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Board of County Commissioners

**Approval of a Board Order terminating the Cable
Television Franchise Agreement for use of the County
Rights-of-Way with Ziplly Fiber Northwest. No County
General funds are involved.**

Previous Board Action/Review	Franchise extension December 7, 2023.		
Performance Clackamas	Build public trust through good government.		
Counsel Review	Yes 12/9/2025	Procurement Review	No
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BACKGROUND:

The County has a Franchise Agreement for use of the County's rights-of-way to provide cable communications to residents in unincorporated Clackamas County with Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC ("Ziplly Fiber") who has been paying franchise fees to Clackamas County of 5% of gross revenues.

The Franchise Agreement also includes broadcast of the following Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Channels: Clackamas County Government Channel, Clackamas Community College Channel, and the Willamette Falls Media Center in the cable service area. Ziplly Fiber has been supporting the Access Channels with a monthly contribution of \$1.00 per cable subscriber.

Due to market forces the above cable provider has provided notice to Clackamas County of their intention to cease cable operations effective December 31, 2025.

One element of cable television that is not currently replicated online is the Emergency Broadcast System. This is a service that Clackamas 911, Fire Departments, law enforcement, and the National Weather Service use to get emergency information to

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people while watching television and listening to radio. While this service will no longer reach residents in the Ziply Fiber franchise area via cable television it will continue over broadcast television and radio.

Residents can also sign up for emergency alerts via Everbridge reverse 911. The sign up can be found here: <https://www.clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts>. In the case of an emergency a user will receive alerts by email, VOIP, TTY/TDD devices, or on their cell phone.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the Order to Terminate Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Ziply Fiber Northwest, LLC effective December 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Munns', is written over the printed name.

Jeffrey D. Munns
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Terminating the Cable
Television Franchise Agreement
for use of the County Rights-of-Way
with Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC



Order No. _____

This matter coming on at this time, and it appearing that Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC ("Ziplly Fiber"), has been providing cable television service utilizing the County rights-of-way pursuant to Franchise Agreement under Ordinance No. 03-2008, and extended on December 7, 2023, by Board Order No. 2023-109. Ziplly Fiber has informed their customers that they will no longer provide cable television services effective December 31, 2025, and;

It further appearing that the County and the above mentioned cable provider have reviewed the market conditions and infrastructure issues leading to Ziplly Fiber's decision to seek to terminate its Franchise Agreement; and

It further appearing that the termination of the Franchise Agreement would be in the best interests of the citizens of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Franchise Agreement of Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC (Ziplly Fiber) be terminated effective December 31, 2025.

DATED this 18th day of December 2025.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary