



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM ♦ City Hall – 10440 Dom Calata Way E ♦ Edgewood, WA
Meeting Link: <https://cityofedgewood-org.zoom.us/j/86916509308>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

2. INTERVIEW

A. Salary Commission Applicant Bill VanEngelenburg

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. United Regional Approach for Homelessness Pierce County

B. Economic Development Advisory Board Updates

C. Interim Zoning Ordinance

D. Forged Fiber - Franchise Agreement

4. OTHER COUNCIL ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

Study Sessions are meetings for Council to review upcoming and pertinent business of the City, no action is taken by the City Council. Study Sessions are open to the public, but public input is reserved for the regular Council meetings

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City Of Edgewood Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Salary Commission Applicant Bill VanEngelenburg	Agenda Item #: 2.A
	For Agenda of: 1/20/2026
	Prepared by: Jill Schwerzler-Herrera
Attachments (list): 1. PROPOSED _Public Roster 01.20.2026	
Approval of Materials: Jill Schwerzler-Herrera Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator 01/14/2026 Dave Olson, Mayor 01/14/2026	Expenditure Required: Amount Budgeted: Timeline: 01/20/2026 SS 01/27/2026 RCM

Summary Statement:

The City has received an application to fill one of the vacant positions on the Salary Commission. This evening, the Council will interview Mr. Bill VanEngelenburg, who has volunteered to serve on the Salary Commission. As in past interviews, each Councilmember will take a turn asking the applicant a question regarding their interest in serving. Mayor Olson will present a recommendation for approval and appointment at the next regular Council meeting.

Item History:

Recommended Action:

Hold a discussion and provide staff direction on Salary Commission Applicant Bill VanEngelenburg

Fiscal Note/Consideration:



SALARY COMMISSION BOARD

Position	Title	First Name	Last Name	Term Expires
1	PROPOSED	William	VanEngelenburg	12/31/2027
2		Joseph	Coyle	12/31/2026
3		Patrick	Rhoades	12/31/2026
4		Vacant		12/31/2027
5		Vacant		12/31/2027



City Of Edgewood Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Economic Development Advisory Board Updates	Agenda Item #: 3.B
	For Agenda of: 1/20/2026
	Prepared by: Jeremy Metzler
Attachments (list): 1. Q4 2025 Plat Construction Report 2. Q4 2025 Development Report	
Approval of Materials: Jeremy Metzler Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator 01/14/2026 Dave Olson, Mayor 01/14/2026	Expenditure Required: N/A
	Amount Budgeted: N/A
	Timeline: Monthly Report to Council, 2nd Study Session

Summary Statement:

The Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) last met on Monday, January 5, 2026, and the materials can be found here: <https://edgewoodwa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1201/files/agenda/2642>.

Chair Morgan facilitated a discussion regarding the city's economic development webpage and ways to better engage with commercial developers, establishing workgroups to develop content for further discussion at subsequent EDAB meetings. Next was a detailed review and discussion regarding the 2025-2026 Work Plan, preparing the EDAB for the annual joint meeting with Council in February where Council priorities will be established for 2026.

Finally, pursuant to previous conversations with the City Council, staff has prepared the attached Q4 2025 development reports for Council's information and review. Staff will continue to update and provide these reports to the Council on a quarterly basis.

Item History:

This is a reoccurring agenda item every second study session of the month.

Recommended Action:

Hold a discussion regarding Economic Development Advisory Board Updates

Fiscal Note/Consideration:

