusions to support the moratorium immediately after the public hearing.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON MORATORIUM. On August 8, 2017, the City Council will hold the public hearing on the moratorium. The public hearing should include:

A. Open the Public Hearing.

B. Staff presentation -- explaining the need for the moratorium, the fact that the moratorium doesn’t prevent development because it doesn’t prevent anyone from submitting any applications for preliminary plats or other projects. Staff will also explain what will be done during the moratorium (this is described in Section 2 of Ordinance No. 17-504).

C. Allow the public to testify on the moratorium.

D. Close the public hearing.

E. Council deliberations on whether or not the moratorium should remain in effect, or whether it should be shorter or longer (the moratorium can be in place for up to a year as long as the City adopts a work program).

F. Council vote on whether or not to repeal Ordinance No. 17-504, or to amend it by making the moratorium shorter or longer. If the Council desires to leave the moratorium in place without changes, no vote is required.

G. Mayor directs the staff to prepare the findings and conclusions, to support the Council’s decision, to be presented at the next Council meeting.
ORDINANCE NO. 17-0504

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING AN IMMEDIATE, SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (PRD’S) UNDER EMC 18.50.095, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CITY TO EVALUATE THE EXISTING REGULATIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH LAW AND THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SUCH MORATORIUM TO BE IN EFFECT WHILE THE CITY PERFORMS THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS, LEGAL REVIEW AND-follows the processes for any needed code amendments, and setting the date for the required public hearing, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70B.080(1) requires the City of Edgewood to adopt development regulations which address the deadline for the City’s issuance of a final decision on “project permit applications,” which include planned residential developments; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Planned Residential Development (PRD) regulations in Edgewood Municipal Code Section 18.50.095, without a known deadline for the issuance of a final decision; and

WHEREAS, RCW 58.17.070 provides that “unless an applicant for preliminary plat approval requests otherwise, a preliminary plat shall be processed simultaneously with applications for rezones, variances, planned unit developments, site plan approvals and similar quasi-judicial or administrative actions to the extent that procedural requirement applicable to these actions permit simultaneous processing;” and

WHEREAS, the City’s PRD regulations do not require concurrent processing of a PRD application with an application for a preliminary plat (as required by RCW 58.17.070);¹ and

WHEREAS, the City cannot approve a preliminary plat or short plat if it doesn’t comply with the City’s zoning regulations (RCW 58.17.195); and

WHEREAS, the City’s PRD regulations in EMC Section 18.50.095, allow a developer to obtain approval of a preliminary plat with an increase in the density allowed by the zoning regulations applicable to the subject property, before the PRD application is processed; and

WHEREAS, the City’s PRD regulations provide that the Hearing Examiner’s makes a recommendation on the PRD to the City Council, and the Council makes the final decision (EMC 18.50.095(N); and

¹ EMC Section 18.50.095(K)(4) provides that “an application for a preliminary plat or other development approval may be submitted with the PRD application, if necessary.”
WHEREAS, the City’s procedures for processing a preliminary plat provide that the Hearing Examiner makes a final decision, which can be appealed to the City Council (EMC 18.40.100); and

WHEREAS, because the City is required by state law to process a PRD and preliminary plat concurrently, the processing procedures must be amended so that they are consistent (both with regard to the decision-maker, criteria for approval and the deadline for issuance of a final decision); and

WHEREAS, EMC 18.50.095(J) allows an increase in density of a PRD of up to 20 percent in excess of the density in the underlying zone, but if the developer satisfies five of the criteria in that subsection, an increase in density of up to 50 percent over the density in the underlying zone may be allowed; and

WHEREAS, while the City is considering amendments to EMC 18.50.095, the City also needs to consider whether the criteria for approval of a PRD are clear and enforceable (EMC 18.50.095(A) requires that a PRD must:

1. Promote the retention of significant features of the natural environment, including without limitation waterways and views;

2. Encourage a variety of housing types in relating to the city’s existing housing stock;

3. Encourage maximum efficiency in the location of streets, utility networks and other public improvements; and

4. Create and/or preserve open space for the enjoyment of the occupants and the general public;

In addition, EMC 18.50.095(E) requires that the design and layout of the PRD “shall positively accentuate and harmonize the relationship of the site to the surrounding area and existing uses”; and

WHEREAS, if the City’s code potentially allows a development to exceed the density in the underlying zone by 20 or 50 percent, the City’s comprehensive plan must include analyses of the availability of water, sewer and transportation infrastructure to demonstrate that such potential development can be served; and

WHEREAS, EMC 18.50.095(N) sets forth criteria for the Hearing Examiner to consider when determining whether to approve a PRD, which are not the same criteria for approval in other sections of the PRD section (EMC 18.50.095(A), (E), (H) or (J)); and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.390 authorizes the City to adopt a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for PRD’s, to be effective for a period of up to six months, provided that a public hearing is held within at least 60 days of the adoption of the moratorium, and findings and conclusions are adopted immediately thereafter to support the moratorium;
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this moratorium is to allow the City adequate time to perform analyses, draft, consider and adopt, any necessary amendments to its existing PRD regulations.

**Section 2 Moratorium Adopted.** This moratorium is adopted, to be effective immediately, for a period of six (6) months, in order to provide the City with adequate time to:

A. Allow the staff adequate time to prepare any necessary analyses relating to the availability of water, sewer or transportation infrastructure, in order to determine whether the City can meet concurrency requirements if it allows an increase of 20-50% in density for potential development in the SF-5 (single-family high density); MR-1 (mixed residential low density); MR-2 (mixed residential moderate density; or any split zoned parcel greater than 3 acres in size where residential uses are allowed in both zones. Because Edgewood plans under the Growth Management Act (chapter 36.70A RCW), the City staff also needs to review the PRD regulations together with the City’s comprehensive plan to ensure that they are consistent.

B. Draft a new PRD ordinance or draft amendments to the existing PRD regulations, in order to comply with law and integrate with the City’s code processes. The SEPA Responsible Official will perform SEPA on this moratorium and on the draft ordinance;

C. The City will follow its procedures for adoption of amendments to its development regulations in Chapter 18.60.010 EMC, including but not limited to: providing public notice of the planning commission public hearing on the draft ordinance, holding the public hearing and forwarding the planning commission’s recommendation to the City Council;

D. The City Council will consider the draft ordinance during a regular Council meeting and/or hold a public hearing on it prior to adoption.

**Section 3 Effect of Moratorium.** Effective upon passage of this moratorium ordinance and during the six-month period of this moratorium, the City will not accept any applications for any planned residential developments. If any PRD application has been submitted to the City without a preliminary plat (or other permit subject to the vested rights doctrine) on the effective date of this moratorium, it shall be returned to the applicant.

**Section 4. Public Hearing on Moratorium.** Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on this moratorium ordinance within sixty (60) days of its adoption. This public hearing shall be held on August 8, 2017. During the Council meeting immediately following this public hearing, the City Council shall adopt findings of fact and conclusions on the subject of this moratorium and either justify its continued imposition or repeal this ordinance.

**Section 5. Declaration of Emergency.** The City Council hereby declares that an emergency exists necessitating that this moratorium ordinance take effect immediately upon passage by a majority plus one of the whole membership of the Council, and that the same is not

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2 According to EMC Section 18.50095(B), these are the zones where PRD’s are allowed.
subject to a referendum. If this moratorium is not adopted immediately, applications for PRD’s may be submitted with other applications subject to the vested rights doctrine. If this occurs, the City may be required to consider both applications as vested, and process them under the City’s existing regulations, leading to confusion and possible incompatibility between the existing and future development regulations. Therefore, this moratorium ordinance must be adopted immediately as an emergency measure to protect the public health, safety and welfare, so that the City has adequate time to consider new PRD regulations which are consistent with law and the City’s comprehensive plan.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon adoption, having received the vote of a majority plus one of the entire Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 11, 2017

Daryl Eidinger, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carol A. Morris, City Attorney

Date of Publication: July 13, 2017
Effective Date: July 11, 2017
1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger (Not voting), Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Stephanie Shook, Councilmember Rosanne Tomyn, Councilmember Nate Lowry. Excused: Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Luke Meyers.
Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, Assistant City Administrator Aaron Nix, City Clerk Rachel Pitzel, and Jeremy Metzler, Senior Engineer.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Review – Review submission of Council Highlight (Fall Edition)
Councilmember Shook discussed her submission. Mayor Eidinger noted any comments/corrections should be given to the City Clerk before the August 10 deadline.

B. Discussion – Surface Water Management Plan Update
Senior Engineer Metzler discussed the SWMP updated that is underway with the City’s consultant, Herrera. He noted they are identifying gaps in the program to date, and a draft memo from Herrera is included in the packet material. He discussed public workshops being scheduled sometime in September.

Councilmember Shook stated it would be nice to have education happen before September.

Metzler noted an article would be placed in the fall edition of the Edgewood magazine on education and the SWMP and what it all means.

Councilmember Shook stated that perhaps a note about the barricades and citizens not driving around them should be included in the article.

Assistant City Administrator Nix discussed fall projects: design work done intersection for 112th and 24th; large scale issues- injection project sites - no easy fixes, he noted the white paper for flood control is expected in the next few weeks and will be shared with Council and up on the website. He noted staff is interested in exploratory work in how deep we have to go with an injection system, and noted two potential properties to identify exploratory drilling sits and then a feasibility test would be done.

C. Discussion – Sewer Development
Assistant City Administrator Nix discussed the sewer development and making significant stride with the general sewer plan with hopes to begin the process of a much-needed update on how the City will provide sewer in the future. He noted issues associated with the LID, the school district and service area. He stated, one of the issues not resolved is an older issue before the city was incorporated, which is the Northwood Elementary and the construction of the sewer line when
that school was constructed. He noted they were utilizing a tank storage facility, and looking to tie in to a sewer, and entered into an agreement with PC to tie into an existing line that ran along Taylor St., the agreement noted the school would construct it and PC would manage it.

Mr. Nix discussed the agreement, what it means for the city, and noted there needs to be more discussion about this and what the Council would like to see.

D. Discussion – Verizon Wireless (Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership) Franchise Agreement

Assistant City Administrator Nix discussed this being a second group from that focuses on the small cell sites. He noted Councilmember Meyers bringing up benefits from these franchise agreements and needed clarification on how the City can benefit, and what he sees as a benefit.

Councilmember Shook noted that she is thinking Councilmember Meyers is thinking more along the lines of emergency management and SatCOWs (Satellite Communications on Wheels) which have the ability to rapidly set up an alternate broadband communications infrastructure at a disaster site.

Assistant City Administrator Nix thanked Councilmember Shook for her clarification, and noted his intent is to move forward with first and second reading.

E. Discussion/Review – View Pointe Final Plat

Senior Engineer Metzler discussed the plat located behind the storage unit on Meridian.

3. OTHER COUNCIL ISSUES

There was no Council comment.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Mayor Eidinger reconvened the meeting at 8:04pm and announced the Special Council meeting.
2. CONSENT AGENDA
The consent agenda includes items that are routine in nature and are adopted by one motion. Should Council wish to discuss a consent agenda item, the item would be removed from the consent agenda and discussed under Council Business.

The following items are presented for Council approval:

A. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017,
B. Study Session Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2017.
C. AB 17-031, a motion approving July 2017 Budgeted Expenditures as follows: IRS 941 ACHs; Deferred Compensations Program; Dept. of Retirement Systems; Dept. of Labor & Industries; Employment Security Department and Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of $58,154.02; and Vendor Check Numbers 22839-22850 with EFT Payments in the amount of $36,723.00. Total distributions submitted for review & authorization in the amount of $94,877.02

Motion: As read, Action: Approve, Moved by Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Seconded by Councilmember Stephanie Shook. Motion passed unanimously 5-0).

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS
A. AB 17-0503, a motion to accept second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 17-0503, granting a nonexclusive franchise to MCIMetro Access Transmission Services Corp. D/B/A/ Verizon Access Transmission Services, to construct and operate a private telecommunications system within certain public rights of way; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date

Assistant City Administrator noted this is the second reading and noted, he recommends Council’s adoption.

Motion: As Read, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilmember Stephanie Shook, Seconded by Councilmember Donna O’Ravez. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk
Daryl Eidinger, Mayor
Date Action Requested: August 8, 2017

Title: AB 17-032, a motion approving August 2017 Budgeted Expenditures as follows: IRS 941 ACHs; AWC Employee Benefit Trust; Deferred Compensations Program; Dept. of Retirement Systems and Payroll Direct Deposit in the amount of $87,428.30; and Vendor Check Numbers 22851-22872 with EFT Payments in the amount of $3,892,458.06. Total distributions submitted for review & authorization in the amount of $3,979,886.36


Submitted By: Dave Gray, Assistant City Administrator, Finance
Approved For Agenda By: Mayor Daryl Eidinger
Prepared For Agenda By: Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk

Recommendation: Move to Approve AB17-032

Discussion: Approval of Claims and Payroll Expenditures

Alternatives: 1) Do not approve. 2) Refer to Council Study Session for Further Review.

Fiscal Impact: An increase in the sum of $3,979,886.36 to authorized Budgeted Expenditures.
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**Total Distribution Submitted for Review & Authorization**: $3,979,886.36

**Authorization Adjustments**: $3,979,886.36

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**Claims Voucher Approval**: I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or the labor performed

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CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Agenda Bill No.: 17-0505

Date: August 8, 2017

Title: Verizon Franchise Agreement (Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership Communications)

Attachments: Draft Franchise Agreement with SMSA Limited Partnership, DBA Verizon

Ordinance No. 17-0505

Submitted By: Aaron C. Nix, ACA Municipal Services

Approved For Agenda By: Daryl Eidinger, Mayor

Prepared For Agenda By: Aaron C. Nix, ACA Municipal Services

Discussion: Staff and the City Attorney have been working with Verizon (i.e. Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership), another extension to this Corporation, in establishing a Franchise Agreement to allow them the ability to construct, install, maintain, repair and operate a telecommunications system to provide telecommunications (data transport services) within the City’s right of way, as dictated by Edgewood Municipal Code. As discussed on several occasions with the Council, Staff is exploring opportunities in which the City may benefit from this wireless infrastructure in exchange for the use of the City’s right of way. Staff is continuing to work with legal counsel and this potential franchisee, as time allows, in order to find some common ground based on the Council’s request. Limited staffing is hindering progress in this regard, but as discussed at the Council’s August 1st Study session, the Council’s desires were made clearer directly to SMSA Limited Partnership and are being pursued by Staff.

Recommendation: Move to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 17-0505, granting a non-exclusive franchise to Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, to construct and operate a telecommunications systems within certain public rights-of-way; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Alternatives: 1) Do not adopt. 2) Forward to Study Session for further review

Fiscal Impact: N/A
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO SEATTLE SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Public Rights-of-Way within the City belong to the public and are built and maintained at public expense for the use of the general public, the primary purpose of which is public travel, and must be managed and controlled consistent with that intent, and

WHEREAS, SEATTLE SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP has made application to the City of Edgewood for a telecommunications franchise to construct, install, maintain, repair and operate a telecommunications system to provide telecommunications (data transport services) using specified portions of the Public Rights-of-Way, and

WHEREAS, SEATTLE SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP represents that it is a telecommunications company within the meaning of Title 80 RCW and that it may provide competitive telecommunications services within the meaning of Title 80 RCW, and

WHEREAS, based on representations and information provided by SEATTLE SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP and in response to its request for the grant of a franchise, the City Council has determined that the grant of a nonexclusive franchise, on the terms and conditions herein and subject to applicable law, is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by applicable law to grant such nonexclusive franchise within the boundaries of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Except as provided at Section 3.7 herein (order of precedence), for the purposes of this Franchise and the Exhibits attached hereto, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations where capitalized shall have the meanings given herein. Words not defined herein shall have the meaning given in relevant sections of the Edgewood Municipal Code. Words not defined herein or in the Edgewood Municipal Code, shall have the meaning given pursuant to such state and federal statutes, rules, or regulations that apply to and regulate the services provided by the Franchisee now existing or hereafter amended, including without limitation the definitions and word usages set forth in the Communications Act (as hereafter defined). Words not otherwise defined, shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. 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. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely
directory. References to governmental entities (whether persons or entities) refer to those entities or
their successors in authority. If specific provisions of law, regulation or rule referred to herein be
renumbered, then the reference shall be read to refer to the renumbered provision.

“Affiliate” when used in connection with Franchisee means any Person who owns or controls, is
owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with Franchisee.

“Mayor” means and refers to the City of Edgewood Mayor or his or her designee.

“Breach” shall mean any failure of a Party to keep, observe, or perform any of its duties or
obligations under this Franchise.

“City” shall mean the City of Edgewood, a municipal corporation organized as a non-charter
code city, operating under the laws of the state of Washington.

“Communications Act” shall mean the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 151, et seq., as
amended by the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Consumer Protection and
Competition Act of 1992, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as it may be amended from time to
time.

“Construct” shall mean to construct, reconstruct, install, reinstall, align, realign, locate, relocate,
adjust, affix, attach, operate, maintain, repair, replace, upgrade, excavate, dig, restore, remove, and/or
support.

“Corrective Action” shall mean a Party undertaking action as provided in this Franchise to
perform a duty or obligation that the other Party is obligated to but has failed to perform.

“Design Document(s)” shall mean the plans and specifications, in electronic form and in a file
format requested by the City, for the Construction of the Facilities illustrating and describing the
refinement of the design of the Facilities to be Constructed, establishing the scope, relationship, forms,
size and appearance of the Facilities by means of plans, design specifications or standards, sections and
elevations, typical construction details, location, alignment, materials, and equipment layouts. The
Design Documents shall include specifications that identify utilities, major material and systems, Public
Right-of-Way improvements, restoration and repair, and establish in general their quality levels.

“100% Design Submittal” means a Design Document, in electronic form and in a file format
requested by the City, upon which Franchisee’s contractors will rely in constructing the Facilities.

“Direct Costs” shall mean and include all administrative expenses allowed to be charged by the
City to Franchisee under RCW 35.21.860(1)(b) including administrative expenses directly related to
approving this Franchise, to inspecting plans and construction, or the preparation of a detailed
environmental impact statement pursuant to RCW 43.21(C).

“Development Permit” shall mean and refer to a project permit as that term is defined in EMC
18.20.070(D).
“Effective Date” shall mean and refer to that term as it is defined at Section 4.3 herein.

“Emergency” shall mean and refer to a sudden condition or set of circumstances that, (a) significantly disrupts or interrupts the operation of Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way and Franchisee’s ability to continue to provide services if immediate action is not taken, or (b) presents an imminent threat of harm to persons or property if immediate action is not taken.

"Environmental Law(s)" means any federal, state or local statute, regulation, code, rule, ordinance, order, judgment, decree, injunction or common law pertaining in any way to the protection of human health or the environment, including without limitation, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Model Toxics Control Act, and any similar or comparable state or local law.

“Facility (ies)” means any part or all of the facilities, equipment and appurtenances of Franchisee, whether underground, overhead, across, above, along, below, in, over, or through, and located within the Public Right-of-Way as part of the Franchisee’s Telecommunications Service, including but not limited to, conduit, case, pipe, line, fiber, fiber optic cables, cabling, coaxial cables, equipment, equipment boxes, cabinets and shelters, electric meters, backup power supplies, power transfer switches, telecom demarcation boxes, vaults, generators, conductors, poles, carriers, drains, vents, guy wires, encasements, sleeves, valves, wires, supports, foundations, towers, anchors, transmitters, receivers, antennas, and signage, and related materials and equipment; and any and all other equipment, appliances, attachments, appurtenances and other items necessary, convenient, or in any way appertaining to any and all of the foregoing.

“Franchise” shall mean the non-exclusive grant, once accepted, giving general permission to the Franchisee to enter into and upon the Public Rights-of-Way, and to use and occupy the same for the purposes authorized herein, all pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions of the Franchise Ordinance. Franchisee shall not be required to amend this Franchise to construct new Facilities within the Franchise Area.

“Franchisee” shall mean Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and any of its Affiliates.

“Franchise Ordinance” shall mean this Ordinance setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the Franchisee shall be granted the Franchise.

“Franchise Area” shall mean collectively or individually the Public Rights-of-Way located within the incorporated area of the City, as depicted and described in Exhibit A-1.

"Hazardous Substance" means any hazardous, toxic, radioactive or infectious substance, material or waste as defined, listed or regulated under any Environmental Law, and any element, compound, mixture, solution, particle, or substance, which presents danger or potential danger for damage or injury to health, welfare, or to the environment, including, but not limited to: those substances which are inherently or potentially radioactive, explosive, ignitable, corrosive, reactive, carcinogenic, or toxic; those substances which have been recognized as dangerous or potentially dangerous to health, welfare, or to the environment by any federal, municipal, state, City, or other governmental or quasi-governmental authority, and/or any department or agency thereof; those substances which use, or
have its a component thereof or therein, asbestos or lead-based paint; and petroleum oil and any of its fractions.

“Law(s)” shall mean all present and future applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolutions, Franchises, authorizations, environmental standards, orders, decrees and requirements of all federal, state, City and municipal governments, the departments, bureaus or commissions thereof, authorities, boards or officers, any national or local board of fire underwriters, or any other body or bodies exercising similar functions having or acquiring jurisdiction over all or any part of the Facilities, including the City acting in its governmental capacity, or other requirements. References to Laws shall be interpreted broadly to cover government actions, however nominated, and include laws, ordinances and regulations now in force or hereinafter enacted or amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Laws shall not include any preempted law, amended law or newly created law (whether arising from the Federal’s, State’s, City’s or any other governmental authority’s lawful exercise of their powers, including the City’s police power as further described in Section 3.3, or otherwise), that violates Franchisee’s rights to continue or modify existing non-conforming uses, or any other changes to laws, which do not apply to previously-constructed real estate improvements or telecommunications facilities.

“Legal Action” shall mean filing a lawsuit or invoking the right to arbitration.

“Material Breach” shall mean any of the following circumstances that continues for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice and opportunity to cure (except that if the circumstance cannot reasonably be cured within the thirty (30) day period, then the circumstance shall not be deemed a Material Breach so long as the Party commences to cure within the thirty (30) day period and diligently pursues the cure):

- Breach of a Party’s obligation to defend or indemnify the other Party;
- If a Party attempts to evade any material provision of this Franchise or engages in any fraud or deceit upon the other Party;
- If Franchisee becomes insolvent, or if there is an assignment for the benefit of Franchisee’s creditors;
- If Franchisee fails to provide or maintain the insurance, bonds, cash deposit or other security required by this Franchise;
- A bad faith breach;
- A Transfer in violation of Section 2.7 (Transfer);
- Breach of Section 3.5 (Subsequent Action);
- Breach of Section 6.1 (Dispute Avoidance);
- Breach of Section 7.14 (Abandonment);
- Any breach that cannot practicably be cured; or
- Any non-material breach that is not cured as required pursuant to Section 6.3 herein.

“Non-Material Breach” means any breach that does not constitute a Material Breach.

“Noticed Party” shall mean the Party in receipt of notice that it is in breach.

“Person” means and includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock-company, Limited Liability Company, political subdivision, public corporation, taxing districts, trust, or
any other legal entity, but not the City or any Person under contract with the City to perform work in the Public Rights-of-Way.

“Party (ies)” shall mean either the City or the Franchisee or both, dependent upon the context.

“Public Rights-of-Way” means the surface of, and the space above, across, along, in over, through, under and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, shoulder, curb, landscape area between sidewalk and curb or shoulder, utility easement, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, any easement now or hereafter held by the City within the corporate boundaries of the City as now or hereafter constituted for the purpose of public travel, and over which the City has authority to grant permits, licenses or franchises for use thereof, but excluding railroad rights-of-way, airports, harbor areas, buildings, parks, poles, conduits, and excluding such similar facilities or property owned, maintained or leased by the City in its governmental or proprietary capacity or as an operator of a utility.

“Record Drawings” shall mean the “As Built” plans and specifications, in electronic form and in a file format requested by the City, showing the construction of the facilities illustrating and describing the refinement of the design of the Facilities as Constructed, establishing the final scope, relationship, forms, size and appearance of the Facilities by means of plans, design specifications or standards, sections and elevations, typical construction details, location, alignment, materials, and equipment layouts. In addition, the As Built plans and specifications shall include plans that identify other utilities, major material and systems, Public Right-of-Way improvements and restoration and repair locations.

“Regulatory Permit” means a permit issued under the regulatory authority of the City that provides specific requirements and conditions for Work to Construct Facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way and includes by way of example and not limitation, a Right-of-Way permit, construction permit, building permit, street utility cut permit, and clearing and grading permit.

“Remedy”, “Remediate” and “Remedial Action” shall have the same meaning as these are given under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW) and its implementing regulations at Chapter 173-340 WAC.

“Service” shall mean the service or services authorized to be provided by the Franchisee under the terms and conditions of this Franchise.

“Telecommunications” shall have the same meaning as given under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §153(43).

“Transfer” shall mean any transaction in which all or a portion of the Utility System (including all or a portion of the Facility) is sold, leased or assigned (except a sale or transfer that results in removal of a particular portion of the Utility System from the Public Rights-of-Way); or the rights and/or obligations held by the Franchisee under the Franchise are transferred, sold, assigned, or leased, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, to another Person (the “Transferee”). A transfer of control of an operator shall not constitute a transfer as long as the same Person continues to hold the Franchise both before and after the transfer of control.
“Utility System” shall mean collectively the Facilities that together with other facilities, appurtenances and equipment of Franchisee or other Persons are used to provide a service or services whether or not such service is provided to the public.

“Work” shall mean any and all activities of the Franchisee, or its officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, invitees, or licensees, within the Public Rights-of-Way to Construct the Facilities pursuant to this Franchise.

ARTICLE 2. FRANCHISE GRANT

2.1 Public Right-of-Way Use Authorized. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Franchise, the City hereby grants to Franchisee a nonexclusive Franchise authorizing the Franchisee to Construct Facilities in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, and under the Public Rights-of-Ways located within the Franchise Area and authorized pursuant to a Regulatory Permit.

2.2 Authorized Services. The grant given herein expressly authorizes Franchisee to use the Public Rights-of-Way to Construct Facilities to provide Telecommunications Service. This authorization is limited and is not intended nor shall it be construed as granting Franchisee or any other Person the right, duty or privilege to use its Facilities or the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Services not specifically authorized therein. This Franchise shall not be interpreted to prevent the City from lawfully imposing additional conditions, including additional compensation conditions for use of the Public Rights-of-Way, should Franchisee provide Service other than Service specifically authorized herein.

2.3 No Rights Shall Pass to Franchisee by Implication. No rights shall pass to Franchisee by implication. Without limiting the foregoing and by way of example, this Franchise shall not include or be a substitute for:

2.3.1 Any other authorization required for the privilege of transacting and carrying on a business within the City that may be required by the Laws of the City;

2.3.2 Any agreement or authorization required by the City for Public Rights-of-Way users in connection with operations on or in Public Rights-of-Way or public property including, by way of example and not limitation, a utility permit; or

2.3.3 Any licenses, leases, easements or other agreements for occupying any other property or infrastructure of the City or other Persons to which access is not specifically granted by this Franchise including, without limitation, agreements for placing devices on poles, light standards, in conduits, in vaults, in or on pipelines, or in or on other structures or public buildings.

2.3.4 Any permits, including Regulatory Permits, or other authorizations that may be required under the zoning and land use code and development regulations of the City for the construction of Facilities within a particular zoning district in the City, including by way of example and not limitation, a conditional use permit or a variance.
2.4 **Interest in the Public Right-of-Way.** This Franchise shall not operate or be construed to convey title, equitable or legal, in the Public Rights-of-Way. No reference herein to a Public Right-of-Way shall be deemed to be a representation or guarantee by the City that its interest, or other right to control the use of such Public Right-of-Way, is sufficient to grant its use for such purposes. This Franchise shall be deemed to grant no more than those rights which the City may have the undisputed right and power to give. The grant given herein does not confer rights other than as expressly provided in the grant hereof and is subject to the limitations in applicable Law.

Franchisee acknowledges that, where City has ownership rights, those ownership rights may terminate for other reasons, such as a street vacation. Franchisee further acknowledges that Franchisee’s rights under this Franchise as to any Franchise Area, are subject and subordinate to all outstanding rights and encumbrances on City’s Public Rights-of-Way, and any easements, other franchise agreements, licenses, permits or agreements in effect on or before the Effective Date; City therefore grants to Franchisee no more right, title and interest in any Public Right-of-Way than the City holds in such Public Rights-of-Way at the time of grant, and Franchisee hereby releases City from any and all liability, cost, loss, damage or expense in connection with any claims that City lacked sufficient legal title or other authority to convey the rights described herein. In case of eviction of Franchisee or Franchisee’s contractors by anyone owning or claiming title to, or any interest in the Franchise Area, City shall not be liable to Franchisee or Franchisee’s Contractors for any costs, losses or damages of any Party.

2.5 **Condition of Franchise Area.** Franchisee represents that it has inspected or will inspect the Franchise Area, and enters upon such Franchise Area with knowledge of its physical condition and the danger inherent in operations conducted in, on or near the Franchise Area. Franchisee accepts the Franchise Area in an “As-Is With All Faults” basis with any and all patent and latent defects and is not relying on any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, of any kind whatsoever from the City as to any matters concerning the Franchise Area, including, but not limited to the physical condition of the Franchise Area; zoning status; presence and location of existing utilities; operating history; compliance by the Franchise Area with Environmental Laws or other Laws and other requirements applicable to the Franchise Area; the presence of any Hazardous Substances or wetlands, asbestos, or other environmental conditions in, on, under, or in proximity to the Franchise Area; the condition or existence of any of the above ground or underground structures or improvements, including tanks and transformers in, on or under the Franchise Area; the condition of title to the Franchise Area, and the leases, easements, Franchises, orders, licensees, or other agreements, affecting the Franchise Area (collectively, the “Condition of the Franchise Area”).

Franchisee represents and warrants to the City that neither Franchisee nor its contractors or subcontractors have relied and will not rely on, and the City is not liable for or bound by, any warranties, guaranties, statements, representations or information pertaining to the Condition of the Franchise Area or relating thereto made or furnished by the City, or any agent representing or purporting to represent the City, to whomever made or given, directly or indirectly, orally or in writing. The City hereby disclaims any representations or warranty, whether expressed or implied, as to the design or condition of the Franchise Area, its merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, the quality of the materials or workmanship of the Public Right-of-Way, or the conformity of any part of the Public Right-of-Way to its intended uses. The City shall not be responsible to Franchisee or any of Franchisee’s contractors for any damages relating to the design, condition, quality, safety, merchantability or fitness for any
particular purpose of any part of the Public Right-of-Way present on or constituting any Franchise Area, or the conformity of any such property to its intended uses.

2.6 Franchise Nonexclusive. This Franchise shall be nonexclusive. Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the City may at any time grant authorization to others to use the Public Rights-of-Way for any lawful purpose; provided that such other uses do not unreasonably interfere with Franchisee’s rights set forth in this Franchise including but not limited to Franchisee’s use and placement of Franchisee’s Facilities in any Public Right-of-Way and/or Franchise Area. Further, this Franchise shall in no way prevent or prohibit the City from using any of its Public Ways or affect its jurisdiction over them or any part of them, and the City shall retain power to make all necessary changes, relocations, repairs, maintenance, establishment, improvements, and dedication of the same as the City may deem fit, including the dedication, establishment, maintenance, and improvement of all new Public Ways.

2.7 Transfer. Franchisee may Transfer this Franchise after receipt by the City of Exhibit “A-1”, or a form substantially similar to Exhibit “A-1”, agreeing that Transferee(s) shall thereafter be responsible for all obligations of Franchisee with respect to the Franchise and guaranteeing performance under the terms and conditions of the Franchise and that Transferees will be bound by all the conditions of the Franchise and will assume all the obligations of the Franchisee arising after the effective date of Transfer. Such a Transfer shall relieve Franchisee of any further obligations under the Franchise, including any obligations not fulfilled by Franchisee’s Transferee; provided that, the Transfer shall not in any respect relieve Franchisee, or any of its successors in interest, of responsibility for acts or omissions, known or unknown, or the consequences thereof, which acts or omissions occur prior to the time of the Transfer. This Franchise may not be transferred without filing or establishing with the City the insurance certificates, and performance bond as required pursuant to this Franchise, if any, and paying all Direct Costs, if any, to the City related to the Transfer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice to the City shall not be required for a mortgage, hypothecation or an assignment of Franchisee’s interest in the Franchise in order to secure indebtedness.

Franchisee may, without the prior written notice to the City: (i) lease the Facilities, or any portion thereof, to another Person; (ii) grant an indefeasible right of user interest in the Facilities, or any portion thereof, to another Person; or (iii) offer or provide capacity or bandwidth in its Facilities to another Person; provided that, Franchisee at all times retains exclusive control over its Facilities and remains responsible for all obligations under this Franchise, including but not limited to Constructing its Facilities pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Franchise; such Persons shall not be construed to be a third-party beneficiary hereunder; and, no such Person may use the Facilities for any purpose not authorized herein.

2.8 Street Vacation. If any Public Right-of-Way or portion thereof used by Franchisee pursuant to this Franchise is to be vacated during the Franchise Term, unless as a condition of such vacation the Franchisee is granted the right to continue its Facilities in the vacated Public Right-of-Way, Franchisee shall, without delay or expense to City, within ninety (90) days after Franchisee’s receipt of written notice from City, remove its Facilities from such Public Right-of-Way, and restore, repair or reconstruct the Public Right-of-Way where such removal has occurred, and place the Public Right-of-Way where such removal has occurred, in as good or better a condition as existed immediately prior to the removal of Franchisee’s Facilities, unless a lesser condition may be required by the City.
2.9 Reservation of City Use of Public Right-of-Way. Nothing in this Franchise shall prevent the City from constructing sanitary or storm sewers; grading, changing grade, paving, repairing or altering any Public Right-of-Way; laying down, repairing or removing water mains; or installing conduit or fiber optic cable; provided that City’s use shall not unreasonably interfere with Franchisee’s rights set forth in this Franchise including but not limited to Franchisee’s use and placement of Franchisee’s Facilities in any Public Right-of-Way and/or Franchise Area.

ARTICLE 3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

3.1 Compliance with Laws. Except as provided herein pursuant to Section 3.3, Franchisee shall comply fully with all applicable Laws as now or hereafter in effect, and any lawful orders from regulatory agencies or courts with jurisdiction over Franchisee and its Facilities, or over the City and the Public Rights-of-Way, and shall fully indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the City, its officials, officers and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, suits, penalties, costs and causes of action arising from any failure by Franchisee to so comply except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of City or its agents, employees or contractors. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Franchise, City authorizes and acknowledges Franchisee’s use of Hazardous Substances used in the normal course of providing Telecommunications Services including, without limitation, backup batteries, and such use shall not be deemed a failure to comply with Laws.

3.2 Police Powers. Franchisee acknowledges that its rights hereunder are subject to those powers expressly reserved by the City and further are subject to the police powers of the City to adopt and enforce ordinances necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. Franchisee agrees to comply with all lawful and applicable general ordinances now or hereafter enacted by the City pursuant to such power. Such powers expressly include but are not limited to, the right to adopt and enforce applicable zoning, building, permitting and safety ordinances and regulations, the right to adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations relating to equal employment opportunities, and the right to adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations governing work performed in the Public Right-of-Way.

3.3 Alteration of Material Terms and Conditions. Subject to federal and State preemption, the material rights, benefits, obligations or duties as specified in this Franchise may not be unilaterally altered by the City through subsequent amendments to any ordinance, regulation, resolution or other enactment of the City, except within the lawful exercise of the City’s police power, which the City hereby expressly reserves in full.

3.4 Reservation of Rights/Waiver. The City shall be vested with the power and right to administer and enforce the requirements of this Franchise and the regulations and requirements of applicable Law, or to delegate that power and right, or any part thereof, to the extent permitted under Law, to any agent in the sole discretion of the City. The City expressly reserves all of its rights, authority and control arising from any relevant provisions of federal, State or local Laws granting the City rights, authority or control over the Public Rights-of-Way or the activities of Franchisee. Nothing in this Franchise shall be deemed to waive the requirements of the various codes and ordinances of the City regarding franchises, fees to be paid or manner of Construction. Nothing in this Franchise shall be deemed to waive, and Franchisee specifically reserves the right to challenge, any City ordinance, regulation or resolution that conflicts with its rights under this Franchise. Nothing in this Franchise shall abrogate the City’s right to perform any public works or public improvements of any description.
3.5 **Subsequent Action.** If the terms of this Franchise are materially altered due to changes in or clarifications governing Law or due to agency rule making or other action, then the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to reconstitute this Franchise in a way consistent with then-applicable Law in a form that, to the maximum extent possible, is consistent with the original scope, intent and purpose of the City and Franchisee and preserves the benefits bargained for by each Party.

3.6 **Change in Form of Government.** Any change in the form of government of the City shall not affect the validity of this Franchise. Any governmental unit succeeding the City shall, without the consent of Franchisee, succeed to all of the rights and obligations of the City provided in this Franchise except as expressly provided by applicable Laws.

3.7 **Order of Precedence.**

3.7.1 In the event of a conflict between a provision, term, condition, or requirement of the Edgewood Municipal Code or City ordinances in effect upon the Effective Date and a provision, term, condition, or requirement of this Franchise, the provision, term, condition, or requirement of the Municipal Code or City ordinances shall control to the extent of such conflict.

3.7.2 In the event of a conflict between a provision, term, condition, or requirement of the Municipal Code or City ordinances enacted subsequent to the Effective Date and a provision, term, condition, or requirement of this Franchise, the provision, term, condition, or requirement of the Municipal Code or City ordinances shall control, to the extent of the conflict, subject to Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of this Franchise.

3.8 **WSDOT Requirements.** To the extent that some Public Rights-of-Way within the Franchise Area are part of the state highway system ("State Highways") and are governed by the provisions of Chapter 47.24 RCW and applicable Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requirements in addition to local ordinances and other regulations, the provisions of this subsection 3.8 shall apply, and Franchisee agrees that:

(a) Any pavement trenching and restoration performed by or on behalf of Franchisee within State Highways shall meet or exceed applicable WSDOT requirements;

(b) Any portion of a State Highway damaged or injured by Franchisee shall be restored, repaired and/or replaced by Franchisee to a condition that meets or exceeds applicable WSDOT requirements; and

(c) Without prejudice to any right or privilege of the City, WSDOT is authorized to enforce in an action brought in the name of the State of Washington any condition of this Franchise with respect to any portion of a State Highway.

**ARTICLE 4. ACCEPTANCE**

4.1 **Acceptance.** Within thirty (30) days after the passage and approval of this Franchise by the City Council, this Franchise shall be accepted by Franchisee by filing with the City Clerk during regular
business hours, or such other person as may be designated by the City, three originals of this Franchise with its original signed and notarized written acceptance of all of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Franchise in conformance with the Exhibits hereto, together with the following, if required herein:

4.1.1 Payment in readily available funds of the administrative costs for issuance of the Franchise in conformance with the requirements of Section 5.8 herein.

4.1.2 Submission of proof of financial security in accordance with Section 5.4 herein.

4.1.3 Payment of the costs of publication of this Franchise Ordinance in conformance with the requirements of Sections 5.8 and 8.18 herein.

4.1.4 Intentionally deleted.

In the event that the thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday during which the City is closed for business, the filing date shall fall on the first business day following such Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

4.2 Failure to Timely File Acceptance. Except as provided in this Section 4.2 below, the failure of Franchisee to timely file its written acceptance shall be deemed a rejection by Franchisee of this Franchise, and this Franchise shall then be void. In the event that Franchisee timely files its written acceptance but fails to timely comply with the applicable requirements of sections 4.1.1 through 4.1.4, this Franchise shall be voidable in the sole discretion of the Mayor without further action required by the City Council or the consent of Franchisee. The Franchise shall be voidable until such time as Franchisee complies with all of the applicable requirements of sections 4.1.1 through 4.1.4. No opportunity to cure or public hearing is required to void the Franchise pursuant to this Section 4.2 by giving written notice of the same to Franchisee.

4.3 Effective Date; Term.

4.3.1 Effective Date. Except as provided pursuant to Section 4.2 of this Franchise, the Effective Date of this Ordinance and franchise shall be 12:01 a.m. on the 31st day (one month) following passage and approval of this Franchise by the City Council. This Franchise and the rights, privileges, and authority granted hereunder and the contractual relationship established hereby shall take effect and be in force from and after the Effective Date of this Ordinance for the Franchise Term (defined below).

4.3.2 Term. The term of this Franchise shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of Five (5) years (“Initial Term”), unless sooner terminated, revoked or rendered void. No more than 180 days prior to expiration, the Parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the term of this Franchise for an additional five year term upon the same terms and conditions as provided herein and in accordance with then-applicable Laws (“Extension Term”). The Mayor is authorized to execute such an extension on behalf of the City without further action or approval by the City Council. The Initial Term and any Extension Term shall be defined collectively as the “Franchise Term.”

4.4 Effect of Acceptance. By accepting the Franchise, Franchisee:
4.4.1 Accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by all of the terms and conditions of this Franchise;

4.4.2 Acknowledges and accepts the City's legal right to grant this Franchise;

4.4.3 Agrees that the Franchise was granted pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with applicable Law and that it will not raise any claim to the contrary.

4.4.4 Agrees that it enters into this Franchise freely and voluntarily, without any duress or coercion, after free and full negotiations, after carefully reviewing all of the provisions, conditions and terms of this Franchise, and after consulting with counsel;

4.4.5 Acknowledges and agrees that it has carefully read the terms and conditions of this Franchise; it unconditionally accepts all of the terms and conditions of this Franchise; it unconditionally agrees to abide by the same; it has relied upon its own investigation of all relevant facts; it was not induced to accept this Franchise; and, that this Franchise represents the entire agreement between Franchisee and the City.

4.4.6 Warrants that Franchisee has full right and authority to enter into and accept this Franchise in accordance with the terms hereof, and by entering into or performing this Franchise, Franchisee is not in violation of its charter or by-laws, or any law, regulation, or agreement by which it is bound or to which it is subject.

4.4.7 Warrants that acceptance of this Franchise by Franchisee has been duly authorized by all requisite Board action, that the signatories for Franchisee hereto are authorized to sign the Franchise acceptance, and that the joinder or consent of any other party, including a court, trustee, or referee, is not necessary to make valid and effective the execution, delivery, and performance of this Franchise.

4.5 Effect of Expiration/Termination. Upon expiration or termination of the Franchise without renewal, extension or other authorization, Franchisee shall no longer be authorized to operate the Facilities within the Franchise Area and shall, to the extent it may lawfully do so, cease operation of the Facilities. Forthwith thereafter, except as provided in this Section, Franchisee shall, at Franchisee’s sole expense: (1) within ninety (90) days after the expiration or termination of the Franchise, remove its structures or property from the Public Rights-of-Ways and restore the Public Right-of-Way where such removal has occurred to such condition as the City may reasonably require (except that in no event in a condition better than the condition existing immediately prior to the removal of Franchisee’s Facilities); (2) sell its Facilities to another entity authorized to operate Facilities within the Franchise Area (which may include the City) upon City approval, which approval shall be provided to Franchisee in writing, to the extent the City may lawfully require its approval; or (3) abandon any Facilities in place in the Public Rights-of-Way upon written notice to the City of Franchisee’s intent to so do. If, within ninety (90) days of the City’s receipt of Franchisee’s notice of abandonment, the City reasonably determines that the safety, appearance, or use of the Public Rights-of-Way would be adversely affected, then City shall provide Franchisee with written notice of such determination (“Determination Notice”) and the Facilities must be removed by the Franchisee by a date reasonably specified by the City in the Determination Notice in light of the amount of work to be performed (but in no event less than ninety (90) days after Franchisee’s receipt of the Determination Notice). In the event of failure by Franchisee properly to
perform such work, then the City may, after thirty (30) days written notice to Franchisee, perform the work and collect the actual and reasonable costs thereof from Franchisee.