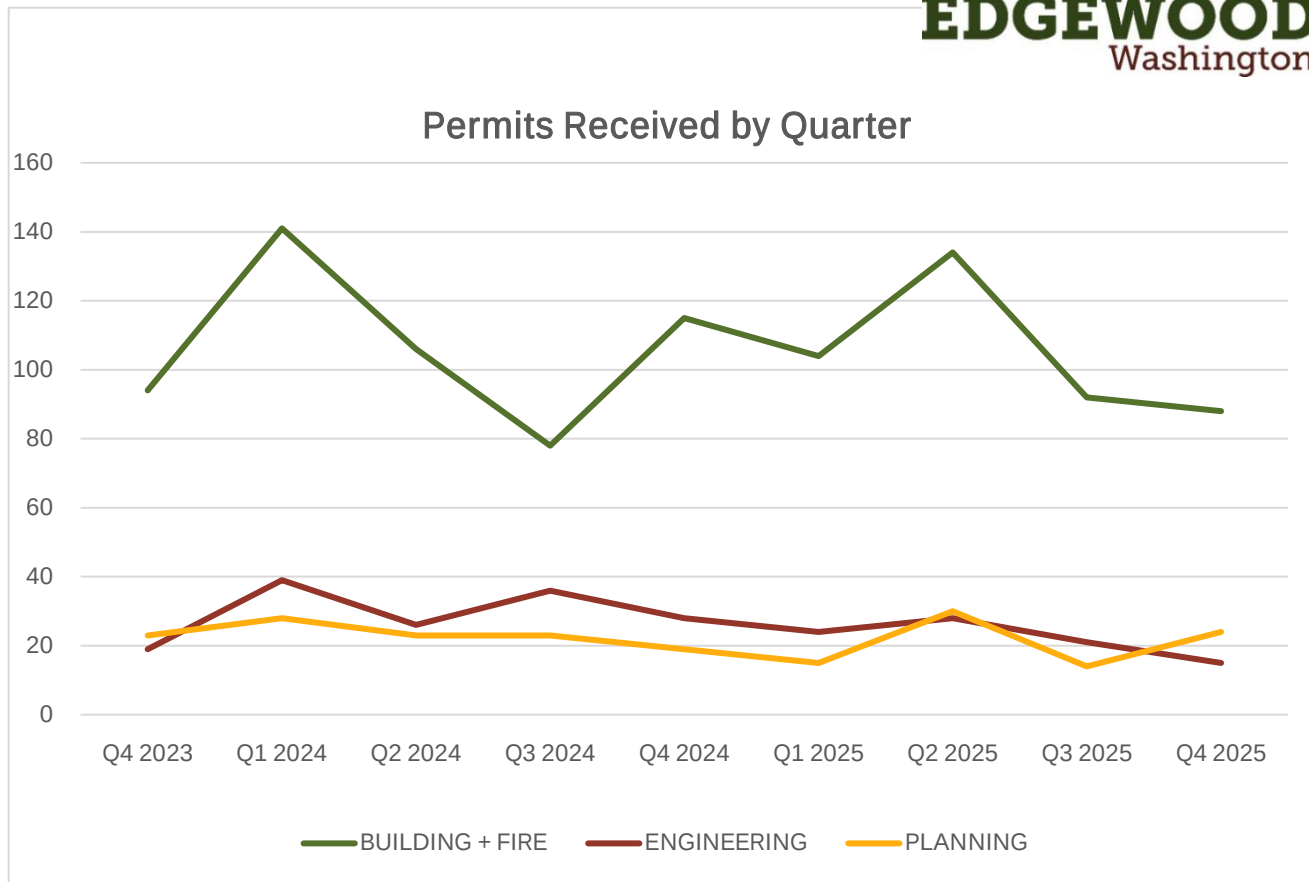
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Subdivision Development Tracking Report - 2025 Q4