ARTICLE 5. PROTECTION OF THE CITY AND PUBLIC

5.1 Limitation of Liability

5.1.1 Indemnity/Defense. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Franchisee shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and City’s successors, assigns, legal representatives, officers (elected or appointed), employees, and agents (collectively, “Indemnitees”) for, from, and against any and all third party claims, liabilities, fines, penalties, costs, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, demands, judgments, and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs, reasonable attorney’s fees, and costs of investigation, removal and remediation, and governmental oversight costs), environmental or otherwise (collectively “Liabilities”) of any nature, kind, or description, of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of (in whole or in part):

5.1.1.1 Intentionally deleted;

5.1.1.2 Intentionally deleted;

5.1.1.3 Franchisee’s occupation and use of the Public Right-of-Way;

5.1.1.4 Franchisee’s operation of the Facilities;

5.1.1.5 The presence of the Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way;

5.1.1.6 The environmental condition and status of the Public Right-of-Way caused by or contributed to, in whole or in part, by Franchisee or its contractors, employees, or agents; and

5.1.1.7 Any negligent act or omission of Franchisee or Franchisee’s contractors, agents, or employees in connection with work in the Public Right-of-Way.

This covenant of indemnification shall include, but not be limited by this reference, to Liabilities arising, as a result of the negligent acts or omissions of Franchisee, its agents, servants, officers, or employees in barricading, instituting trench safety systems or providing other adequate warnings of any excavation, construction, or work in any public Right-of-Way or other public place in performance of work or services permitted under this Franchise.

This covenant of indemnification shall specifically include, without limitation, claims for delay, damages, costs and/or time asserted by any contractor performing public work for or on behalf of the City to the extent such matters are caused by or result from the negligent acts or omissions of Franchisee under this Franchise.
The fact that Franchisee carries out any activities under this Franchise through independent contractors shall not constitute an avoidance of or defense to Franchisee’s duties of defense and indemnification under this Section 5.1.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the terms of this section shall not require Franchisee to protect, release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and City’s Indemnitees from any Liabilities to the extent caused by or arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of City or City’s Indemnitees, and provided further that if the Liabilities are caused by or result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the Franchisee or its agents, employees or contractors and (b) City or its Indemnitees, this Section with respect to Liabilities based upon such concurrent negligence shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Franchisee or its agents, employees or contractors and only to the extent allowed by Law and except as limited in this Franchise.

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that this Franchise is subject to the provisions of RCW 4.23.115, the Parties agree that the indemnity provision hereunder shall be deemed amended to conform to said statute and liability shall be allocated as provided therein.

5.1.2 Tender of Defense. Upon written notice from the City, Franchisee agrees to assume the defense of any lawsuit, claim or other proceeding brought against any Indemnitee by any entity, relating to any matter covered by this Franchise for which Franchisee has an obligation to assume liability for and/or save and hold harmless any Indemnitee. City’s failure to notify and request indemnification shall not relieve Franchisee of any liability that Franchisee might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices Franchisee’s ability to defend such claim or suit. Franchisee shall pay all costs incident to such defense, including, but not limited to, attorneys’ fees, investigators’ fees, litigation and appeal expenses, settlement payments, and amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments. Further, said indemnification obligations shall extend to claims that are not reduced to a suit and any claims that may be compromised prior to the culmination of any litigation or the institution of any litigation. The City has the right to defend and may participate in the defense of a claim and, in any event, Franchisee may not agree to any settlement of claims financially affecting the City without the City’s prior written approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. If separate representation to fully protect the interests of both Parties is necessary, such as a conflict of interest between the City and the counsel selected by Franchisee to represent the City, Franchisee shall select additional counsel with no conflict with the City.

5.1.3 Refusal to Accept Tender. In the event Franchisee refuses the tender of defense in any suit or any claim, said tender having been made pursuant to the indemnification clauses contained herein, and said refusal is subsequently determined by a court having jurisdiction (or such other tribunal that the Parties shall agree to decide the matter), to have been a wrongful refusal on the part of Franchisee, then Franchisee shall pay all of the City’s reasonable and actual costs for defense of the action, including all reasonable expert witness fees and reasonable attorneys’ fees and the reasonable costs of the City, including reasonable attorneys’ fees of recovering under this indemnification clause.

5.1.4 Title 51 Waiver. Franchisee waives immunity under RCW Title 51 relating solely to indemnity claims made by the City directly against Franchisee for claims made against the City by Franchisee’s employees and affirms that the City and the Franchisee have specifically negotiated this provision, as required by RCW 4.24.115, to the extent it may apply.
5.1.5 **Inspection.** Inspection or acceptance by the City of any Work performed by Franchisee at the time of completion of construction shall not be grounds for avoidance of any of these covenants of indemnification.

5.2 **Compliance with all Applicable Laws.** Each party agrees to comply with all applicable Laws except that Franchisee shall not be required to comply with future changes in land use laws existing non-conforming uses and other changes to laws that do not apply to previously-constructed real estate improvements and/or wireless communications facilities.

5.3 **Insurance Requirements.** See Attached Exhibit “C”.

5.4 **Financial Security.** See Attached Exhibit “D”.

5.5 **Intentionally omitted.**

5.6 **Contractors/Subcontractors.** Franchisee’s contractors and subcontractors performing Work in the Public Rights-of-Way shall comply fully with such bond, indemnity and insurance requirements as may be required by City code or regulations, or other applicable Law. If no such requirements are set forth in the City code or regulations, Franchisee’s contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the requirements set forth in attached Exhibit “E”.

5.7 **Liens.** In the event that any City property becomes subject to any claims for mechanics’ or materialmen’s liens, which Franchisee does not contest in good faith, Franchisee shall promptly, and in any event within thirty (30) days, cause such lien claim to be discharged or released of record (by payment, posting of bond, court deposit, or other means), without cost to the City, and shall indemnify the City against all costs and expenses (including attorneys’ fees) incurred in discharging and releasing such claim of lien. If any such claim is not so discharged and released, the City may pay or secure the release or discharge thereof at the expense of Franchisee after first giving Franchisee thirty (30) days’ advance notice of its intention to do so. Nothing herein shall preclude Franchisee’s or the City’s contest of a claim for lien chargeable to or through Franchisee or the City, or of a contract or action upon which the same arose.

5.8 **Financial Conditions.**

5.8.1 **Franchise Fees.** Intentionally deleted.

5.8.2 **Reimbursement of Direct Costs of Issuance, Renewal, Amendment and Administration.** Franchisee shall fully reimburse the City for the City’s reasonable Direct Costs (including attorney’s fees) relating to the issuance, renewal, amendment (if requested by or for the benefit of the Franchisee) and administration of this Franchise.

5.8.3 **Reimbursement of Direct Costs of Design Review and Inspection.** City approvals and inspections, as provided for in this Franchise, are for the sole purpose of protecting the City’s rights as the owner or manager of the Public Rights-of-Way and are separate and distinct from the approvals and inspections and fees that may be required pursuant to a Regulatory Permit. Therefore, Franchisee
shall fully reimburse to the City, its reasonable Direct Costs of approvals and inspections, to the extent
that such Direct Costs are not included in the costs for issuance of and compliance with the Regulatory
Permit. Approvals and inspection, by way of example and not limitation, include review of design
documents and inspection for compliance with Standards and 100% Design Submittal.

5.8.4 Reimbursement of Direct Costs of Altering Public Rights-of-Way. Franchisee
shall fully reimburse the City for the reasonable Direct Costs incurred by the City in planning,
designing, constructing, installing, repairing or altering any City infrastructure, structure, or facility as
the result of the actual or proposed presence in the Public Right-of-Way of Franchisee’s Facilities. Such
costs and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the Direct Costs of City personnel and
contractors utilized to oversee or engage in any work in the Public Right-of-Way as the result of the
presence of Franchisee’s Facilities in the Right-of-Way, and any time spent reviewing construction plans
in order to either accomplish the relocation of Franchisee’s Facilities or the routing or rerouting of any
public utilities or Public Rights-of-Way so as not to interfere with Franchisee’s Facilities. Upon request
as a condition of payment by Franchisee, all billing will be itemized so as to specifically identify the
Direct Costs for each project for which the City claims reimbursement. A reasonable charge for the
actual cost incurred in preparing the billing may also be included in said billing.

5.8.5 Franchisee Responsibility for Costs. Except as expressly provided otherwise in
this Franchise, any act that Franchisee, its contractors or subcontractors are required to perform under
this Franchise shall be performed at their sole cost and expense.

5.8.6 Franchisee Work Performed by the City. Any work performed by the City that
Franchisee has failed to perform as required pursuant to this Franchise and which is performed by the
City in accordance with the terms of this Franchise Ordinance, shall be performed at the cost and
expense of the Franchisee. Franchisee shall be obligated to pay the reasonable Direct Costs to the City
of performing such work.

5.8.7 Costs to be Borne by Franchisee. Franchisee shall fully reimburse the City for all
costs of publication of this Franchise, and any notices prior to any public hearing regarding this Franchise,
contemporaneous with its acceptance of this Franchise.

5.8.8 Taxes and Fees. Nothing contained in this Franchise shall exempt Franchisee
from Franchisee’s obligation to pay any lawful utility tax, business tax, or ad valorem property tax, now
or hereafter levied against real or personal property within the City, or against any local improvement
assessment imposed on Franchisee. Any lawful fees, charges and/or fines provided for in the Edgewood
Municipal Code or any other City ordinance, and any compensation charged and paid for the Public
Rights-of-Way, whether pecuniary or in-kind, are separate from, and additional to, any and all federal,
state, local, and City taxes as may be levied, imposed or due from Franchisee.

5.8.9 Itemized Invoice. Upon request and as a condition of payment by the Franchisee
of Direct Costs payable by Franchisee under this Franchise, City shall submit an itemized billing so as to
specifically identify the Direct Costs incurred by the City for each project for which the City claims
reimbursement.
5.8.10 Time for Payment. All non-contested amounts owing shall be due and paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice; provided that, in the event that an itemized invoice is not provided at the time of receipt of invoice and the City receives a request from Franchisee for an itemized invoice within 30 days of receipt of invoice, such amounts shall be due and paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the itemized invoice.

5.8.11 Overdue Payments. Any amounts payable under this Franchise by Franchisee which shall not be paid upon the due date thereof, shall bear interest at the rate set forth in RCW 19.52.020, which as of the Effective Date is twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date that such payment is due.

5.8.12 Contesting charges. Franchisee may contest all or parts of amounts owed within thirty (30) days of receipt of any invoice. The City will investigate Franchisee’s contest and will make appropriate adjustments to the invoice, if necessary, and resubmit the invoice to Franchisee. Franchisee shall pay any amounts owing as itemized in the resubmitted invoice which amounts shall be due within thirty (30) days of receipt of the resubmitted invoice. However, Franchisee does not waive its rights to further dispute resolution processes pursuant to Section 6.1 of this Franchise. Submittal of a dispute over amounts owing pursuant to Section 6.1 does not relieve Franchisee of its obligation to pay amounts due under the resubmitted invoice.

5.8.13 Receivables. Either Party hereto may assign any monetary receivables due them under this Franchise; provided, however, such transfer shall not relieve the assignor of any of its rights or obligations under this Franchise.

ARTICLE 6. ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES.

6.1 Dispute Avoidance/Mediation.

6.1.1 Communication and Discussion. The Parties are fully committed to working with each other throughout the Franchise Term and agree to communicate regularly with each other at all times so as to avoid or minimize Disputes. The Parties agree to act in good faith to prevent and resolve potential sources of conflict before they escalate into a Dispute. The Parties each commit to resolving a Dispute in an amicable, professional and expeditious manner.

6.1.2 Representatives. If a Dispute cannot be resolved through discussions by each Party’s representative, upon the request of either Party, each Party shall each designate a senior representative (“Senior Representative”), and the Senior Representatives for the Parties shall meet as soon as conveniently possible, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after such a request is made, to attempt to resolve the Dispute. Prior to any meetings between the Senior Representatives, the Parties will exchange relevant information that will assist the Parties in resolving their differences.

6.1.3 Mediation. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute under the procedure set forth in this Section, the Parties hereby agree that the matter may, at the mutual discretion of the Parties, be referred to mediation. Either Party may request mediation upon a determination by that Party that the Parties are unable to resolve the Dispute pursuant to Section 6.1.2 herein. The Parties shall thereupon mutually agree upon a mediator to assist them in resolving their differences. If the Parties are unable to agree upon a mediator, the Parties shall jointly obtain a list of seven (7) mediators from a reputable
dispute resolution organization and alternate striking mediators on that list until one remains. A coin
toss shall determine who may strike the first name. If a Party fails to notify the other Party of which
mediator it has stricken within two (2) business days, the other Party shall have the option of selecting
the mediator from those mediators remaining on the list. Unless the Parties agree otherwise, mediation
shall commence in no case later than thirty (30) days after a mediator is selected. Any expenses
incidental to mediation shall be borne equally by the Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed as
requiring mediation as a prerequisite to litigation or other method of Dispute Resolution.

6.1.4 Intent. The obligations of this Section 6.1 are not intended and shall not be
construed to prevent a Party from, assessing liquidated damages, issuing an order to cure an alleged
Non-Material Breach, or taking Corrective Action.

6.2 Remedies. The Parties have the right to seek any and all of the following remedies,
singly or in combination, in the event of Material Breach:

6.2.1 Specific Performance. Each Party shall be entitled to specific performance of
each and every obligation of the other Party under this Permit without any requirement to prove or
establish that such Party does not have an adequate remedy at law. The Parties hereby waive the
requirement of any such proof and acknowledge that either Party would not have an adequate remedy at
law for the commission of an event of default or Breach hereunder.

6.2.2 Injunction. Each Party shall be entitled to restrain, by injunction, the actual or
threatened commission or attempt of an event of default or Breach and to obtain a judgment or order
specifically prohibiting a violation or breach of this Franchise without, in either case, being required to
prove or establish that such Party does not have an adequate remedy at law. The Parties hereby waive the
requirement of any such proof and acknowledge that the other Party would not have an adequate
remedy at law for the commission of an event of default or Breach hereunder.

6.2.3 Alternative Remedies. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither the existence
of other remedies identified in this Franchise nor the exercise thereof shall be deemed to bar or
otherwise limit the right of the either Party to commence an action for equitable or other relief, and/or
proceed against the other Party and any guarantor for all direct monetary damages, costs and expenses
arising from the default or Breach and to recover all such damages, costs and expenses, including
reasonable attorneys’ fees.

6.2.4 Damages. Except as otherwise provided or limited herein, (i) seek equitable relief,
and/or (ii) commence an action at law for monetary damages or impose liquidated damages as set forth
below. Remedies are cumulative; the exercise of one shall not foreclose the exercise of others. No
 provision of this Franchise shall be deemed to bar either Party from seeking appropriate judicial relief.
Neither the existence of other remedies identified in this Franchise nor the exercise thereof shall be deemed
to bar or otherwise limit the right of either Party to recover monetary damages, as allowed under applicable
law, or to seek and obtain judicial enforcement by means of specific performance, injunctive relief or
mandate, or any other remedy at law or in equity. The City specifically does not, by any provision of this
Franchise, waive any right, immunity, limitation or protection otherwise available to the City, its officers,
officials, City Council, Boards, commissions, agents, or employees under federal, State, or local law.
6.3 **Right to Cure Breach.**

6.3.1 **Notice.** If a Party believes that the other Party is in Non-Material Breach, such Party shall give written notice to the Noticed Party stating with reasonable specificity the nature of the alleged non-material Breach. The Noticed Party shall have thirty (30) days, or such lesser or greater time as specified in the notice, from the receipt of such notice to:

6.3.1.1 Respond to the other Party, contesting that Party’s assertion that a Breach has occurred, and request a meeting in accordance with Section 6.1; or

6.3.1.2 Cure the Breach; or

6.3.1.3 Notify the other Party that the Noticed Party cannot cure the Breach within the time provided in the notice, because of the nature of the Breach. In the event the Breach cannot be cured within the time provided in the notice, the Noticed Party shall promptly take all reasonable steps to cure the Breach and notify the other Party in writing and in detail as to the exact steps that will be taken and the projected completion date. In such case, the other Party may set a meeting to determine whether additional time beyond the time provided in the notice is indeed needed, and whether the Noticed Party’s proposed completion schedule and steps are reasonable.

6.3.2 **Communication.** If the Noticed Party does not cure the alleged Non-Material Breach within the cure period stated above, or denies the alleged Non-Material Breach the Parties shall meet in accordance with Section 6.1 to attempt to resolve the Dispute.

6.3.3 **Time to Cure.** When specifying the time period for cure, the Party giving notice shall take into account, the nature and scope of the alleged Breach, the nature and scope of the work required to cure the Breach, whether the Breach has created or will allow to continue an unsafe condition, the extent to which delay in implementing a cure will result in adverse financial consequences or other harm to the Party giving notice, and whether delay in implement a cure will result in a violation of Law or breach of contract.

6.3.4 **Failure to Cure.** If the Noticed Party fails to promptly commence and diligently pursue cure of a Non-Material Breach to completion to the reasonable satisfaction of the Party giving notice and in accordance with the agreed upon time line or the time provided for in the Notice of Breach, then the Non-Material Breach shall become a Material Breach.

6.4 **Material Breach.** In the event of a Material Breach, no opportunity to cure shall be required before taking Legal Action to remedy the Material Breach created as a result of the failure to cure.

6.5 **Termination/Revocation.** In addition to the remedies available to the City as provided at Law, in equity or in this Franchise, upon a Material Breach, the City may revoke this Franchise and rescind all rights and privileges associated with this Franchise in accordance with the following:

6.5.1 **Notice.** Prior to termination of the Franchise, the City shall give written notice to the Franchisee of its intent to revoke the Franchise and request a meeting and commence dispute resolution pursuant to Section 6.1 of this Franchise. The notice shall set forth the exact nature of the Material Breach.
If Franchisee objects to such termination, Franchisee shall object in writing and state its reasons for such objection and provide any explanation. If the Material Breach has arisen as a result of a failure to cure a Non-Material Breach, and the Parties have previously mediated the dispute pursuant to Section 6.1 herein, the Parties are not obligated to utilize the dispute resolution process before proceeding to a public hearing as provided as 6.5.2 herein.

6.5.2 Hearing. In the event the City is unable to resolve the Dispute as to the Material Breach to the satisfaction of the City pursuant to Section 6.1 herein, the City may then seek a termination/revocation of the Franchise in accordance with this Subsection.

6.5.2.1 The City Council, or its designee, shall conduct a public hearing to determine if termination/revocation of the Franchise is warranted.

6.5.2.2 At least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing, the City shall issue a public hearing notice that shall establish the issue(s) to be addressed in the public hearing; provide the time, date and location of the hearing; provide that the Hearing Body/Officer shall hear any Persons interested therein; and provide that the Franchisee shall be afforded fair opportunity for full participation, including the right to introduce evidence, to require the production of evidence, to be represented by counsel and to question witnesses.

6.5.2.3 Within sixty (60) days after the close of the hearing, the City Council shall issue a written decision regarding the termination/revocation of the Franchise. If the City Council has designated another hearing body/officer to conduct the public hearing, such hearing body/officer shall make a recommendation to the City Council within thirty (30) days following the close of the public hearing, and the City Council shall make a decision upon the recommendation of the Hearing Body/Officer after a closed record hearing and within sixty (60) days following receipt of the recommendation of the Hearing Body/Officer. The decision of the City Council shall be final. The Parties recognize that a decision to terminate/revoke a Franchise is not a land use decision that is subject to appeal pursuant to the Land Use Petition Act (Chapter 36.70C RCW). Failure to render a decision within the required time period shall not be a basis for invalidation of the decision that is made.

6.5.3 Decision to Terminate. The City may consider the following when determining whether or not to terminate/revoke the Franchise based upon the Material Breach:

6.5.3.1 The history of non-compliance by Franchisee with material terms and conditions of this Franchise;

6.5.3.2 Whether other remedies will achieve compliance with this Franchise;

6.5.3.3 Whether Franchisee has acted in good faith;

6.5.3.4 Whether the acts or omissions that gave rise to the Material Breach were willful or indifferent to the requirements that gave rise to the Material Breach;

6.5.3.5 The impact or potential impact of the Material Breach upon the public health, safety and welfare;
6.5.3.6 The economic risk the City is exposed to as a result of the Material Breach;

6.5.3.7 Whether consent, permission, adjudication, an order or other authorization of a governmental agency or body, is required as a condition precedent to the City ordering Franchisee to abandon or remove Facilities from the Public Rights-of-Way or to cease operations (temporarily or otherwise) of the Facilities.

6.5.3.8 Such other facts and circumstances that are relevant to the controversy that gave rise to the Material Breach and/or to whether or not the continued presence and operation of Franchisee’s Facilities within the Franchise Area will be harmful to the public health, safety or welfare.

6.6 Assessment of Liquidated Damages.

6.6.1 Because it may be difficult to ascertain or quantify the harm to the City in the event of a Breach of this Franchise by Franchisee, the Parties agree to liquidated damages as a reasonable estimation of the actual economic losses resulting from Franchisee’s Breach of those provisions of this Franchise set forth as Section 6.6.7 herein, and not as a penalty. To the extent that the City elects to assess liquidated damages as provided in this Franchise, such damages shall be the City’s sole and exclusive remedy for recovery of compensatory damages resulting from such Breach and shall not exceed a time period of one hundred eighty (180) days. Nothing in this subsection is intended to preclude the City from exercising any other right or remedy with respect to a Breach that continues past the time the City stops assessing liquidated damages for such breach.

6.6.2 Prior to assessing any liquidated damages, the City shall follow the procedures set forth in this Franchise that provide the Franchisee proper notice and a right to cure when applicable.

6.6.3 With the exception of failure to comply with a stop work order pursuant to Section 7.5.7 herein, the City shall not assess any liquidated damages if Franchisee has cured or commenced to and completes the cure under the enforcement provisions of Article 6 of this Franchise. In the event Franchisee fails to cure, the City may assess liquidated damages and shall inform Franchisee in writing of the assessment. Franchisee shall have thirty (30) days to pay the damages. The City may immediately begin assessing liquidated damages upon issuance of a stop work order in the event that Franchisee, or its contractors or subcontractors, fails to comply with such stop work order.

6.6.4 The first day for which liquidated damages may be assessed, if there has been no cure after the end of the applicable cure period, shall be the day that Franchisee received the notice of Breach.

6.6.5 Franchisee may appeal (by pursuing Legal Action) any assessment of liquidated damages upon paying the assessment and shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Section 6.1.

6.6.6 The liquidated damages amount shall be automatically adjusted every five years from the date of execution of this Franchise, to reflect the extent of cumulative inflation.
6.6.7 Pursuant to the requirements outlined herein, liquidated damages shall not exceed the following amounts: one hundred dollars ($100.00) per day for failure to comply with the requirements of the following Sections: 4.5 (Expiration/Termination), 5.3 (Insurance), 5.4 (Financial Security); 7.5.3 (Work Subject to Inspection); 7.7.2 (Facilities Subject to Inspection); five hundred dollars ($500) per day for the first two days for failure to comply with the requirements of 7.5.7 (Stop Work Order), and one thousand dollars ($1,000) per day for each day thereafter; and one hundred dollars ($100.00) per day for any material breaches or defaults not previously listed.

6.6.8 The City may not collect both liquidated damages and actual damages for the same violation.

Franchisee shall not be: (1) obligated to pay these liquidated damages; or (2) held to violation if the noncompliance is “beyond the control” of Franchisee as that term is defined in Section 8.15 herein.

6.7 Receivership. At the option of the City, subject to applicable law and lawful orders of courts of jurisdiction, this Franchise may be revoked after the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take over and conduct the business of Franchisee whether in a receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless:

6.7.1 The receivership or trusteeship is timely vacated; or

6.7.2 The receiver or trustee has timely and fully complied with all the terms and provisions of this Franchise, and has remedied all defaults under the Franchise. Additionally, the receiver or trustee shall have executed an agreement duly approved by the court having jurisdiction, by which the receiver or trustee assumes and agrees to be bound by each and every term, provision and limitation of this Franchise.

ARTICLE 7. CONDITIONS UPON USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

7.1 Permits.

7.1.1 Regulatory Permit. If Franchisee has submitted an application for a Regulatory Permit to perform work in the Public Right-of-Way, the City shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable Laws, consider such application contemporaneously with the design review requirements hereunder.

7.1.2 Development Permit(s). In the event that, as a condition of applying for a Development Permit or a variance for Work within the Public Right-of-Way, Franchisee must have authorization from the City (as the owner/manager of the property to be developed) to apply for such Development Permit, the general franchise grant given herein shall, as to the proposed Franchise Area, constitute any such consent or authorization of the City that is necessary for such application. This authorization is not intended to and does not operate to waive the requirement for Franchisee to apply for and obtain all applicable Regulatory Permits prior to commencement of Work within the Franchise Area nor shall such consent or authorization be deemed to be consent to or approval of the governmental action being sought. This authorization/consent is intended solely to allow Franchisee to seek any required
Development Permit(s), approvals, or variance prior to or contemporaneous with its application for a Regulatory Permit.

7.2 Submission/Approval of Design Submittal.

7.2.1 Submission. At the time of application for a Regulatory Permit, or in the event that Franchisee seeks to alter or change the location of the Facilities in a Franchise Area, Franchisee shall provide the City with 100% Design Submittal for review and approval of any Facility construction, alteration or change of location within the proposed Franchise Area.

7.2.2 Use of Public Rights-of-Way. Within parameters reasonably related to the City’s role in protecting the public health, safety and welfare and except as may be otherwise preempted by Law, the City may require that Facilities be installed at a particular time, at a specific place or in a particular manner as a condition of access to a the proposed Franchise Area and may deny access if Franchisee is not willing to comply with such requirements; and, may remove, or require removal of, any Facility that is not installed in compliance with the requirements established by the City or which is installed without prior City approval of the time, place, or manner of installation.

7.2.3 Approval of Plans. Work may not commence without prior approval by the City, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, of the 100% Design Submittal submitted by Franchisee. The City may review and approve the Franchisee’s 100% Design Documents with respect to:

7.2.3.1 Location/Alignment/Depth;

7.2.3.2 The manner in which the Facility is to be installed;

7.2.3.3 Measures to be taken to preserve safe and free flow of traffic;

7.2.3.4 Structural integrity, functionality, appearance, compatibility with and impact upon roadways, bridges, sidewalks, planting strips, signals, traffic control signs, intersections, or other facilities and structures in the Public Right-of-Way;

7.2.3.5 Ease of future road maintenance, and appearance of the roadway;

7.2.3.6 Compliance with applicable Standards and codes including temporary erosion control measures and stormwater compliance; and

7.2.3.7 Compliance and compatibility with the City’s six-year transportation plan, capital improvements plan, and regional transportation improvement plans.

7.3 Compliance with Standards/Codes. Except as may be preempted by federal or state Laws, all Facilities shall conform to and all Work shall be performed in compliance with the following “Standards” in effect on the date of the applicable Regulatory Permit:
7.3.1 **Road and Bridge Standards.** The current and any subsequent edition of the Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction as prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation ("WSDOT") and the Washington State Chapter of American Public Works Association ("APWA");

7.3.2 **MUTCD.** The Washington State Department of Transportation Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD");

7.3.3 **Special Conditions.** Requirements and standards set forth as special conditions;

7.3.4 **City Regulations.** City of Edgewood Municipal Code, Ordinances and regulations adopted by the City Council authorize a designated City official to establish standards for placement of Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way, including by way of example and not limitation, the specific location of Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way. This shall also include any road design standards that the City shall deem necessary to provide adequate protection to the Public Rights-of-Way, its safe operation, appearance and maintenance;

7.3.5 **Other Regulatory Requirements.** Applicable requirements of federal or state governmental authorities that have regulatory authority over the placement, construction, or design of Franchisee Facilities;

7.3.6 **Industry Standards.** All Facilities shall be durable and constructed in accordance with good engineering practices and standards promulgated by the government and industry for placement, construction, design, type of materials and operation of Franchisee Facilities;

7.3.7 **Safety Codes and Regulations.** Franchisee Facilities and Work shall comply with all applicable federal, State and City safety requirements, rules, regulations, Laws and practices. By way of illustration and not limitation, Franchisee shall comply with the National Electrical Safety Code and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards; and

7.3.8 **Building Codes.** Franchisee Facilities and Work shall comply with all applicable City building codes.

7.4 **Conditions Precedent to Work.** Except as may be otherwise required by applicable City code, rule, regulation or Standard, Franchisee shall comply with the following as a condition precedent to Work:

7.4.1 **Regulatory Permits Required.** Prior to performing any Work in the Public Right-of-Way requiring a Regulatory Permit, Franchisee shall apply for, and obtain, in advance, such appropriate Regulatory Permits from the City as are required by Edgewood Municipal Code, ordinance or rule. Franchisee shall pay all generally applicable and lawful fees for the requisite Regulatory Permits.

7.4.2 **Compliance with Franchise.** Franchisee shall be and remain in material compliance with the Franchise, including by way of example and not limitation, payment of fees invoiced to Franchisee for City reimbursable costs and expenses related to review and approval of the Regulatory Permit, proof of insurance and proof of financial security.
7.5  **Work in the Public Rights-of-Way.**

7.5.1  **Least Interference.** Work in the Public Rights-of-Way shall be done in a manner that does not unnecessarily hinder or obstruct the free use of the Public Rights-of-Way or other public property and which causes the least interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners, businesses and residents along the Public Rights-of-Way. Franchisee’s Facilities shall be Constructed so as not to disturb or impair the use or operation of any street improvements, utilities, and related facilities of City or City’s existing lessees, licensees, Franchisees, easement beneficiaries or lien holders, without prior written consent of City or the Parties whose improvements are interfered with and whose consent is required pursuant to agreements with the City existing prior to the Effective Date. Franchisee’s Facilities shall be constructed in such a manner as not to interfere with any planned utilities. For purposes of this Section, “planned” shall mean utilities which the City intends to construct in the future, which intent is evidenced by the inclusion of said utility project in the Capital Improvement Program/Plan, a comprehensive utility plan, a transportation improvement plan, the City’s Comprehensive Plan, or other written construction or planning schedule.

7.5.2  **Prevent Injury/Safety.** All construction Work shall be performed in a manner consistent with high industry standards.

7.5.3  **Work Subject to Inspection.** The City may observe or inspect the construction Work, or any portion thereof, at any time to ensure compliance with the Utility Franchise, this Franchise, applicable Law, the applicable approved 100% Design Submittal, the Standards, and to ensure the Work is not being performed in an unsafe or dangerous manner.

7.5.4  **Publicizing Work.**

7.5.4.1  **Notice to Private Property Owners.** Except in the case of an Emergency, Franchisee shall give reasonable advance notice to private property owners and tenants of construction Work on or adjacent to such private property if the City or Franchisee reasonably anticipates such Work will materially disturb or disrupt the use of such private property.

7.5.4.2  **Notice to the Public.** Except in the case of an Emergency, Franchisee shall notify the public prior to commencing any significant planned Construction that Franchisee reasonably anticipates will materially disturb or disrupt public property or have the potential to present a danger or affect the safety of the public generally.

7.5.4.3  **Additional Requirements.** Work shall be publicized as the City may direct, from time to time, in accordance with written procedures established by the City and on file with the City Clerk. The publication of Work may be used to notify the public and operators of other facilities of the impending work, in order to minimize inconvenience and disruption to the public. The cost of publication shall be borne by Franchisee.

7.5.5  **Work of Contractors and Subcontractors.** Franchisee’s contractors and subcontractors performing Work in the Franchise Area shall be licensed and bonded in accordance with the City’s and State’s applicable regulations and requirements. Any contractors or subcontractors...
performing Work within the Public Right-of-Way on behalf of the Franchisee shall be deemed servants and agents of Franchisee for the purposes of this Franchise and are subject to the same restrictions, limitations and conditions as if the work were performed by Franchisee. Franchisee shall be responsible for all Work performed by its contractors and subcontractors and others performing work on its behalf as if the Work were performed by it, and shall ensure that all such Work is performed in compliance with this Franchise and other applicable laws, and shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages and correcting all damage caused by them. It is Franchisee’s responsibility to ensure that contractors, subcontractors or other Persons performing Work on Franchisee’s behalf are familiar with the requirements of this Franchise and other applicable laws governing the Work performed by them.

7.5.6 **Tree Trimming.** Franchisee may trim trees upon and overhanging on Public Rights-of-Way so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with Franchisee’s Facilities. The right to trim trees in this Section 7.5.6 shall only apply to the extent necessary to protect above ground Facilities. Franchisee shall ensure that its tree trimming activities protect the appearance, integrity, and health of the trees to the extent reasonably possible. Franchisee shall be responsible for all debris removal from such activities. All trimming, except in emergency situations, is to be done after the explicit prior written notification of the City and at the expense of Franchisee. Nothing herein grants Franchisee any authority to act on behalf of the City, to enter upon any private property, or to trim any tree or natural growth not owned by the City. Franchisee shall be solely responsible and liable for any damage to any third parties’ trees or natural growth caused by Franchisee’s actions. Franchisee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City from third-party claims of any nature arising out of any act or negligence of Franchisee with regard to tree and/or natural growth trimming, damage, and/or removal. Franchisee shall reasonably compensate the City or the property owner for any damage caused by trimming, damage, or removal by Franchisee. Except in an emergency situation, all tree trimming must be performed under the direction of an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, unless otherwise approved by the Public Works Director or his/her designee.

7.5.7 **Emergency Permits.** In the event that Emergency repairs are necessary, Franchisee shall immediately notify the Mayor of the need for such repairs. Franchisee may initiate such Emergency repairs, and shall apply for appropriate Regulatory Permits within forty-eight (48) hours after discovery of the Emergency. In the event of an Emergency, a Franchisee may perform Emergency Work in the Public Rights-of-Way without first securing a Regulatory Permit for such Emergency Work, provided that: (1) Franchisee notifies the City in advance of the Emergency requiring the performance of such Emergency Work and the type and location of such Work; (2) Franchisee applies for a Regulatory Permit on the first business day following commencement of such Work; and (3) Franchisee, at its sole cost and expense, makes its Work performed in the Public Rights-of-Way available for inspection to determine compliance with Laws and Standards.

7.5.8 **Stop Work.** On notice from the City that any Work does not comply with the Franchise, the approved 100% Design Documents for the Work, the Standards, or other applicable Law, or is being performed in an unsafe or dangerous manner as reasonably determined by the City, the non-compliant Work may immediately be stopped by the City. The stop work order shall be, in writing, given to the Person doing the work and be posted on the work site, indicate the nature of the alleged violation or unsafe condition; and establish conditions under which work may be resumed. If so ordered, Franchisee shall cease and shall cause its contractors and subcontractors to cease such activity until the City is satisfied that Franchisee is in compliance. If an unsafe condition is found to exist, the City, in addition to
taking any other action permitted under applicable Law, may order Franchisee to make the necessary repairs and alterations specified therein forthwith to correct the unsafe condition by a time the City reasonably establishes. The City has the right to inspect, repair and correct the unsafe condition if Franchisee fails to do so, and to reasonably charge Franchisee.

7.5.9 Dedication of City Utilities/Public Improvements. Upon substantial completion of construction of the Facilities and any related restoration of or improvements to or within the Public Rights-of-Way, including without limitation, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, underlayment, roadway surface, pipe, connectors, catch basins, or any part thereof that will be dedicated to City ownership (collectively “Dedicated Improvements”), and upon satisfaction of other applicable conditions of the City and this Franchise, Franchisee shall submit a written request to the City for a final inspection and acceptance of dedication of all Dedicated Improvements. The written request shall certify that the Work is substantially complete. The Work will be deemed to be “substantially complete” when:

7.5.8.1 Complete record drawings are provided to the City;

7.5.8.2 Franchisee has completely and accurately identified the Dedicated Improvements within the record drawings;

7.5.8.3 The Dedicated Improvements are functioning to the satisfaction of the City, and when appropriate, operationally tested;

7.5.8.4 Franchisee has warranted in writing that the Work is completed in conformance with the 100% Design Documents approved by the City; except for punch list items, which do not substantially prevent the use of the Dedicated Improvements or any component thereof for the purposes intended;

7.5.8.5 No other acts are necessary to assign ownership of any and all Dedicated Improvements to the City free and clear of all liens and encumbrances;

7.5.8.6 Franchisee has assigned to the City any and all manufacturer warranties of the Dedicated Improvements, if any; and

7.5.8.7 Franchisee, or its contractors or subcontractors, warrant the Dedicated Improvements to be free from defects in design, manufacture and construction for a period of one year from the date that such Dedicated Improvements are accepted by the City. This warranty shall not operate to waive, alter or diminish any rights the City may otherwise have under this Franchise, at law, or in equity.

Upon receipt of Franchisee’s request for final inspection and dedication, the City shall within twenty (20) business days thereafter arrange for a final inspection. If the City determines that the Work with regard to the Dedicated Improvements is not substantially complete, it shall promptly provide Franchisee with a written statement indicating in adequate detail in what respects Franchisee has failed to substantially complete the Work or any component thereof or is otherwise in default and what measures or acts will be necessary, in the opinion of the City, for Franchisee to take or perform in order to substantially complete such Work. Upon receipt of such detailed statement from the City, Franchisee
shall undertake to complete the Work, cure the alleged default in a manner responsive to the stated reasons for disapproval, or Franchisee may submit to dispute resolution pursuant to Section 6.1 herein, the issue of whether the City has unreasonably withheld its acceptance.

When the City is satisfied that the Work related to the Dedicated Improvements is substantially complete, it will by ordinance, resolution or other lawful means accept ownership of such Dedicated Improvements and thereafter become responsible for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the same.

7.6 Alterations. Except as may be shown in the 100% Design Submittal approved by City or the record drawings, or as may be necessary to respond to an Emergency, Franchisee, and Franchisee’s contractors and subcontractors, may not make any material alterations to the Franchise Area, or permanently affix anything to the Franchise Area, without City’s prior written consent. Material alteration shall include by way of example and not limitation, a change in the dimension or height of the above ground Facilities or the addition of or change in configuration of an antenna. If Franchisee desires to change either the location of any Facilities or otherwise materially deviate from the approved design of any of the Facilities, Franchisee shall submit such change to City in writing for its approval pursuant to Section 7.2 of this Franchise. Franchisee shall have no right to commence any such alteration change until after Franchisee has received City’s approval of such change in writing.

7.7 General Conditions.

7.7.1 Right-of-Way Meetings. Subject to receiving advance notice, Franchisee will make reasonable efforts to attend and participate in meetings of the City regarding Right-of-Way issues that may impact the Utility System.

7.7.2 Compliance Inspection. Franchisee’s Facilities shall be subject to the City’s right of periodic inspection upon at least twenty-four (24) hours’ notice, or, in case of an emergency, upon demand without prior notice, to determine compliance with the provisions of this Franchise or Regulatory Permit or other applicable Law over which the City has jurisdiction. Franchisee shall respond to reasonable requests for information regarding its Facilities as the City may from time to time issue to determine compliance with this Franchise, including requests for information regarding Franchisee’s plans for Construction and the purposes for which the Facilty is being constructed.

7.7.3 One Call. If Franchisee places Facilities underground, Franchisee shall, at its own expense, continuously be a member of the State of Washington one number locator service under Chapter 19.122 RCW, or an approved equivalent, and shall comply with all such applicable rules and regulations. Franchisee shall locate and field mark it’s Facilities for the City at no charge.

7.7.4 Graffiti Removal. Within 48 hours after notice from the City, Franchisee shall remove any graffiti on any part of its Facilities, including, by way of example and not limitation, equipment cabinets. If Franchisee fails to do so, the City may remove the graffiti and bill Franchisee for the cost thereof.

7.7.5 Dangerous Conditions, Authority for City to Abate. Whenever Construction of Facilities has caused or contributed to a condition that appears to substantially impair the lateral support
of the adjoining Public Right-of-Way, street, or public place, or endangers the public, any utilities, or City-owned property, the City may reasonably require Franchisee to take action to protect the Public Right-of-Way, the public, adjacent public places, City-owned property, streets, and utilities. Such action may include compliance within a prescribed time. In the event that Franchisee fails or refuses to promptly take the actions directed by the City, or fails to fully comply with such directions, or if Emergency conditions exist which require immediate action, the City may, to the extent it may lawfully do so, take such actions as are necessary to protect the Public Right-of-Way, the public, adjacent public places, City-owned property, streets, and utilities, to maintain the lateral support thereof, or actions regarded as necessary safety precautions; and Franchisee shall be liable to the City for the reasonable costs thereof.

7.7.6 No Duty. Notwithstanding the right of City to inspect the Work, issue a stop work order, and order or make repairs or alterations, City has no duty or obligation to observe or inspect, or to halt work on, the applicable Facilities, it being solely Franchisee’s responsibility to ensure that the Facilities are Constructed in strict accordance with this Franchise, the approved 100% Design Submittal, the Standards, and applicable Law. Neither the exercise nor the failure by City to exercise any right set forth in this Article 7 shall alter the liability allocation set forth in this Franchise.

7.7.7 Roadside Hazard. All of Franchisee’s Facilities shall be kept by Franchisee at all times in a safe and hazard-free condition. Franchisee shall ensure that Facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way do not become or constitute an unacceptable roadside obstacle and do not interfere with or create a hazard to maintenance of and along the Public Rights-of-Way. In such event, or in the event that the City determines that a Facility within the Public Rights-of-Way has become or constitutes an unacceptable roadside obstacle or may interfere with or create a hazard to maintenance of and along the Public Rights-of-Way, Franchisee shall:

7.7.7.1 If the hazard results from disrepair, repair the Facility to a safe condition;

7.7.7.2 Relocate the Facility to another place within the Public Right-of-Way or underground;

7.7.7.3 Convert the Facility to a break-away design;

7.7.7.4 Crash-protect the Facility;

7.7.7.5 Relocate the Facility to another location off the Public Rights-of-Way; or

7.7.7.6 In the event that the Facility is screened from view (i.e., not readily visible from all directions by persons standing at ground level), remove or trim vegetation in and around the Facility.

Franchisee, at all times, shall employ the standard of care attendant to the risks involved and shall install and maintain in use commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures and accidents which are likely to cause damage, injury, or nuisance to the public or to Franchisee’s agents or employees. Franchisee, at its own expense, shall repair, renew, change, and improve its Facilities from time to time as may be necessary to accomplish this purpose. Franchisee shall use
suitable barricades, flags, flaggers, lights, flares and other measures as required for the safety of all members of the general public and to prevent injury or damage to any person, vehicle or property by reason of such Work in or affecting such Public Rights-of-Way or property. All excavations made by Franchisee in the Public Rights-of-Way shall be properly safeguarded for the prevention of accidents.

7.7.8 Verification of Alignment/Depth. Upon the reasonable request and prior written notice, in non-Emergency situations at least thirty (30) days’ notice by the City and in order to facilitate the location, alignment and design of Public Improvements, Franchisee agrees to locate, and if reasonably determined necessary by the City, to excavate and expose portions of its Facilities for inspection so that the location of same may be taken into account in the improvement design, PROVIDED that, Franchisee shall not be required to excavate and expose its Facilities unless Franchisee’s record drawings and maps of its Facilities submitted pursuant to Section 7.11 of this Franchise are reasonably determined by the City to be inadequate for purposes of this paragraph.

7.8 Facility Relocation at Request of the City.

7.8.1 Public Project. The City may require Franchisee to alter, adjust, re-attach, secure, relocate, or protect in place its Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way when necessary in the City’s reasonable discretion for construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of any portion of the Public Rights-of-Way for purposes of public welfare, health, or safety (“Public Improvements”). Such Public Improvements include, by way of example but not limitation, Public Rights-of-Way construction; Public Rights-of-Way repair (including resurfacing or widening); change of Public Rights-of-Way grade; construction, installation or repair of sewers, drains, water pipes, power lines, signal lines, communication lines, or any other type of government-owned communications, utility or public transportation systems, public work, public facility, or improvement of any government-owned utility; Public Rights-of-Way vacation, and the Construction of any public improvement or structure by any governmental agency acting in a governmental capacity.

7.8.2 Alternatives. If the City requires Franchisee to relocate its facilities located within the Public Rights-of-Way, the City shall make a reasonable effort to provide Franchisee with an alternate location within the Public Rights-of-Way. Franchisee may, after receipt of written notice requesting a relocation of its Facilities, submit to the City written alternatives to such relocation. The City shall evaluate such alternatives and advise Franchisee in writing if one or more of the alternatives are suitable to accommodate the work which would otherwise necessitate relocation of the Facilities. If so requested by the City, Franchisee shall submit additional information to assist the City in making such evaluation. The City shall give each alternative proposed by Franchisee full and fair consideration, subject to RCW 35.99.060, within a reasonable time, so as to allow for the relocation work to be performed in a timely manner. In the event the City ultimately determines, in its reasonable discretion, that there is no other reasonable alternative, the Franchisee shall promptly relocate its Facilities as otherwise provided in this Section at Franchisee’s sole expense. In the event that the City reasonably determines that it does not have available resources to evaluate Franchisee’s proposal, the City shall not be obligated to further consider such proposal unless and until Franchisee funds the additional costs to the City to complete its evaluation. Franchisee shall in all cases have the privilege to temporarily bypass, in the authorized portion of the Public Right-of-Way upon approval by the City, any section of the Facility required to be temporarily disconnected or removed.
7.8.3 **Intentionally omitted.**

7.8.4 **Notice.** The City shall notify Franchisee as soon as practicable of the need for relocation and shall specify the date by which relocation shall be completed. Except in case of Emergency such notice shall be no less than ninety (90) days, or such longer period as mutually agreed to by the parties. In calculating the date that relocation must be completed, City shall consult with Franchisee and consider the extent of Facilities to be relocated, the service requirements, and the construction sequence for the relocation, within the overall project construction sequence and constraints, to safely complete the relocation. Franchisee shall complete the relocation by the date specified, unless the City, or a reviewing court, establishes a later date for completion, after a showing by Franchisee that the relocation cannot be completed by the date specified using best efforts and meeting safety and service requirements.

7.8.5 **Coordination of Work.** Franchisee acknowledges and understands that any delay by Franchisee in performing the work to alter, adjust, re-attach, secure, relocate, or protect in place its Facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way may delay, hinder, or interfere with the work performed by the City and its contractors and subcontractors in furtherance of construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of the Public Rights-of-Way, and result in damage to the City, including but not limited to, delay claims. Franchisee shall cooperate with the City and its contractors and subcontractors to coordinate such Franchisee Work to accommodate the public improvement project and project schedules to avoid delay, hindrance of, or interference with such project.

7.8.6 **Failure to Comply.** Should Franchisee fail to alter, adjust, re-attach, secure, protect in place or relocate any Facilities ordered by the City to be altered, adjusted, re-attached, secured, protected in place, or relocated, within the time prescribed by the City, given the nature and extent of the work, or if it is not done to the City’s reasonable satisfaction, then after providing Franchisee thirty (30) days’ notice and Franchisee’s continued failure to cure within the thirty (30) day period, the City may, to the extent the City may lawfully do so, cause such work to be done and bill the reasonable cost of the work to Franchisee, including all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the City due to Franchisee’s delay. In such event, the City shall not be liable for any damage to any portion of Franchisee’s Facilities, except to the extent damage is caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of City or its Indemnitees. In addition to any other indemnity set forth in this Franchise, Franchisee will indemnify, hold harmless, and pay the costs of defending the City, from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, damages, or liabilities for delays on Public Improvement construction projects caused by or arising out of the failure of Franchisee to adjust, re-attach, secure, modify, protect in place, or relocate its Facilities in a timely manner; provided that, Franchisee shall not be responsible for damages due to delays to the extent caused by the City or its Indemnitees.

7.8.7 **Assignment of Rights.** In addition to any other rights of assignment the City may have, the City may from time to time assign or transfer to its contractors or subcontractors its rights under Sections 7.8 or 7.10 of this Franchise to require Franchisee to alter, adjust, re-attach, secure, relocate, or protect in place its Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way. Franchisee acknowledges and consents to such an assignment(s)/transfer(s) and agrees that it is bound by all lawful orders issued by such assignee(s) of the City under color of authority of such assignment(s)/transfer(s) as though such orders had been issued by the City under the terms and conditions of this Franchise. Such assignment/transfer is an assignment/transfer of the City’s contract rights under this Franchise and shall not in any way be interpreted
or construed as an assignment, transfer, delegation or relinquishment of the City’s rights under its police powers to require Franchisee to alter, adjust, re-attach, secure, relocate, or protect in place its Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way.

7.8.8 Reimbursement for Costs. Notwithstanding the cost allocation provisions set forth in this Franchise, Franchisee does not waive its right(s) to and shall be entitled to seek reimbursement of its relocation costs as may be otherwise specifically set forth and authorized in RCW 35.99.060.

7.9 Movement of Facilities for Others.

7.9.1 Private Benefit. If any alteration, adjustment, re-attachment, securitization, temporary relocation, or protection in place of the Facility is required solely to accommodate the Construction of facilities or equipment that are not part of a Public Improvement project, Franchisee shall, after at least ninety (90) days advance written notice, take action to effect the necessary changes requested by the responsible entity; provided that, (a) the Party requesting the same pays for Franchisee’s time and material costs associated with the requested work; (b) the alteration, adjustment, re-attachment, securitization, relocation or protection in place is reasonably necessary to accommodate such work; (c) the Person requesting the alteration, adjustment, re-attachment, securitization, relocation, or protection in place considers alternatives in the same manner as provided at Section 7.8.2; and (d) such alteration, adjustment, re-attachment, securitization or relocation is not requested for the purpose of obtaining a competitive advantage over Franchisee.

7.9.2 Temporary Changes for Other Franchisees. At the request of any Person holding a valid permit and upon reasonable advance notice, Franchisee shall temporarily raise, lower or remove its wires as necessary to permit the moving of a building, vehicle, equipment or other item. The expense of such temporary changes must be paid by the permit holder. Franchisee shall be given not less than thirty (30) days’ advance notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

7.10 Movement of Facilities During Emergencies.

7.10.1 Immediate Threat. In the event of an unforeseen event, condition or circumstance that creates an immediate threat to the public safety, health, or welfare, the City shall have the right to require Franchisee to temporarily shut down, relocate, remove, replace, modify, re-attach, secure or disconnect Franchisee’s Facilities located in the Public Rights-of-Way at the expense of Franchisee without regard to the cause or causes of the immediate threat.

7.10.2 Emergency. In the event of an Emergency where a Facility creates or is contributing to an imminent danger to health, safety, or property, the City retains the right and privilege to protect, support, or temporarily disconnect, remove, re-attach, secure, or relocate any or all parts of the Facilities located within the Public Rights-of-Way, as the City may determine to be necessary, appropriate or useful in response to any public health or safety Emergency and charge Franchisee for costs incurred.

7.10.3 Notice. During Emergencies the City shall endeavor to, as soon as practicable, provide notice to Franchisee of such Emergency at a designated Emergency response contact number, to
allow Franchisee the opportunity to respond and rectify the problem without disrupting Service. If after providing notice, there is no immediate response, the City may protect, support, or temporarily disconnect, remove, or relocate any or all parts of the Facilities located within the Public Rights-of-Way.

7.10.4 Limitation on Liability. The City shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, or any other such damages suffered by any person or entity of any type as a direct or indirect result of the City’s actions under this Section except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the City or its Indemnitees.

7.11 Record of Installations

7.11.1 Map/Record Drawing of Facilities. Upon request by the City, Franchisee shall search for and provide the City with the most accurate and available maps and record drawings in a form and content prescribed by the City reflecting the horizontal and vertical location and configuration of its Facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way in a format acceptable to the City. Franchisee shall provide the City with updated record drawings and maps upon request. As to any such record drawings and maps so provided, Franchisee does not warrant the accuracy thereof and to the extent the location of the Facilities are shown, such Facilities are shown in their approximate location.

7.11.2 Intentionally Deleted.

7.11.3 Maps/Record Drawings of Improvements. After Construction involving the locating or relocating of Facilities, the Franchisee shall provide the City with accurate copies of all record drawings and maps showing the horizontal and vertical location and configuration of all of located or relocated Facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way. These record drawings and maps shall be provided at no cost to the City, and shall include hard copies and digital copies in a format reasonably acceptable to the City. As to any such record drawings and maps so provided, Franchisee does not warrant the accuracy thereof and to the extent the location of the Facilities are shown, such Facilities are shown in their approximate location.

7.11.4 Confidentiality. Franchisee shall not be required to disclose information that it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. The City agrees to keep confidential any proprietary or confidential documents, books or records to the extent permitted by Law. Franchisee shall be responsible for clearly and conspicuously identifying the work as confidential or proprietary. In the event that the City receives a public records request under RCW 42.56 or similar Law for the disclosure of information Franchisee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the City shall promptly provide notice of such disclosure so that Franchisee can take appropriate steps to protect its interests. Nothing in this Section 7.11.4 prohibits the City from complying with RCW 42.56, or any other applicable Law or court order requiring the release of public records, and the City shall not be liable to Franchisee for compliance with any Law or court order requiring the release of public records. The City shall comply with any injunction or court order obtained by Franchisee which prohibits the disclosure of any such confidential records.

7.12.1 Restoration after Construction. Franchisee shall, after completion of Construction of any part of its Facility, leave the Public Rights-of-Way and other property disturbed thereby, in as good or better condition in all respects as it was in before the commencement of such Construction. Franchisee agrees to promptly complete restoration work to the reasonable satisfaction of the City and in accordance with all Regulatory Permit conditions.

7.12.2 Notice. If Franchisee’s Work causes unplanned, unapproved, or unanticipated disturbance of or alteration or damage to Public Rights-of-Way or other public or private property, Franchisee shall promptly notify the property owner and adjacent property owners within twenty-four (24) hours.

7.12.3 Duty to Restore. If Franchisee’s Work causes unplanned, unapproved, or unanticipated disturbance of or alteration or damage to the Public Right-of-Way or other public property, it shall promptly remove any unauthorized obstructions therefrom and restore the disturbed surface of such Public Rights-of-Way and public property to as good or better a condition as existed before the Work was undertaken. If the City determines that complete or satisfactory restoration is not obtainable, the City shall have the right to require compensation for the less than complete or satisfactory condition of the Public Right-of-Way or public property. Franchisee shall complete the restoration work within forty-eight (48) hours or as authorized by the Mayor.

7.12.4 Temporary Restoration. If weather or other conditions do not allow the complete restoration required by this Section, Franchisee shall temporarily restore the affected Public Right-of-Way or public property. Franchisee shall promptly undertake and complete the required permanent restoration when the weather or other conditions no longer prevent such permanent restoration.

7.12.5 Survey Monuments. All survey monuments which are disturbed or displaced by any Work shall be referenced and restored, as per WAC 332-120, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, and all pertinent federal, state and local standards and specifications.

7.12.6 Approval. The Mayor shall be responsible for observation and final approval of the condition of the Public Rights-of-Way and City property following any restoration activities therein. Franchisee is responsible for all testing and monitoring of restoration activities.

7.12.7 Warranty. Franchisee shall warrant any restoration work performed by Franchisee in the Public Right-of-Way or on other public property for one (1) year, unless a longer period is required by the Municipal Code or any generally applicable ordinance or resolution of the City. If restoration is not satisfactorily and timely performed by Franchisee, the City may, after thirty (30) days prior written notice to Franchisee, or without notice where the disturbance or damage may create a risk to public health or safety, cause the repairs to be made and recover the reasonable cost of those repairs from Franchisee. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of an itemized list of those costs, including the costs of labor, materials and equipment, Franchisee shall pay the City.

7.12.8 Restoration of Private Property. When Franchisee does any Work in the Public Right-of-Way that affects, disturbs, alters, or damages any adjacent private property, it shall, at its own expense, be responsible for restoring such private property to the satisfaction of the private property owner.
7.13 Approvals. Nothing in this Franchise shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation upon the City to determine the adequacy or sufficiency of Franchisee's Design Documents or to ascertain whether Franchisee's proposed or actual Construction is adequate or sufficient or in conformance with the 100% Design Submittal reviewed and approved by the City. No approval given, inspection made, review or supervision performed by the City pursuant to or under authority of this Franchise shall constitute or be construed as a representation or warranty express or implied by the City that such item reviewed, approved, inspected, or supervised, complies with applicable Laws or this Franchise or meets any particular Standard, code or requirement, or is in conformance with the approved 100% Design Submittal, and no liability shall attach with respect thereto. City approvals and inspections as provided herein, are for the sole purpose of protecting the City’s rights as the owner and/or manager of the Public Rights-of-Way and shall not constitute any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy of the design or Construction of the Facilities or Utility System, suitability of the Franchise Area for Construction, or any obligation on the part of the City to insure that Work or materials are in compliance with any requirements imposed by a governmental entity. City is under no obligation or duty to supervise the design, Construction, or operation of the Utility System.

7.14 Abandonment of Facilities. Except as may be otherwise provided by Law, Franchisee may abandon in place any Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way upon written notice to the City, which notice shall include a description of the Facilities it intends to abandon, the specific location in the Public Rights-of-Way of such Facilities, and the condition of such Facilities. However, if the City determines within 90 days of the receipt of notice of abandonment from Franchisee, that the safety, appearance, functioning, or use of the Public Rights-of-Way and other facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way, including without limitation, utilities and related facilities, will be adversely affected, the operator must remove its abandoned Public Rights-of-Way Facilities by a date specified by the City and restore the portion of the Public Rights-of-Way where the removal occurred to the same or better condition than existed immediately prior to removal. Within 60 days of a request by the City, Franchisee shall execute such documents as may be required to convey such abandoned property to the City free and clear of all encumbrances. Absent such request and conveyance, Franchisee shall be and remain responsible for any Facilities abandoned in the Public Rights-of-Way.

7.15 Aerial and Underground Construction. If all of the distribution lines of all of the wireline service providers, including without limitation telecommunications service providers, as defined in RCW 35.99.010, a utility service provider or a cable operator (collectively “Service Providers”) in any portion of the Franchise Area are underground, with the exception of power company lines, Franchisee shall similarly place its Facilities underground within that area except antennas and associated cables; provided that such underground locations are actually capable of accommodating Franchisee’s Facilities without unreasonable technical degradation of transmission quality. In any portion(s) of the Franchise Area where the distribution lines of any of the respective Service Providers are both aerial and underground, Franchisee shall have the discretion to construct, operate, and maintain its Facilities, or any part thereof, aerially or underground to the extent consistent with applicable regulations and this Franchise except that Franchisee may at any time construct, operate, and maintain its antennas and associated cables above ground, overhead or aerially. In areas where a Service Provider’s wiring is aerial, Franchisee may install aerial Facilities, except when a property owner or resident requests underground installation and agrees to bear the additional cost in excess of aerial installation, except that this provision shall not apply to Franchisee’s antennas and associated cables. If funds exist, are set aside
for such purpose, or provided by a third party, Franchisee may seek reimbursement for its share of funds to offset the cost of placing its facilities underground. Franchisee shall utilize existing conduit wherever possible.

The City shall not be required to obtain any easements or other property rights for Franchisee. Franchisee shall, to the extent economically feasible, participate with other Service Providers in joint trench projects to relocate its overhead Facilities (except antennas and associated cables) underground and remove its overhead Facilities (except antennas and associated cables) in areas where utilities are being converted to underground.

In the event of a City-driven facilities relocation project that requires conversion of overhead facilities to underground for purposes of health, safety or public welfare, Franchisee agrees to bear the costs of converting Franchisee's Facilities (except antennas and associated cables) from an overhead system to an underground system as follows:

A. Utility Trench and Vault/Pedestal Engineering: To ensure proper space and availability in the supplied joint trench, Franchisee shall only pay for the work hours necessary to complete Facility-related engineering coordination with the other utilities involved in the project.

B. Conduit and Vaults/Pedestals Placement: Franchisee shall only pay for the Direct Cost of labor and materials it takes to place its conduits and vaults/pedestals in the supplied joint trench and/or solo trench as follows:

1. If a City contractor is completing this task, Franchisee shall pay the Direct Costs in accordance with Franchisee's approved labor and materials exhibits at the time of the project.

2. If the Direct Costs of Franchisee’s approved labor and materials exhibits are not agreeable to the City or its contractor, Franchisee shall have the option to hire its own contractor(s) to complete the work in accordance with Franchisee’s approved labor and materials exhibits at the time of the project.

3. If Franchisee chooses to hire its own contractor(s), the City and its contractor(s) are responsible to coordinate with Franchisee’s contractor(s) to provide reasonable notice and time to complete the placement of Franchisee’s Facilities in the supplied joint trench.

C. Within the conversion area, Franchisee shall not be responsible for any on-site coordination and performance of traffic control, trenching, backfill, and restoration, unless it is work related to solo trench.

ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 Headings. Titles to articles and sections of this Franchise are not a part of this Franchise and shall have no effect upon the construction or interpretation of any part hereof.

8.2 Entire Agreement. This Franchise contains all covenants and agreements between the City and Franchisee relating in any manner to the Franchise, use, and occupancy of the Public Rights-of-Way and other matters set forth in this Franchise. No prior agreements or understanding pertaining to
the same, written or oral, shall be valid or of any force or effect and the covenants and agreement of this Franchise shall not be altered, modified, or added to except in writing signed by the City and Franchisee and approved by the City in the same manner as the original Franchise was approved.

8.3 Incorporation of Exhibits. All exhibits annexed hereto at the time of execution of this Franchise or in the future as contemplated herein, are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

8.4 Calculation of Time. All periods of time referred to herein shall include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays in the State of Washington, except that if the last day of any period falls on any Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the State of Washington, the period shall be extended to include the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the State of Washington; provided that, the Effective Date shall be determined as provided at Section 4.3 of this Franchise.

8.5 Time Limits Strictly Construed. Whenever this Franchise sets forth a time for any act to be performed by Franchisee or City, such time shall be deemed to be of the essence, and any failure of Franchisee or City, as applicable, to perform within the allotted time may be considered a Breach of this Franchise.

8.6 No Joint Venture. It is not intended by this Franchise to, and nothing contained in this Franchise shall, create any partnership, joint venture, or principal-agent relationship or other arrangement between Franchisee and the City. Neither Party is authorized to, nor shall either Party act toward third Persons or the public in any manner that would indicate any such relationship with the other. The Parties intend that the rights, obligations, and covenants in this Franchise and the collateral instruments shall be exclusively enforceable by the City and Franchisee, their successors, and assigns. No term or provision of this Franchise is intended to be, or shall be, for the benefit of any Person not a Party hereto, and no such Person shall have any right or cause of action hereunder, except as may be otherwise provided herein. Further, Franchisee is not granted any express or implied right or authority to assume or create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of or in the name of the City. Nothing in this Section 8.6 shall be construed to prevent an assignment as provided for at Section 7.8.7 of this Franchise.

8.7 Approval Authority. Except as may be otherwise provided by Law or herein, any approval or authorization required to be given by the City, shall be given by the Mayor.

8.8 Binding Effect upon Successors and Assigns. All of the provisions, conditions, and requirements contained in this Franchise shall further be binding upon the heirs, successors, executors, administrators, receivers, trustees, legal representatives and assigns of Franchisee; and all privileges, as well as all obligations and liabilities of Franchisee shall inure to its heirs, successors, and assigns equally as if they were specifically mentioned wherever Franchisee is named herein.

8.9 Waiver. No failure by either Party to insist upon the performance of any of the terms of this Franchise or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a Breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such Breach or of any of the terms of this Franchise. None of the terms of this Franchise to be kept, observed or performed by either Party, or no breach thereof, shall be waived, altered or modified except by a written instrument executed by the injured Party. No waiver of any Breach shall affect or alter this Franchise, but each of the terms of this Franchise shall continue in full force and
effect with respect to any other then existing or subsequent Breach thereof. No waiver of any default of the defaulting Party hereunder shall be implied from any omission by the injured Party to take any action on account of such default if such default persists or is repeated, and no express waiver shall affect any default other than the default specified in the express waiver and then only for the time and to the extent therein stated. One or more waivers by the injured Party shall not be construed as a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same covenant, term or conditions.

8.10 Severability. If any word, article, section, subsection, paragraph, provision, condition, clause, sentence, or its application to any person or circumstance (collectively referred to as “Term”), shall be held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional for any reason by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such Term declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional shall be severable and the remaining Terms of the Franchise shall remain in full force and effect unless to do so would be inequitable or would result in a material change in the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder; provided, however, that if either Franchisee or the City prevails in any proceeding seeking a finding that any Term invalid, illegal or unconstitutional for any reason, this Franchise shall be declared terminated and all rights and obligations hereunder shall immediately cease and be of no force and effect except with regard to those provisions that survive termination of this Franchise pursuant to Section 8.14 herein. In the event that such Term shall be held or otherwise mutually agreed to by the City and Franchisee to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, the Parties shall reform the Franchise pursuant to Section 3.5 herein.

8.11 Signs. No signs or advertising shall be permitted to be posted or otherwise displayed by Franchisee within the Franchise Area except as may be allowed or required by Law or as may be required by the City for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, to the extent it has authority to do so.

8.12 Discriminatory Practices Prohibited. Throughout the Franchise Term, Franchisee shall fully comply with all equal employment and nondiscrimination provisions of applicable Law.

8.13 Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing, unless otherwise expressly permitted or required, and shall be deemed effective, (i) upon hand delivery to the person then holding the office shown on the attention line of the address below, or, if such office is vacant or no longer exists, to a person holding a comparable office, (ii) when delivered by a nationally recognized overnight mail delivery service, to the Party and at the address specified below, or (iii) on the third business day following its deposit with the United States Postal Service, first class and certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, properly sealed and addressed as follows:

Franchisee’s address:

And to: Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
Attn: Network Real Estate  
180 Washington Valley Road  
Bedminster, New Jersey 07921

With a copy to: Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
Attn: Pacific Market General Counsel
8.14 Survival of Terms. Upon the expiration, termination, revocation or forfeiture of the Franchise, Franchisee shall no longer have the right to occupy the Franchise Area for the purpose of providing services authorized herein. However, Franchisee’s obligations under this Franchise to the City shall survive the expiration, termination, revocation or forfeiture of these rights according to its terms for so long as Franchisee’s Facilities or any part thereof remain in whole or in part in the Public Rights-of-Way, or until Franchisee transfers ownership of all Facilities in the Franchise Area to the City or a third-party, or until the Franchisee abandons said Facilities in place, all as provided herein. Said obligations include, by way of illustration and not limitation, Franchisee’s obligations to indemnify, defend, and protect the City, to provide insurance, to relocate its Facilities, and to reimburse the City for its costs to perform Franchisee work.

8.15 Force Majeure. In the event Franchisee is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations herein due to circumstances beyond its control or by reason of a force majeure occurrence, such as, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, riots, civil disturbances, natural disasters, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, unusually severe weather conditions, employee strikes and unforeseen labor conditions not attributable to Franchisee’s employees, Franchisee shall not be deemed in Breach of provisions of this Franchise.

If Franchisee believes that circumstances beyond its control or by reason of a force majeure occurrence have prevented or delayed its compliance with the provisions of this Franchise, Franchisee shall provide documentation as reasonably required by the City to substantiate Franchisee’s claim. Franchisee shall have a reasonable time, under the circumstances, to perform the affected obligation under this Franchise or to procure a substitute for such obligation which is satisfactory to the City; provided that, Franchisee shall perform to the maximum extent it is able to perform and shall take reasonable steps within its power to correct such cause(s) in as expeditious a manner as possible, provided that Franchisee takes immediate and diligent steps to bring itself back into compliance and to comply as soon as possible under the circumstances with Franchise without unduly endangering the health, safety, and integrity of Franchisee's employees or property, or the health, safety, and integrity of the public, Public Rights-of-Way, public property, or private property.

8.16 Attorneys’ Fees. In the event of a suit, action, arbitration, or other proceeding of any nature whatsoever, whether in contract or in tort or both, is instituted to enforce any word, article, section, subsection, paragraph, provision, condition, clause or sentence of this Franchise or its application
to any person or circumstance, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the losing Party its reasonable attorneys, paralegals, accountants, and other experts fees and all other fees, costs, and expenses actually incurred and reasonably necessary in connection therewith, as allowed by Washington law and as determined by the judge or arbitrator at trial or arbitration, as the case may be, or on any appeal or review, in addition to all other amounts provided by law. This provision shall cover costs and attorneys’ fees related to or with respect to proceedings in Federal Bankruptcy Courts, including those related to issues unique to bankruptcy law. This provision shall not apply to dispute resolution proceedings under section 6.1 of this Franchise and shall not apply to the extent that the suit, action, arbitration or other proceeding is brought to interpret any term, condition, provision, section, article or clause of this Franchise.

8.17 Venue/Choice of Law. This Franchise shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. Any action brought relative to enforcement of this Franchise, or seeking a declaration of rights, duties or obligations herein, shall be initiated in Pierce County Superior Court. Removal to federal court shall be to the Federal Court of the Western District of Washington.

8.18 Publication. This ordinance, or a summary thereof, shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, the expense of which shall be borne by Franchisee, and shall take effect and be in full force in accordance with Section 4.3 herein.

8.19 Preemption. In the event that Federal or State Law preempts a provision or limits the enforceability of a provision of this Franchise, the provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent required by Law. In the event such federal or State Law is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the requirement of further action on the part of the City or Franchisee.

8.20 Regulatory Authority Reserved. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver, abridgment or limitation of the City’s regulatory authority and police power, which the City hereby expressly reserves in full.

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EXHIBIT “A-1”

(Franchise Area – Incorporated Area of the City)
TRANSFER EXHIBIT “A-1”

Acceptance of Franchise

Franchise issued pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ and accepted ________________, 20____; Transfer authorized pursuant to Resolution No. _____, effective ____________, 20___.

I, _______________________, am the _______________________________, and (am the authorized representative to) accept the above-referenced Franchise on behalf of Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, by Cellco Partnership, its General Partner. I certify that this Franchise and all terms and conditions thereof are accepted, and agreed to, by Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, by Cellco Partnership, its General Partner.

DATED this _____ day of ________________, 20___.

By__________________________________
Its ___________________________________

Tax Payer ID# _____________

STATE OF _____________          | ss.
CITY OF _____________          

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _________________________ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that said person signed this instrument, on oath stated that said person was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it (as the _________________________ of _________________________, a _____________ corporation,) to be the free and voluntary act of such corporation/individual for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated this _____ day of ________________, ____.  

(Signature of Notary) ________________________________

Print Name _______________________________________

Notary public in and for the state of ______________, residing at ________________________________

My appointment expires __________

EXHIBIT “B”

(Acceptance of Franchise)

Franchise issued pursuant to Ordinance No. _____.

I, ______________________, am the _______________________________, and (am the authorized representative to) accept the above-referenced Franchise on behalf of Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, by Cellco Partnership, its General Partner. I certify that this Franchise and all terms and conditions thereof are accepted by Seattle SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, by Cellco Partnership, its General Partner.

DATED this _____ day of ________________, 20__.

________________________________________
By______________________________________
Its ______________________________________

Tax Payer ID# ___________

STATE OF ______________ ss.
CITY OF ____________ ss.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _________________________ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that said person signed this instrument, on oath stated that said person was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it (as the _________________________ of _________________________, a ______________ corporation,) to be the free and voluntary act of such corporation/individual for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated this _____ day of ________________, ___.

________________________________________
(Signature of Notary)

_____________________________________
Print Name
Notary public in and for the state of ______________, residing at ________________________________

My appointment expires __________
EXHIBIT “C”

(Insurance Requirements)

1 General Requirement. Commencing upon issuance of the first Regulatory Permit under this Franchise, Franchisee must have adequate insurance at all times while Franchisee owns or operates Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way, to protect against claims for death or injuries to Persons or damages to property which in any way relate to, arise from or are connected with this Franchise or Site Specific Permit, or involve the Facilities, Franchisee, its agents, representatives, contractors, subcontractors and their employees.

2 Insurance Limits. The Franchisee shall maintain the following insurance coverages and limits:

2.1 Commercial General Liability: insurance to cover liability, bodily injury, and property damage. The Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, and shall provide coverage for all costs, including defense costs, and losses and damages resulting from bodily injury (including death), property damage, personal and advertising injury, contractual liability and products liability/completed operations. Coverage must be written with the following limits of liability:

- $5,000,000 per occurrence,
- $5,000,000 general aggregate and
- $5,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate.

2.2 Commercial Automobile Liability: covering all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles with a combined single limit of $5,000,000 each accident for bodily injury and property damage.

2.3 Workers Compensation Insurance: shall be maintained during the life of this Franchise to comply with statutory requirements of the State and Employer’s Liability with a limit of $1,000,000 each accident/disease/policy limit covering all employees, and in the case any work is sublet, the Franchisee shall require its contractors and subcontractors similarly to provide workers’ compensation insurance for all of their employees.

2.4 Intentionally deleted.

2.5 Pollution Legal Liability Insurance: (At the option of the City) $5,000,000 per occurrence and $5,000,000 in the aggregate.

3 Endorsements. Franchisee Commercial General Liability insurance policies are to contain, the following:

3.1 The Franchisee’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the City. Any insurance, self-insurance, or insurance pool coverage maintained by the City shall be in excess of the Franchisee’s insurance and shall not contribute to it.
3.2 Franchisee shall waive its rights of subrogation for workers compensation against the City for all claims and suits.

3.3 That the coverage shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer’s liability.

3.4 The Franchisee’s insurance shall include the City as an additional insured as their interest may appear under this Franchise, from and against Liabilities arising out of work performed in the Public Rights-of-Way under a grant of authority of the City.

3.5 The Franchisee’s insurance shall include a requirement that the “railroad exclusion” be deleted.

3.6 Intentionally deleted.

3.7 If the insurance is canceled or reduced in coverage, Franchisee shall provide a replacement policy.

4 Acceptability of Insurers. Each insurance policy obtained pursuant to this Franchise shall be issued by financially sound insurers who may lawfully do business in the State of Washington with a financial strength rating at all times during coverage of no less than an “A-” and in a financial size category of no less than “VII”, in the latest edition of “Best’s Rating Guide” published by A.M. Best Company. In the event that at any time during coverage, the insurer does not meet the foregoing standards, Franchisee shall give prompt notice to the City and shall seek coverage from an insurer that meets the foregoing standards.

5 Verification of Coverage. The Franchisee shall furnish the City with signed certificates of insurance and a copy of the blanket additional insured endorsement evidencing the Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability insurance of the Franchisee upon acceptance of this Franchise. The certificate for each insurance policy is to be signed by a Person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificate for each insurance policy must be on standard forms or on such forms as are consistent with standard industry practices. The Franchisee hereby warrants that its insurance policies satisfy the requirements of this Franchise.

6 Deductible. Intentionally deleted.

7 No Limitation. Franchisee’s maintenance of insurance policies required by this Franchise shall not be construed to excuse unfaithful performance by Franchisee or limit the liability of Franchisee to the coverage provided in the insurance policies, or otherwise limit the City’s recourse to any other remedy available at law or in equity.

8 Modifications of Coverages and Limits. The City reserves the right, during the Franchise Term, to require any other insurance coverage or adjust the policy limits as it deems reasonably necessary utilizing sound risk management practices and principals based upon the loss exposures. Prior to imposing such additional coverage or adjusting existing required coverages or
limits, the City shall provide reasonable notice to the Franchisee and an opportunity to provide comments, and the City shall review and consider such comments that are timely made.

9 Public Franchisees. Intentionally deleted.
EXHIBIT “D”

(Financial Security)

1. Performance Bond.

1.1 Franchisee shall provide to the City a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred twenty five percent (125%) of the costs of design, materials, and labor to ensure the full and faithful performance of all of its responsibilities under this Franchise, including, by way of example and not limitation, its obligations to relocate and remove its Facilities, to restore the Public Right-of-Way and other property when damaged or disturbed, to reimburse the City for its Direct Costs and keeping Franchisee’s insurance in full force.

1.2 The performance bond shall be in a form with terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the City and reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

1.3 The performance bond shall be with a surety with a rating no less than "A X" in the latest edition of "Bests Rating Guide," published by A.M. Best Company.

1.4 The Franchisee shall pay all premiums or costs associated with maintaining the performance bond, and shall keep the same in full force and effect at all times during the Franchise Term. If Franchisee fails to provide or maintain the bond, then the City, in its sole discretion, may require Franchisee to substitute an equivalent cash deposit as described below in lieu of the bond.

1.5 Franchisee’s maintenance of the bond(s) shall not be construed to excuse unfaithful performance by Franchisee, or limit the liability of Franchisee to the amount of the bond(s), or otherwise limit the City’s recourse to any other remedy available at law or in equity.

1.6 Intentionally deleted.

2 Cash Deposit/Irrevocable Letter of Credit in Lieu of Bond.

Franchisee may, at its election or upon order by the City pursuant to Section 4 herein, substitute an equivalent cash deposit with an escrow agent approved by the City or an irrevocable letter of credit in form and content approved by the City Attorney, instead of a performance bond. This cash deposit or irrevocable letter of credit shall ensure the full and faithful performance of all of Franchisee’s responsibilities hereto under this Franchise. This includes but, is not limited to, its obligations to relocate or remove its facilities, restore the Public Rights-of-Way and other property to their original condition, reimbursing the City for its Direct Costs, and keeping Franchisee’s insurance in full force.

The City shall notify Franchisee in writing, by certified mail, of any default and shall give Franchisee thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to cure any such default. In the event that the Franchisee fails to cure such default to the satisfaction of the City, the City may, at its option, draw upon the cash deposit or letter of credit up to the amount of the City’s costs incurred to cure Franchisee’s default. Upon the City’s cure of Franchisee’s default, the City shall notify Franchisee in writing of such cure.
In the event that the City draws upon the cash deposit or letter of credit, Franchisee shall thereupon replenish the cash deposit or letter of credit to the full amount as specified herein or provide a replacement performance bond.

3 Restoration Bond.

3.1 Unless otherwise provided in a Regulatory Permit issued by the City for work within the Public Right-of-Way, or by City ordinance, code, rule, regulation or Standards, the City may require Franchisee to enter into a performance agreement, secured by a restoration bond written by a corporate surety reasonably acceptable to the City equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated cost of restoring the Public Rights-of-Way to their pre-construction condition in accordance with Section 7.12 of the Franchise. Such restoration bond shall be deposited before construction is commenced. Such restoration bond may be required, when the City determines that the Performance Bond or cash deposit/letter of credit is not sufficient to protect the interests of the City for Permitted Work.

3.2 The restoration bond shall remain in force until sixty (60) days after substantial completion of the work, as determined by the city engineer or designee, including restoration of all rights-of-way and other property affected by the construction.

3.3 In the event that a bond issued to meet the requirements of this Section is canceled by the surety, after proper notice and pursuant to the terms of said bond, Franchisee shall, prior to expiration of said bond, be responsible for obtaining a replacement bond which complies with the terms of this Section.

3.4 The performance agreement shall provide for the following:

3.4.1 Timely completion of construction;

3.4.2 Construction in compliance with applicable approved plans, Utility Permits, technical codes, and Standards;

3.4.3 Proper location of the Facilities as approved by the City;

3.4.4 Restoration of the Public Rights-of-Way and other public or private property disrupted, damaged, or otherwise affected by the construction. The performance agreement shall warrant said restoration work for a period of one (1) year;

3.4.5 The submission of “record” drawings after completion of the Work; and

3.4.6 Timely payment and satisfaction of all claims, demands or liens for labor, material or services provided in connection with the work.

4.1 If there is an Material Breach by Franchisee or a pattern of repeated Breaches, then Franchisee shall, upon written request of the City, establish and provide to the City a cash deposit or irrevocable letter of credit from a local financial institution satisfactory to the City, in a form and content approved by the City Attorney, and in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000). Such irrevocable letter of credit shall be established as security for the full and faithful performance of all of its responsibilities under this Franchise, including, by way of example but not limited to, its obligations to relocate and remove its Facilities, to restore the Public Right-of-Way and other property when damaged or dirbed, and to reimburse the City for its costs.

4.2 If a cash deposit or letter of credit is furnished pursuant to Section 2, the cash deposit or letter of credit shall then be maintained at that same amount throughout the remaining Franchise Term.

4.3 Upon a Material Breach, the cash deposit/letter of credit may be drawn upon by the City for purposes including, but not limited to, the following:

   4.3.1 Failure of Franchisee to pay the City sums due under the terms of this Franchise;

   4.3.2 Reimbursement of costs and expenses borne by the City to correct Franchise violations not corrected by Franchisee; and

   4.3.3 Monetary remedies or damages assessed against Franchisee as provided in this Franchise.

4.4 Within three (3) days of a withdrawal from the Security Fund, the City shall mail, by certified mail, return receipt requested, written notification of the amount, date, and purpose of such withdrawal to the Franchisee.

4.5 Within thirty (30) days following notice that a withdrawal from the cash deposit/letter of credit has occurred, Franchisee shall restore the cash deposit/letter of credit to the full amount required by Section 4.1. If at the time of a withdrawal from the Security Fund by the City, the amounts available are insufficient to provide the total payment towards which the withdrawal is directed, the balance of such payment shall continue as the obligation of the Franchisee to the City until it is paid.

4.6 Upon termination of the Franchise under conditions other than those stipulating forfeiture of the Security Fund, the balance then remaining in the Security Fund shall be returned to the Franchisee within sixty (60) days of such termination, provided that there is then no outstanding default on the part of the Franchisee.

4.7 Failure to maintain or restore the security fund or letter of credit shall constitute a Breach of this Agreement.
4.8 In the event Franchisee believes that the letter of credit was drawn upon improperly, Franchisee shall give notice to the City and the City and Franchisee shall refer the Dispute to the Dispute Resolution process set forth at Section 6.1 of this Franchise.

4.9 The rights reserved to the City herein are in addition to all other rights of the City, whether reserved herein or authorized by applicable Law, and no action, proceeding, or exercise of a right with respect to such Security Fund or letter of credit will affect any other right the City may have. Neither the filing of a letter of credit with the City, nor the receipt of any damages recovered by the City thereunder, shall be construed to excuse faithful performance by the Franchisee or limit the liability of the Franchisee under the terms of its Franchise for damages, either to the full amount of the letter of credit or otherwise.
EXHIBIT “E”

(Contractor/Subcontractor Insurance Requirements)

Franchisee will require any contractors and subcontractors to obtain and maintain substantially the same coverage with substantially the same limits as required of Franchisee under this Franchise.
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Agenda Bill No.: 17-506

Date Action Requested: August 8, 2017

Title: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Ordinance

Attachments: Ordinance No. 17-0506, Exhibit A and Code Modification Redlines

Submitted By: Aaron C. Nix, ACA Municipal Services

Approved For Agenda By: Daryl Eidinger, Mayor

Prepared For Agenda By: Aaron C. Nix, ACA Municipal Services

Recommendation: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 17-0506, establishing the procedures for the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations, consistent with the Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW), describing the elements of a complete application, the steps involved in processing involving the Planning Commission and City Council, requiring public Notice of public hearings, describing the content of the public notice, establishing the criteria for approval of amendments to development regulations and the comprehensive plan, describing the final action by the City Council, adopting a Public Participation Program, as required by RCW 36.70A.140 and repealing Chapter 18.60 of the Edgewood Municipal Code and adopting a new chapter 18.60 to the Edgewood Municipal Code.

Discussion: This issue has been discussed at length with the City Council, as it has recently went through the process and continues to work through the process, under the existing code or considering modifications to the City’s Comprehensive Plan that are being considered, as submitted in 2016. These revisions clean up this section of code, as they are outdated and are in need of significant scrubbing, as expressed by Staff and the City Attorney in previous Study Sessions with both the Planning Commission and that City Council. The Planning Commission has reviewed the revised language, as well as developed a Public Participation Plan and has made a recommendation to the Council to adopt the both documents in their current form. Staff is recommending that the Council move forward with this recommendation at and adopt these materials this evening.

Alternatives: 1) Do not adopt. 2) Forward to Study Session for further review

Fiscal Impact: Significant, potential cost savings and elimination of legalities associated with gifting of Public funds associated with current code language in which the City potentially bares the cost of supporting modifications to the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
ORDINANCE NO. 17-0506


WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act ("GMA," chapter 36.70A RCW) requires that cities planning under GMA adopt procedures for the amendment of their comprehensive plans and development regulations; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood is a city planning under GMA; and

WHEREAS, GMA also requires that the City adopt a public participation program consistent with RCW 36.70A.140; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted chapter 18.60 of the Edgewood Municipal Code relating to the amendment of comprehensive plans and development regulations, but it needs to be updated, and the City recently adopted a Public Participation Program through Resolution No. 17-0364; and

WHEREAS the SEPA Responsible Official has determined that this Ordinance is categorically exempt from SEPA as affecting only procedural and no substantive standards, pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19); and
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this Ordinance on June 5th, 2017, and made a recommendation of Approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2017, the City Council considered this Ordinance and attached Public Participating Program, together with the Planning Commission’s recommendation, during a regular Council meeting; Now, Therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 18.60 of the Edgewood Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. A new chapter 18.60 is hereby added to the Edgewood Municipal Code, which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 18.60
AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Sections:

18.60.010 Purpose and Types of Amendments.
18.60.020 Administration of Legislative Amendments to Development Regulations.
18.60.030 Procedure for Amendments to Development Regulations.
18.60.040 Submission of Applications for Amendments to Development Regulations.
18.60.050 Requirements for a Complete Application.
18.60.060 SEPA Compliance and Transmittal to State.
18.60.070 Public Notice.
18.60.080 Planning Commission Public Hearing.
18.60.090 City Council Action.
18.60.100 Final Decision, Transmittal to State and Appeals.
18.60.110 Appeal of Amendments to Development Regulations.
18.60.120 Administration of Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
18.60.130 Submission of Applications.
18.60.140 Preliminary Docket.
18.60.150 Optional City Council/Planning Commission Workshop on Preliminary Docket.
18.60.160 Planning Commission Hearing on Preliminary Docket.
18.60.170 City Council Decision – Adoption of Final Docket.
18.60.180 Final Docket – Contents.
18.60.010  Purpose and Types of Amendments.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedures for amendment of the City’s Comprehensive Plan map/text and the Development Regulations. In addition, this chapter will describe the City’s Public Participation process, which is intended to solicit comments and suggested amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations for consideration. The Public Participation process described herein is supplemented by a booklet attached hereto as Exhibit A, which provides additional detail.

B. Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Development Regulations. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan is defined as the generalized, coordinated land use policy statement of the City, and the accompanying map, adopted under the Growth Management Act (chapter 36.70A RCW). The Development Regulations are the controls placed on development or land use activities by the City, including, but not limited to, the City’s codes on zoning, critical areas, official controls, planned unit developments, subdivisions, binding site plans and the Shoreline Master Program.

C. Types of Amendments. The applications that will be processed under this Chapter as legislative amendments are Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Map or Policies and Development Regulation Amendments (to the text of the Development Regulations) which do not implement the existing Comprehensive Plan.

18.60.020  Administration of Legislative Amendments to Development Regulations.
The Director is authorized to administer the provisions of this Chapter. The Planning Commission shall have the authority to hold the public hearing on any proposed legislative amendments to the development regulations, and to provide a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council shall consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation during a public meeting or a public hearing and shall make a final decision.

18.60.030  Procedure for Amendments to Development Regulations. The following steps shall be followed in the processing of applications for Amendments to Development Regulations.

   A. 18.60.050: Director’s Determination that the Application is Complete;
   B. 18.60.060: SEPA and chapter 20.05 EMC;
   C. 18.60.080 Notice of Public Hearing;
   D. 18.60.210: Public Hearing before the Planning Commission;
18.60.040 Submission of Applications for Amendments to Development Regulations (Who May Submit and When).

A. Who May Submit Applications. Any interested person, including citizens, Hearing Examiners, staff of other agencies, Planning Commission and City Council members, may submit an application for an amendment of a development regulation.

B. When Applications May Be Submitted. The text of the City’s adopted development regulations may be amended at any time, provided that the amendment is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map. When inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map, the amendment shall be processed concurrent with any necessary Plan amendments using the process and timelines for Comprehensive Plan Amendments in Sections 18.60.120 through .240 of this chapter. Applications that do not include the information required in Section 18.60.050 shall not be processed.

18.60.050 Requirements for a Complete Application. The Director shall determine whether an application is complete. A complete application for an Amendment to a Development Regulation shall consist of the following materials:

A. An application form provided by the City;
B. Name, address, phone number and e-mail of the applicant and if the applicant is not the property owner, proof of the property owner’s consent to the submission of the application;
C. Name, address, phone number and e-mail of the owner of the property identified in the application (if applicable);
D. A legal description of the property, if applicable;
E. A description of the proposed Amendment and any associated development proposals, if applicable. Formal site-specific or project-related amendments shall include plans, information and/or studies that accurately depict existing and proposed uses(s) and improvements. Proposed site-specific or project related Amendments that do not specify propose use(s) and potential impacts will be assumed to have maximum impact to the environment, public facilities and services;
F. Proposed amendatory language, preferably shown in “bill” format (i.e., new language underlined; language proposed for deletion in strikeouts);
G. An explanation of the rationale for the proposed Amendment;
H. An explanation of how the proposed Amendment and associated development proposal(s) if any, conform to, conflict with, or relate to the criteria set forth in Section 18.60.220;
I. A completed SEPA checklist including the supplement sheet for non-project actions (if applicable);
J. Application fee as set forth in the City’s resolution adopted for this purpose; and
K. Any additional information reasonably deemed necessary by the Planning Director to evaluate the proposed amendment.

18.60.060 SEPA Compliance and Transmittal to State. If an application for an Amendment to the Development Regulations is submitted outside of the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process, SEPA shall be performed on the application as set forth in chapter 20.05 EMC. If applicable, the City shall notify the State Department of Commerce of its intent to adopt the proposed amendment(s) to the Development Regulations at least sixty (60) days prior to final adoption.

18.60.070 Public Notice.

A. Notice of any public hearing on an application for an Amendment to a Development Regulation submitted outside of the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process set forth in Sections 18.60.120 through 18.60.240 of this chapter, shall be given by one publication in the official newspaper of the City at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing and by posting a copy of the notice of public hearing in City Hall and on the City’s website.

B. For site specific proposals, the subject property shall be posted.

C. Additional notice may be required by state or local law (e.g., statutory notice requirements for amendments to the Shoreline Master Program), or additional notice may be provided as deemed appropriate by the Director.

D. The public notice shall include the following:

1. The purpose(s) of the Amendment;
2. The deadline for submitting comments on the Amendment;
3. A tentative hearing schedule; continued hearings may be held by the Planning Commission but no additional notices need be published.

18.60.080 Planning Commission Public Hearing. The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application for an Amendments to a Development Regulation and shall make a recommendation to the City Council, using the criteria set forth in Section 18.60.220, as applicable. There is no limit on the number of public hearings or continuation of public hearings that the Commission (or City Council) may hold on a proposed Amendment.

18.60.090 City Council Action. The City Council shall consider the proposed Amendment to the Development Regulations and the Planning Commission’s recommendation at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City Council shall also apply the criteria set forth in Section 18.60.220, as applicable, in order to make a final decision.

1. If the City Council concludes that no change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council may make a final determination on the proposed amendment(s) without holding another public hearing, and make a final decision.
2. If the City Council concludes that a change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council shall consider whether another opportunity for public review and comment is needed under RCW 36.70A.035(2)(a) and if so, it shall hold another public hearing before making a final decision.

18.60.100 Final Decision, Transmittal to State and Appeals. If the City Council decides not to adopt the proposed Amendment to the Development Regulations, it shall pass a resolution with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. If the City Council decides to adopt the proposed Amendment to the Development Regulations, it shall adopt an ordinance with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the State Department of Commerce within ten days after final adoption.

18.60.110 Appeal of Legislative Amendments to Development Regulations. Appeals of the City’s final decision may be filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.290.

18.60.120 Administration of Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

A. Legislative Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The Director is authorized to administer the provisions of this Chapter. The Planning Commission shall have the authority to hold the public hearing on any proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment(s), and to provide a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council shall consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation during a public meeting or a public hearing and make a final decision.

B. Development Agreement. A Legislative Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that is site-specific may be approved subject to the execution, delivery and recording of a Development Agreement between the City Council and the property owner of the subject property (or the legal owner of a beneficial interest in the subject property). The Development Agreement may impose conditions to address the criteria set forth in Section 18.60.220, and approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment shall be conditioned upon performance or compliance with the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement. The City may revoke (or take other action allowed by law) a Comprehensive Plan Amendment executed with a Development Agreement for failure to comply with the Development Agreement. An applicant proposing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment with a Development Agreement shall submit the proposed Development Agreement with the application materials described in Section 18.60.050. The City will evaluate the proposed Development Agreement together with the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (see Chapter 18.55 on Development Agreements), to determine whether the Amendment should be approved.

18.60.130 Submission of Applications (Who May Submit and When).

A. Who May Submit Applications for Amendments Related to a Site-Specific Development Proposals. Proponents of land development projects and/or property owner(s) or
their authorized representative(s), may file an application for an Amendment to the
Comprehensive Plan relating to a site-specific proposal. The complete application shall consist
of the materials described in Section 18.60.050. The application filing fee as set forth in the
City’s fee resolution shall accompany the application, which shall also require the applicant to
pay for the applicant’s portion of the SEPA review attributable to the application.

B. Who May Suggest Amendments. Any interested person, including citizens,
Hearing Examiners, staff of other agencies, Planning Commission and City Council members,
may suggest an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Generally, suggested Amendments
should be limited to proposals that broadly apply to the goals, policies and implementation
strategies of the Comprehensive Plan rather than amendments designed to address site-specific
issues of limited applicability. If an application is not submitted for the suggested Amendment
by an interested person, the Planning Director shall include the suggested Amendment on a
Docket that is maintained each year for this purpose. The process described in Sections
18.60.160 through .170 of this chapter shall resolve the question whether such suggested
Amendments will be considered during the annual review process.

C. Amendments Considered Once a Year. Applications for Amendments to the
City’s Comprehensive Plan may not be considered more frequently than once every year, except:
(1) under the circumstances described in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(i) through (v); (2) when needed to
resolve an emergency condition or situation that involves public health, safety or welfare and
when adherence to the Amendment process set forth in this chapter would be detrimental to the
public health, safety and welfare. Situations involving official legal or administrative action
affecting the City will be reviewed by the City Council with advice from the City Attorney to
determine whether an emergency exists warranting an emergency Comprehensive Plan
Amendment. Except as otherwise provided in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a), all Comprehensive Plan
Amendments shall be considered concurrently so that the cumulative effect of the various
proposals may be ascertained.

D. Deadline for Application Submittal. All applications for Comprehensive Plan
Amendments shall be submitted to the Planning Director by December 31st of the current
calendar year (or be included in the Director’s docket of suggested amendments by this date) in
order to be considered during the following year’s amendment process; except that City-
sponsored proposals to amend the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan may be
accepted later than other proposed amendments because of their relationship to the City’s annual
budget process. Applications that do not include the information required under subsection
18.60.150 for a complete application, or which are not received by the deadline set forth in this
subsection, shall not be processed.

18.60.140 Preliminary Docket.

A. Contents. A preliminary docket shall be maintained by the Planning Director,
which shall consist of the following:
1. All applications submitted before the December 31st deadline to amend the Comprehensive Plan;

2. All amendments suggested during the year by citizens, the Planning Commission, City Council, staff, departments or other agencies.

B. Planning Director Responsibilities. After compiling the preliminary docket, the Planning Director shall review the suggested amendments and prepare a report concerning which suggested amendments that the Planning Director believes should be placed on the final docket for consideration during the annual amendment process. In addition to addressing the need, urgency and appropriateness of each suggested amendment, the staff report shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration of the following:

1. The availability of sufficient planning staff to substantively review the suggested amendments and manage the public review process with available staff; and

2. Anticipated planning costs and budget for processing the suggested amendments.

18.60.150 Optional City Council/Planning Commission Workshop on Preliminary Docket. The City Council and Planning Commission may, but are not required to, hold a noticed joint workshop meeting to gather information regarding the items on the preliminary docket and the administrator’s report and recommendation. If held, notice of the joint workshop meeting shall be given by publication in the City’s official newspaper at least one time, ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting and by posting a copy of the meeting notice at City Hall and the City’s website, which shall include a statement of the purpose of the joint workshop.

18.60.160 Planning Commission Hearing on Preliminary Docket. The Planning Commission shall hold a noticed public hearing to accept public comment regarding the suggested amendments on the preliminary docket. Following the hearing, the Planning Commission shall prepare a report and recommendation identifying those suggested amendments that it is recommending for consideration by the City Council during the annual amendment process. The Planning Commission’s recommendation shall be based upon the perceived need, urgency and appropriateness of each suggested amendment. The Planning Commission’s report and recommendation shall also include those proposed amendments resulting from its periodic assessment set forth in Section 18.60.250, as applicable. Notice of the Planning Commission’s hearing shall be given as set forth in Section 18.60.070.

18.60.170 City Council Decision – Adoption of Final Docket. The City Council shall review and consider the Planning Commission’s report and recommended final docket at a regularly scheduled Council meeting. The City Council may adopt the Planning Commission’s recommended final docket without a public hearing; however, in the event that a majority of the City Council decides to add or subtract suggested amendments, it shall first hold a public hearing, noticed as set forth in Section 18.60.070.

18.60.180 Final Docket -- Contents. The final docket adopted by the City Council shall include the following:
1. All applications for Comprehensive Plan Amendments for site-specific amendments timely submitted under Section 18.60.130; and
2. Any proposals for suggested amendments which the City Council elects to consider during the annual amendment process.

18.60.190 Effect of Final Docket. The City Council’s decision to adopt the final docket does not constitute a decision or recommendation that the substance of any site-specific amendment or suggested amendment be adopted. No additional amendment proposals shall be considered by the City after adoption of the final docket for that year, except for those identified in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(i) through (v), and City-sponsored proposals to amend the capital facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan as set forth in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a)(iv).

18.60.200 SEPA on Final Docket. The final docket as adopted by the City Council shall first be reviewed and assessed by the Planning Director, who shall prepare a staff report and recommendation on each proposed amendment. The Planning Director shall also be responsible for conducting SEPA review of all items on the final docket, as required by EMC 20.05. As appropriate, the Planning Director shall solicit comments regarding the proposed amendments from the public and/or government agencies. The Planning Director shall also be responsible for providing notice and opportunity for public comment as deemed appropriate, given the nature of the proposed amendments and consistent with RCW 36.70A.140, and SEPA (chapter 43.21C RCW and chapter 197-11 WAC). Issuance of the SEPA threshold decision on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall be coordinated such that if an appeal of the SEPA threshold decision is filed, the appeal shall be heard by the City Council.

18.60.210 Planning Commission Public Hearing on Final Docket.

A. All proposed amendments on the final docket shall be reviewed and assessed by the Planning Commission, which shall make a recommendation to the City Council after holding at least one public hearing.

B. After the public hearing(s), the Planning Commission shall develop findings and conclusions to support its recommendation to the City Council that the proposed amendment(s) be denied, approved, or approved with conditions or modifications.

18.60.220 Evaluation Criteria for Proposed Amendments. The Planning Commission shall review the proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations under the following criteria to develop findings and conclusions to support a recommendation:

A. All Amendments. All of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall be reviewed under the following criteria:

1. Whether the proposed amendment(s) conform to the Growth Management Act (chapter 36.70A RCW);
2. Whether the proposed amendment(s) are consistent with and implement the City’s Comprehensive Plan, including the goals, policies and implementation strategies of the various elements of the Plan;
3. Whether circumstances related to the proposed amendment(s) and/or the area in which it is located have substantially changed since the adoption of the City’s Comprehensive Plan;
4. Whether the assumptions upon which the City’s Comprehensive Plan is based are no longer valid, or whether new information is available which was not considered during the adoption process or any annual amendments of the City’s Comprehensive Plan; and
5. Whether the proposed amendment(s) reflects current, widely held values of the residents of the City.

B. Amendments for Site-Specific Proposals. In addition to the above, any proposal for a site-specific development or amendment shall be reviewed under the following criteria:
1. Whether the proposed site-specific amendment(s) meets concurrency requirements for transportation and does not adversely affect adopted level of service standards for other public facilities and services (e.g., police, fire and emergency medical services, parks, fire flow and general governmental services);
2. Any proposed site-specific amendment(s) will not result in probable significant adverse impacts to the City’s transportation network, capital facilities, utilities, parks and environmental features that cannot be mitigated, and will not place uncompensated burdens upon existing or planned service capabilities;
3. In the case of a site-specific amendment(s) to the Comprehensive Plan’s Land Use Map, that the subject parcels are physically suitable for the requested land use designation and the anticipated land use development, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) access; (ii) provision of utilities; and (iii) compatibility with existing and planned surrounding land uses;
4. The proposed site-specific amendment(s) will not create pressure to change the land use designation of other properties, unless the change of land use designation for other properties is in the long-term best interests of the City as a whole;
5. The proposed site specific amendment(s) does not materially affect the land use and population growth projections that are the bases of the Comprehensive Plan;
6. If within an incorporated urban growth area (UGA), the proposed site-specific amendment(s) does not materially affect the adequacy or availability of urban facilities and services to the immediate area and the overall UGA;
7. The proposed amendment(s) is consistent with any applicable County-Wide Policies for the City and any other applicable inter-jurisdictional policies or agreements, and any other local, state or federal laws.

18.60.230 City Council Action. The City Council shall consider the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the Planning Commission’s recommendation at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City Council shall also apply the criteria set forth in Section 18.60.220, as applicable, in order to make a final decision.

1. If the City Council concludes that no change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council may make a final determination on the proposed amendment(s) without holding another public hearing, and make a final decision.
2. If the City Council concludes that a change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council shall consider whether another opportunity for public review and comment is needed under RCW 36.70A.035(2)(a) and if so, it shall hold another public hearing before making a final decision.

18.60.240 Final Decision, Transmittal to State and Appeals. The Council’s final action on the docket must be taken by the second regular Council meeting in December of each year. If the City Council decides not to adopt the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, it shall pass a resolution with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. If the City Council decides to adopt the proposed development regulations, it shall adopt an ordinance with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the State Department of Commerce within ten days after final adoption. All appeals to the adoption of an amendment(s) to the City’s Comprehensive Plan or development regulations shall be filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board in accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.70A.290 and Chapter 36.70A RCW.

18.60.250 Planning Commission Periodic Assessment – Recommendations on Amendments.

A. Timelines. The Planning Commission shall review, and if necessary, recommend revisions to the Comprehensive Plan during a periodic assessment performed in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130. The Planning Commission shall complete its assessment of the Comprehensive Plan by November 1st of the year prior to the assessment. Any amendments recommended by a majority vote of the Planning Commission shall be forwarded to the Planning Director by March 1st of the year in which the periodic assessment is conducted. The Planning Director shall place all such recommended amendments on the preliminary docket to be considered during the final docket selection process set forth in Sections 18.60.140 through .170 of this chapter.

B. Criteria Governing Planning Commission Assessment. The Planning Commission’s periodic assessment and recommendation shall be based upon, but shall not be limited to, an inquiry into the following growth management indicators:

1. Whether growth and development as envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan is occurring faster or slower than anticipated, or is failing to materialize;
2. Whether the capacity of the City to provide adequate services has diminished or increased;
3. Whether sufficient urban land is designated and zoned to meet projected demand and need;
4. Whether any of the assumptions upon which the plan is based are no longer found to be valid;
5. Whether changes in county-wide attitudes necessitate amendments to the goals of the plan and the basic values embodied within the Comprehensive Plan;
6. Whether changes in circumstances dictate a need for amendments; and
7. Whether inconsistencies exist between the Comprehensive Plan and the GMA or the Comprehensive Plan and any County-wide Planning Policies for the City.
Section 3. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Edgewood, this 8th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF EDGEWOOD

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EXHIBIT A

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT (GMA) COMPLIANT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN HANDBOOK*

*The City’s program includes citizen involvement meeting the legal public notification requirements found in chapter 35A.63 RCW – Planning and Zoning in Code Cities, chapter 36.70A - Growth Management Act, chapter 43.21C RCW – State Environmental Policy Act, and supplements chapter 42.30 RCW – the Open Public Meetings Act, and chapter 42.56 RCW the Public Records Act.
Introduction

The City of Edgewood plans our Community consistent with the Growth Management Act and as such has developed this handbook to help the Public understand and get involved with the planning process in Edgewood.

The comprehensive plan development and amendment process, as well as the development and amendment of implementation regulations should be a "bottom up" effort, involving early and continuous public participation. The City's methods and basic framework for achieving an interactive dialogue between local decision-makers, City staff, and the public will be formed through this handbook and will apply throughout the local planning process leading to adoption of the comprehensive plan, development regulations to implement the plan, and legislative amendments to both.

The City’s Community Development Department will oversee the public involvement in the local GMA planning process, but it is the City Council that decides on the direction and content of policy documents or regulations that they find to be in the community’s best interest. The text that follows is intended to guide and form the basis for public participation programs related to GMA and the City’s local planning process.*

This pamphlet is broken into the following sections:

1. Communication and Information
2. Availability of Proposals and Alternatives
3. Public Meetings, Workshops & Hearings
4. Opportunity for Open Discussion
5. Opportunity for Written Comments
6. Consideration of and Response to Public Comment

*RCW 36.70A.140, states that “... errors in exact compliance with the established program and procedures shall not render the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations invalid if the spirit of the program and procedures is observed.”

THANK YOU AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT CITY HALL AT (253) 952-3299 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Definitions

City Council – The governing body of the City that reviews and passes or rejects ordinances that are proposed by City Staff or Planning Commission or members of City Council.

Comprehensive Plan – A local or county document describing existing conditions and the community’s vision for future development. It addresses development issues including use of land, public services, and transportation among others.

Development Regulations – The regulations of a local or county government that detail the type and size of proposed developments such as subdivisions, commercial projects, and multifamily projects.

Edgewood Municipal Code (EMC) – All the local laws regarding personnel, revenue and finance, health and safety, development, and environmental regulations.

Growth Management Act (GMA) – A Washington State law that requires local county and municipal governments to manage growth by designating urban growth areas, protecting natural resource lands and critical areas, developing comprehensive plans, and implementing them through ordinances and development regulations.

Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) – A Washington State law that requires all meetings of governing bodies to be open to the public.

Planning Commission – Members of the public appointed for 2-year terms. The Planning Commission initiates and studies proposed development regulation change. Recommendations are then sent to the City Council for or against a code update proposal.

Public Records Act (PRA) – A Washington State law that requires most documents and records kept by local, county, and state governments to be made available to members of the public.

Quorum – Usually a majority of all members of a board or committee unless provided otherwise by code.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) - The RCW is the compilation of all permanent laws now in force in Washington State. It is a collection of laws enacted by the Legislature, and signed by the Governor, or enacted via the initiative process.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) – A Washington State law that helps local governments identify possible environmental impacts that could result from governmental decisions such as issuing permits for private projects, constructing public facilities,

1. Communication and Information

The City will develop, implement and maintain communication programs and information services for the purpose of involving the broadest cross-section of the community in the planning process. To ensure the overall success of the GMA planning process, there are several things that must occur:

- The public should understand the basic concepts of the GMA, local planning and how their own participation can affect local plans and regulations.
- The public needs to know how and when to get involved.
- The public needs to understand how their input is used.

The City will inform the public through various techniques including but not limited to, the following:

- Prepare and make available through the City’s website, at City Hall, and at public workshops and hearings, this Public Participation Program Handbook and EMC 18.40.190 and EMC 18.60(on the subject of comprehensive plan and legislative development regulation adoption/amendment), notices to the public meetings and public hearings regarding comprehensive plan development and amendment process, application forms for amendments to the comprehensive plan and development regulations, etc.; Notice procedures should be reasonably calculated to provide notice to property owners and other affected and interested individuals, government agencies, businesses and organizations.
- Design, display and distribute other printed and visual material as needed to inform the public about the local planning process and engage them in relevant discussion;
- Provide public legal notices for upcoming special workshops and hearings in our official City newspaper, and through the City’s website, at least 10 days prior to the meeting/hearing date; and
  - Regular meetings - Post agendas on the City’s website at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.
  - Special meetings – Post agendas for special meetings on the City’s website, at City hall, and at the Community Center, as required by RCW 42.30.080 (min. 48 hours in advance)
6. Consideration of and Response to Public Comments

The City will consider relevant public comments and public testimony in the decision-making process. Various methods for informing and involving the public, providing public notice of proposals, and soliciting public opinion or comments have been established above. Many of those represent the initial steps for bringing public comments into the decision-making process. Other guidelines set the stage for decision-makers to consider those comments. (For example, tape recording meetings or hearings and soliciting written comments allow decision-makers the opportunity to review and consider relevant information in detail before a decision is actually made.)

Additional steps will be taken so that comments and recommendations from the public are reviewed by the decision-makers for relevancy. Those would include the following:

- **Time** should be reserved subsequent to the close of a hearing or comment deadline and prior to an actual decision so that the decision maker(s) can adequately review all relevant material or comments. Reconvening a hearing for the purpose of addressing comments is an option that the decision maker(s) may use on a case-by-case basis;

- **Substantive** comments pertaining to studies, analyses, or reports, along with necessary responses, should be included in the published document itself (such as occurs in the SEPA process of developing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and then a Final EIS with comments and responses);

- **The record** (such as tape recordings, written comments or testimony, documents, summaries, etc.) will be compiled and maintained by the City. That record will be made available to the decision maker(s) for their consideration and review prior to a decision. Relevant comments or testimony should be addressed through the findings-of-fact portion of the decision maker’s written decision or recommendation.
5. **Opportunity for Written Comments**

The City will encourage submission of written comments or written testimony throughout the planning process. In many instances, detailed, technical, or personal comments can be best expressed and understood in written format. The following steps should be taken to encourage written comments:

- **As appropriate**, notices for meetings, workshops, and hearings should include the name and address of the person(s) to whom written comments should be sent, along with the deadline for submitting comments;

- **Persons** speaking or testifying should be encouraged to concisely express their comments verbally and provide specific details in written format;

- **The deadline** for submitting written comments, if allowed subsequent to a meeting or hearing, should be clearly announced by the facilitator or chair;

- **Comment** sheets for written public input should be available at all workshops with the deadline for submitting the completed sheets to City Hall noted;

- **Innovative** techniques, as appropriate to a specific planning task, should be developed and implemented to solicit and document the public’s concerns, suggestions, or visions for the community. Techniques may include, but are not limited to, surveys, interactive displays, or the innovative use of electronic communication technologies.

3. **Public Meetings, Workshops, and Hearings**

The City will provide public notice of public workshops and hearings to ensure that the community is made aware of the opportunities to become involved in the planning process. At a minimum, the requirements of Chapter 35A.63 RCW, Chapter 3670A RCW, Chapter 43.21C RCW and Ordinance No 17-XXXX (pertaining to public hearings and notification), will always be met. However, the City may go beyond the legal minimums to ensure the public is aware of meetings or hearings and of their opportunity to be involved in local planning efforts.

**Public meetings, workshops, open houses, and design forums** are opportunities for open discussion between the public, staff and decision-makers that do not normally involve public testimony.

- As appropriate, given the specific proposal public workshops should be hosted prior to public hearing(s) as a means to involve and educate the public and solicit their opinions, reactions, or suggestions. The number of workshops should be based on the specific circumstances of the case;

**Public hearings** are more formalized, legal proceedings, where public testimony is presented to a decision-maker for consideration. The result of a public hearing generally consists of an official recommendation in the case of the Planning Commission or a legislative decision by the City Council.

- At least one public hearing will be conducted prior to making either a recommendation or an official decision on a comprehensive plan, a development regulation implementing the plan, or an amendment to either;

**The public** shall also have the opportunity to attend regular or special meetings to observe and aid in discussion topics before the Council and its various boards and commissions.

**Working subgroup meetings** may deviate from the above techniques due to the unique circumstances associated with their function. These include the rapid, high volume, recurring meetings of technical committees, subcommittees, or work groups which focus their efforts on specific issues or limited supporting tasks (as opposed to meetings of a quorum of the Planning Commission or City Council in which they consider complete draft plans, regulations, or amendment proposals meant to result in a formal recommendation or official decision.
4. Opportunity for Open Discussion

The City will ensure that public meetings allow for an open discussion of the relevant issues and that hearings allow for appropriate public testimony. When public meetings, workshops, or hearings are conducted, the City will ensure that those who choose to participate in the planning process have the opportunity to take part and have their opinions heard. To ensure participation opportunities, the following actions will be implemented:

- **Establish** an agenda that clearly defines the purpose of the meeting or hearing, the items to be considered, and actions that may be taken. If available early, the agenda should be included or summarized in the notice(s);

- **The scheduled** date, time, and place should be convenient so as to encourage the greatest number of people to attend;

- **A Clearly** identifiable facilitator or chair will conduct the meeting or hearing in an orderly fashion to ensure that all attendees have an opportunity to discuss issues, offer comments, or provide testimony;

- **The facilitator** or chair should provide introductory remarks outlining the purpose of the meeting or hearing and describing how the attendees can best participate and how their input may be used;

- **As appropriate,** City staff may provide a brief overview of any documents or proposals to be considered;

- **All persons** desiring to participate should be allowed to do so. However, specific factors, such as the purpose of the meeting, size of attendance, time factors, or other opportunities to participate, may suggest some appropriate constraints to be applied. Rules of order for the meeting or hearing should be set forth clearly by the chair or facilitator.

- **All attendees** will be encouraged to identify themselves on a sign-in sheet;

- **All meetings** and hearings should be recorded;

- **Written** findings, decisions, and minutes should be prepared and available as soon as possible following a hearing;

- **Special** arrangements for meetings or hearings will be made under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with advance notice;

- **If the City Council** chooses to consider a change to an amendment to the comprehensive plan or development regulation, and the change proposed after the opportunity for review and comment has passed under the City’s procedures, an opportunity for public review and comments on the proposed change shall be provided before the City Council votes on the proposed change (per RC 36.70A.035(2)); and

- **As set forth in RCW 36.70A.035(2)(b),** an additional opportunity for public review and comment is not required if:
  - An environmental impact statement has been prepared under Chapter 43.21C RCW for the pending resolution or ordinance and the proposed change is within the range of alternatives considered in the environmental impact statement;
  - The proposed change is within the scope of the alternatives available for public comment;
  - The proposed change only corrects typographical errors, corrects cross-references, makes address or name changes, or clarifies language of a proposed ordinance or resolution without changing its effect;
  - The proposed change is to a resolution or ordinance making a capital budget decision as provided in RCW 36.70A.120; or
  - The proposed change is to a resolution or ordinance enacting a moratorium or interim control adopted under RCW 36.70A.390.
CHAPTER 2.118.60
AMENDMENTS TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS

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2.118.60.010 Purpose and Types of Amendments.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedures for amendment of the City’s Comprehensive Plan map/text and the Development Regulations. In addition, this chapter will describe the City’s Public Participation process, which is intended to solicit comments and suggested amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations for consideration. The Public Participation process described herein is supplemented by a booklet that provides additional detail.
B. Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Development Regulations. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan is defined as the generalized, coordinated land use policy statement of the City, and the accompanying map, adopted under the Growth Management Act (chapter 36.70A RCW). The Development Regulations are the controls placed on development or land use activities by the City, including, but not limited to, the City’s codes on zoning, critical areas, official controls, planned unit developments, subdivisions, binding site plans and the Shoreline Master Program.

C. Types of Amendments. The applications that will be processed under this Chapter as legislative amendments are Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Map or Policies and Development Regulation Amendments (to the text of the Development Regulations) which do not implement the existing Comprehensive Plan.

2.118.60.020 Administration of Legislative Amendments to Development Regulations. The Director is authorized to administer the provisions of this Chapter. The Planning Commission shall have the authority to hold the public hearing on any proposed legislative amendments to the development regulations, and to provide a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council shall consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation during a public meeting or a public hearing and shall make a final decision.

2.118.60.030 Procedure for Amendments to Development Regulations. The following steps shall be followed in the processing of applications for Amendments to Development Regulations. [Hyperlink will be set to each procedure so the reader will be directed to the appropriate section of the code.]

A. 2.118.60.050: Director’s Determination that the Application is Complete;
B. 2.118.60.060: SEPA;
C. 2.118.60.080: Notice of Public Hearing;
D. 2.118.60.210: Public Hearing before the Planning Commission;
F. 2.118.60.230: City Council considers application;
G. 18.60.240: Final Decision, transmittal to state;
H. 2.118.60.240: Appeal to Growth Management Hearings Board (if any).

2.118.60.040 Submission of Applications for Amendments to Development Regulations (Who May Submit and When).

A. Who May Submit Applications. Any interested person, including citizens, Hearing Examiners, staff of other agencies, Planning Commission and City Council members, may submit an application for an amendment of a development regulation.

B. When Applications May Be Submitted. The text of the City’s adopted development regulations may be amended at any time, provided that the amendment is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map. When inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map, the amendment shall be processed concurrent with any necessary Plan amendments using the process and timelines for Comprehensive Plan Amendments in Sections 2.118.60.120 through .240 of this chapter.
Applications that do not include the information required in Section 2.118.60.050 shall not be processed.

2.118.60.050 Requirements for a Complete Application. The following materials shall be submitted to the City for a complete application for a Development Regulation Amendment:

A. An application form provided by the City;
B. Name, address, phone number and e-mail of the applicant and if the applicant is not the property owner, proof of the property owner’s consent to the submission of the application;
C. Name, address, phone number and e-mail of the owner of the property identified in the application (if applicable);
D. A legal description of the property, if applicable;
E. A description of the proposed Amendment and any associated development proposals, if applicable. Formal site-specific or project-related amendments shall include plans, information and/or studies that accurately depict existing and proposed uses(s) and improvements. Proposed site-specific or project related Amendments that do not specify propose use(s) and potential impacts will be assumed to have maximum impact to the environment, public facilities and services;
F. Proposed amendatory language, preferably shown in “bill” format (i.e., new language underlined; language proposed for deletion in strikeouts);
G. An explanation of the rationale for the proposed Amendment;
H. An explanation of how the proposed Amendment and associated development proposal(s) if any, conform to, conflict with, or relate to the criteria set forth in Section 18.602.1.220;
I. A completed SEPA checklist including the supplement sheet for non-project actions (if applicable);
J. Application fee as set forth in the City’s resolution adopted for this purpose; and
K. Any additional information reasonably deemed necessary by the Planning Director to evaluate the proposed amendment.

2.118.60.060 SEPA Compliance and Transmittal to State. If an application for an Amendment to the Development Regulations is submitted outside of the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process, SEPA shall be performed on the application as set forth in chapter ___ (City’s SEPA ordinance). If applicable, the City shall notify the State Department of Commerce of its intent to adopt the proposed amendment(s) to the Development Regulations at least sixty (60) days prior to final adoption.

2.118.60.070 Public Notice.

A. Notice of any public hearing on an application for an Amendment to a Development Regulation submitted outside of the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process set forth in Sections 2.118.60.120 through 18.60.240 of this chapter, shall be given by one publication in the official newspaper of the City at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing and by posting a copy of the notice of public hearing in City Hall and on the City’s website. Additional notice may be required by state or local law (e.g., statutory notice
requirements for amendments to the Shoreline Master Program), or additional notice may be
provided as deemed appropriate by the Director.

B. The public notice shall include the following:

1. The purpose(s) of the Amendment;
2. The deadline for submitting comments on the Amendment;
3. A tentative hearing schedule; continued hearings may be held by the Planning Commission but no additional notices need be published.

**2.118.60.080 Planning Commission Public Hearing.** The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application for an Amendment to a Development Regulation and shall make a recommendation to the City Council, using the criteria set forth in Section 2.118.60.220, as applicable. There is no limit on the number of public hearings or continuation of public hearings that the Commission (or City Council) may hold on a proposed Amendment.

**2.118.60.090 City Council Action.** The City Council shall consider the proposed Amendment to the Development Regulations and the Planning Commission’s recommendation at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City Council shall also apply the criteria set forth in Section 2.118.60.220, as applicable, in order to make a final decision.

1. If the City Council concludes that no change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council may make a final determination on the proposed amendment(s) without holding another public hearing, and make a final decision.

2. If the City Council concludes that a change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council shall consider whether another opportunity for public review and comment is needed under RCW 36.70A.035(2)(a) and if so, it shall hold another public hearing before making a final decision.

**2.118.60.100 Final Decision, Transmittal to State and Appeals.** If the City Council decides not to adopt the proposed Amendment to the Development Regulations, it shall pass a resolution with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. If the City Council decides to adopt the proposed Amendment to the Development Regulations, it shall adopt an ordinance with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the State Department of Commerce within ten days after final adoption.

**2.118.60.110 Appeal of Legislative Amendments to Development Regulations.** Appeals of the City’s final decision may be filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.290.

**2.118.60.120 Administration of Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments.**

A. Legislative Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The Director is authorized to administer the provisions of this Chapter. The Planning Commission shall have the authority to hold the public hearing on any proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment(s), and to provide a
recommendation to the City Council. The City Council shall consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation during a public meeting or a public hearing and make a final decision.

B. Development Agreement. A Legislative Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that is site-specific may be approved subject to the execution, delivery and recording of a Development Agreement between the City Council and the property owner of the subject property (or the legal owner of a beneficial interest in the subject property). The Development Agreement may impose conditions to address the criteria set forth in Section 2.118.60.220, and approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment shall be conditioned upon performance or compliance with the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement. The City may revoke (or take other action allowed by law) a Comprehensive Plan Amendment executed with a Development Agreement for failure to comply with the Development Agreement. An applicant proposing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment with a Development Agreement shall submit the proposed Development Agreement with the application materials described in Section 2.118.60.050. The City will evaluate the proposed Development Agreement together with the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (see Chapter 18.55 on Development Agreements), to determine whether the Amendment should be approved.

2.118.60.130 Submission of Applications (Who May Submit and When).

A. Who May Submit Applications for Amendments Related to a Site-Specific Development Proposals. Proponents of land development projects and/or property owner(s) or their authorized representative(s), may file an application for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan relating to a site-specific proposal. The complete application shall consist of the materials described in Section 2.1.050. The application filing fee as set forth in the City’s fee resolution shall accompany the application, which shall also require the applicant to pay for the applicant’s portion of the SEPA review attributable to the application.

B. Who May Suggest Amendments. Any interested person, including citizens, Hearing Examiners, staff of other agencies, Planning Commission and City Council members, may suggest an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Generally, suggested Amendments should be limited to proposals that broadly apply to the goals, policies and implementation strategies of the Comprehensive Plan rather than amendments designed to address site-specific issues of limited applicability. If an application is not submitted for the suggested Amendment by an interested person, the Planning Director shall include the suggested Amendment on a Docket that is maintained each year for this purpose. The process described in Sections 2.118.60.160 through .170 of this chapter shall resolve the question whether such suggested Amendments will be considered during the annual review process.

C. Amendments Considered Once a Year. Applications for Amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan may not be considered more frequently than once every year, except: (1) under the circumstances described in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(i) through (v); (2) when needed to resolve an emergency condition or situation that involves public health, safety or welfare and when adherence to the Amendment process set forth in this chapter would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare. Situations involving official legal or administrative action
affecting the City will be reviewed by the City Council with advice from the City Attorney to determine whether an emergency exists warranting an emergency Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Except as otherwise provided in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a), all Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall be considered concurrently so that the cumulative effect of the various proposals may be ascertained.

D. Deadline for Application Submittal. All applications for Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall be submitted to the Planning Director by March 31st of the current calendar year (or be included in the Director’s docket of suggested amendments by this date) in order to be considered during the following year’s amendment process; except that City-sponsored proposals to amend the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan may be accepted later than other proposed amendments because of their relationship to the City’s annual budget process. Applications that do not include the information required under subsection 2.118.60.150 for a complete application, or which are not received by the deadline set forth in this subsection, shall not be processed.

2.118.60.140 Preliminary Docket.

A. Contents. A preliminary docket shall be maintained by the Planning Director, which shall consist of the following:

1. All applications submitted before the December 31st deadline to amend the Comprehensive Plan;
2. All amendments suggested during the year by citizens, the Planning Commission, City Council, staff, departments or other agencies.

B. Planning Director Responsibilities. After compiling the preliminary docket, the Planning Director shall review the suggested amendments and prepare a report concerning which suggested amendments that the Planning Director believes should be placed on the final docket for consideration during the annual amendment process. In addition to addressing the need, urgency and appropriateness of each suggested amendment, the staff report shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration of the following:

1. The availability of sufficient planning staff to substantively review the suggested amendments and manage the public review process with available staff; and
2. Anticipated planning costs and budget for processing the suggested amendments.

2.118.60.150 Optional City Council/Planning Commission Workshop on Preliminary Docket. The City Council and Planning Commission may, but are not required to, hold a noticed joint workshop meeting to gather information regarding the items on the preliminary docket and the administrator’s report and recommendation. If held, notice of the joint workshop meeting shall be given by publication in the City’s official newspaper at least one time, ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting and by posting a copy of the meeting notice at City Hall and the City’s website, which shall include a statement of the purpose of the joint workshop.

2.118.60.160 Planning Commission Hearing on Preliminary Docket. The Planning Commission shall hold a noticed public hearing to accept public comment regarding the
suggested amendments on the preliminary docket. Following the hearing, the Planning Commission shall prepare a report and recommendation identifying those suggested amendments that it is recommending for consideration by the City Council during the annual amendment process. The Planning Commission’s recommendation shall be based upon the perceived need, urgency and appropriateness of each suggested amendment. The Planning Commission’s report and recommendation shall also include those proposed amendments resulting from its periodic assessment set forth in Section 2.118.60.250, as applicable. Notice of the Planning Commission’s hearing shall be given as set forth in Section 2.118.60.070.

2.118.60.170 City Council Decision – Adoption of Final Docket. The City Council shall review and consider the Planning Commission’s report and recommended final docket at a regularly scheduled Council meeting. The City Council may adopt the Planning Commission’s recommended final docket without a public hearing; however, in the event that a majority of the City Council decides to add or subtract suggested amendments, it shall first hold a public hearing, noticed as set forth in Section 18.602-4.070.

2.118.60.180 Final Docket – Contents. The final docket adopted by the City Council shall include the following:

1. All applications for Comprehensive Plan Amendments for site-specific amendments timely submitted under Section 2.118.60.130; and
2. Any proposals for suggested amendments which the City Council elects to consider during the annual amendment process.

2.118.60.190 Effect of Final Docket. The City Council’s decision to adopt the final docket does not constitute a decision or recommendation that the substance of any site-specific amendment or suggested amendment be adopted. No additional amendment proposals shall be considered by the City after adoption of the final docket for that year, except for those identified in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(i) through (v), and City-sponsored proposals to amend the capital facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan as set forth in RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a)(iv).

2.118.60.200 SEPA on Final Docket. The final docket as adopted by the City Council shall first be reviewed and assessed by the Planning Director, who shall prepare a staff report and recommendation on each proposed amendment. The Planning Director shall also be responsible for conducting SEPA review of all items on the final docket, as required by [reference City’s SEPA Chapter here.] EMC 20.05. As appropriate, the Planning Director shall solicit comments regarding the proposed amendments from the public and/or government agencies. The Planning Director shall also be responsible for providing notice and opportunity for public comment as deemed appropriate, given the nature of the proposed amendments and consistent with RCW 36.70A.140 and SEPA (chapter 43.21C RCW and chapter 197-11 WAC). Issuance of the SEPA threshold decision on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall be coordinated such that if an appeal of the SEPA threshold decision is filed, the appeal shall be heard by the Hearing Examiner as outlined in EMC Chapter 17.

2.118.60.210 Planning Commission Public Hearing on Final Docket.
A. All proposed amendments on the final docket shall be reviewed and assessed by the Planning Commission, which shall make a recommendation to the City Council after holding at least one public hearing.

B. After the public hearing(s), the Planning Commission shall develop findings and conclusions to support its recommendation to the City Council that the proposed amendment(s) be denied, approved, or approved with conditions or modifications.

2.118.60.220 Evaluation Criteria for Proposed Amendments. The Planning Commission shall review the proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations under the following criteria to develop findings and conclusions to support a recommendation:

A. All Amendments. All of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall be reviewed under the following criteria:

1. Whether the proposed amendment(s) conform to the Growth Management Act (chapter 36.70A RCW);
2. Whether the proposed amendment(s) are consistent with and implement the City’s Comprehensive Plan, including the goals, policies and implementation strategies of the various elements of the Plan;
3. Whether circumstances related to the proposed amendment(s) and/or the area in which it is located have substantially changed since the adoption of the City’s Comprehensive Plan;
4. Whether the assumptions upon which the City’s Comprehensive Plan is based are no longer valid, or whether new information is available which was not considered during the adoption process or any annual amendments of the City’s Comprehensive Plan; and
5. Whether the proposed amendment(s) reflects current, widely held values of the residents of the City.

B. Amendments for Site-Specific Proposals. In addition to the above, any proposal for a site-specific development or amendment shall be reviewed under the following criteria:

1. Whether the proposed site-specific amendment(s) meets concurrency requirements for transportation and does not adversely affect adopted level of service standards for other public facilities and services (e.g., police, fire and emergency medical services, parks, fire flow and general governmental services);
2. Any proposed site-specific amendment(s) will not result in probable significant adverse impacts to the City’s transportation network, capital facilities, utilities, parks and environmental features that cannot be mitigated, and will not place uncompensated burdens upon existing or planned service capabilities;
3. In the case of a site-specific amendment(s) to the Comprehensive Plan’s Land Use Map, that the subject parcels are physically suitable for the requested land use designation and the anticipated land use development, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) access; (ii) provision of utilities; and (iii) compatibility with existing and planned surrounding land uses;
4. The proposed site-specific amendment(s) will not create pressure to change the land use designation of other properties, unless the change of land use designation for other properties is in the long-term best interests of the City as a whole;

5. The proposed site specific amendment(s) does not materially affect the land use and population growth projections that are the bases of the Comprehensive Plan;

6. If within an incorporated urban growth area (UGA), the proposed site-specific amendment(s) does not materially affect the adequacy or availability of urban facilities and services to the immediate area and the overall UGA;

7. The proposed amendment(s) is consistent with any applicable County-Wide Policies for the City and any other applicable inter-jurisdictional policies or agreements, and any other local, state or federal laws.

2.118.60.230 City Council Action. The City Council shall consider the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the Planning Commission’s recommendation at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City Council shall also apply the criteria set forth in Section 18.602.1.220, as applicable, in order to make a final decision.

1. If the City Council concludes that no change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council may make a final determination on the proposed amendment(s) without holding another public hearing, and make a final decision.

2. If the City Council concludes that a change in the recommendation of the Planning Commission is necessary, the City Council shall consider whether another opportunity for public review and comment is needed under RCW 36.70A.035(2)(a) and if so, it shall hold another public hearing before making a final decision.

2.118.60.240 Final Decision, Transmittal to State and Appeals. The Council’s final action on the docket must be taken by the second regular Council meeting in December of each year. If the City Council decides not to adopt the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, it shall pass a resolution with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. If the City Council decides to adopt the proposed development regulations, it shall adopt an ordinance with the associated findings and conclusions to support its decision. A copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the State Department of Commerce within ten days after final adoption. All appeals to the adoption of an amendment(s) to the City’s Comprehensive Plan or development regulations shall be filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board in accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.70A.290 and Chapter 36.70A RCW.

2.118.60.250 Planning Commission Periodic Assessment – Recommendations on Amendments.

A. Timelines. The Planning Commission shall review, and if necessary, recommend revisions to the Comprehensive Plan during a periodic assessment performed in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130. The Planning Commission shall complete its assessment of the Comprehensive Plan by November 1st of the year prior to the assessment. Any amendments recommended by a majority vote of the Planning Commission shall be forwarded to the Planning Director by March 1st of the year in which the periodic assessment is conducted. The Planning
Director shall place all such recommended amendments on the preliminary docket to be considered during the final docket selection process set forth in Sections 2.10.160 through 2.170 of this chapter.

B. Criteria Governing Planning Commission Assessment. The Planning Commission’s periodic assessment and recommendation shall be based upon, but shall not be limited to, an inquiry into the following growth management indicators:

1. Whether growth and development as envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan is occurring faster or slower than anticipated, or is failing to materialize;
2. Whether the capacity of the City to provide adequate services has diminished or increased;
3. Whether sufficient urban land is designated and zoned to meet projected demand and need;
4. Whether any of the assumptions upon which the plan is based are no longer found to be valid;
5. Whether changes in county-wide attitudes necessitate amendments to the goals of the plan and the basic values embodied within the Comprehensive Plan;
6. Whether changes in circumstances dictate a need for amendments; and
7. Whether inconsistencies exist between the Comprehensive Plan and the GMA or the Comprehensive Plan and any County-wide Planning Policies for the City.