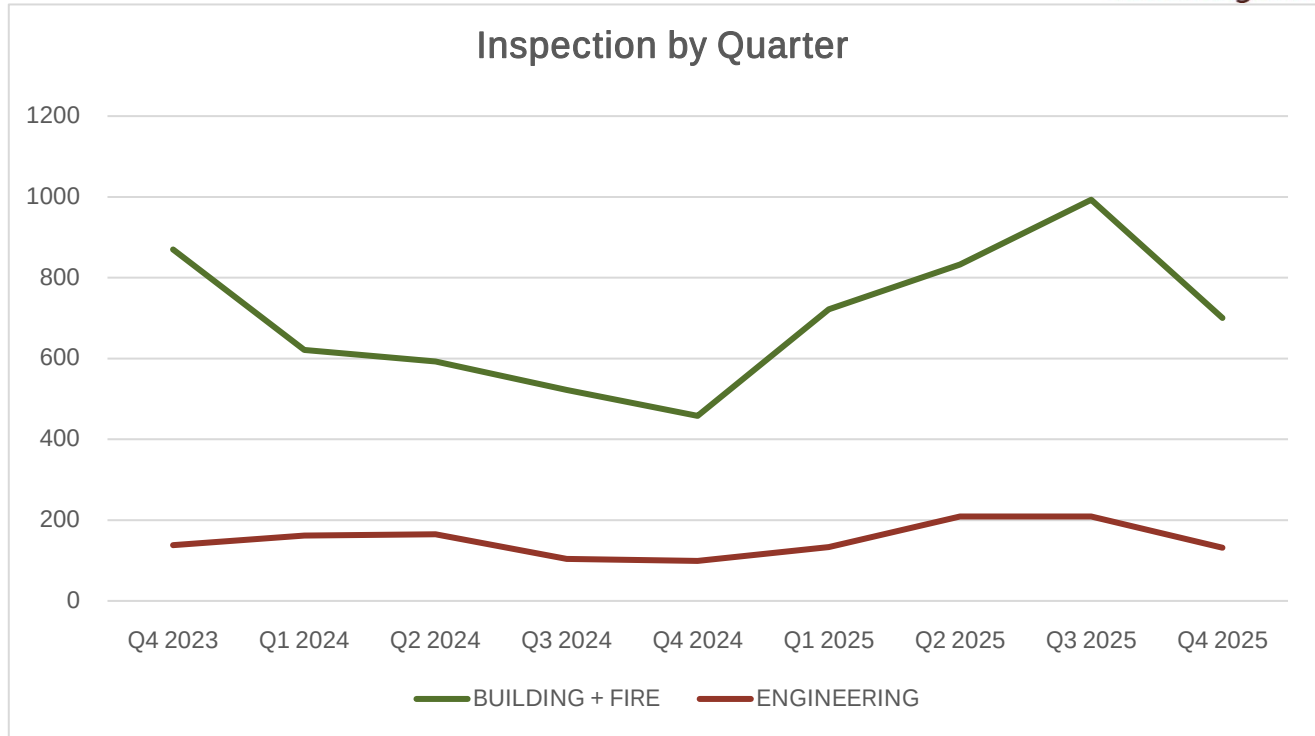


Year Started	File No.	Project Name	Location	Status	No. of Lots	Lots Built or In Progress		Remaining Lots	
2025	25-1205	COLLIER SHORT PLAT	3915 MERIDIAN AVE E	Preliminary Review	2	1		1	50%
2024	24-1459	CONNOLLY SHORT PLAT PLAT	1711 122ND AVE E	Preliminary Review	4	1		3	75%
	24-1046	FRANTSEVICH SHORT PLAT	11315 18TH ST E	Final Recorded	3	1		2	67%
	24-1437	WOOD SHORT PLAT	2504 TO 2508 112TH AVE E	Preliminary Approved	2	2		0	0%
2023	23-1528	PASQUIER SHORT PLAT	12513 44TH STREET CT E	Final Recorded	2	1		1	50%
	23-1521	36TH STREET SHORT PLAT	9814 36TH ST E	Final Recorded	3	1		2	67%
	23-1539	NORTHWOOD ESTATES WEST PHASE II	9623 24TH ST E	Final Plat	46	5		41	89%
	23-1299	HOMESTRETCH SUBDIVISION	2208 116TH AVE E	SiteDev Review	32	3		29	91%
	23-1228	TYEE RANCH SUBDIVISION	11617 15TH ST E	SiteDev Construction	39	0		39	100%
2022	22-1479	JONES SHORT PLAT	11517 34TH ST E	Final Recorded	3	2		1	33%
	22-1385	AFICHUK SHORT PLAT	1625 112TH AVE E	Final Approved	2	0		2	100%
2021	21-1170	BREYER SHORT PLAT	2114 95TH AVCT E	Final Recorded	5	4		1	20%
2020	20-1360	PADEN SHORT PLAT	1302 114TH ST E	Preliminary Approved	2	1		1	50%
	20-1350	HARRISON SHORT PLAT	12121 42ND ST E	Final Recorded	2	1		1	50%
	20-1100	NEW HOPE SHORT PLAT	4902 EDGEWOOD DR E	Final Recorded	2	1		1	50%
2019	19-1490	BJERK SHORT PLAT	9815 31ST ST E	Final Recorded	2	1		1	50%
	19-1471	ESTATES ON CALDWELL SUBDIVISION	XXX CALDWELL RD E	Final Recorded	6	5		1	17%
2018	18-1214	GRUBB SHORT PLAT	12325 48TH ST E	SiteDev Review	3	1		2	67%
2017	17-1444	WOLF POINT SUBDIVISION	XXX MERIDIAN AV E	Final Recorded	55	43		12	22%
2016	16-5459	VOLENTE SUBDIVISION	8626 33RD ST E	Final Recorded	15	7		8	53%
	16-5462	GERVAIS SHORT PLAT	1607 112TH AVE E	Final Recorded	3	1		2	67%
	16-5366	PASCOLO ESTATES SUBDIVISION	2806 117TH AVE CT E	Final Recorded	19	18		1	5%
2015	5262	NICKLAUS (ASTER POINT) SUBDIVISION	2305-2307 94TH AVE CT E	Final Recorded	38	36		2	5%
	4965	VIEW POINTE SUBDIVISION	10413 13TH ST E	Final Recorded	44	43		1	2%
	4938	CURRAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION	412 114TH AVE E	Final Recorded	9	8		1	11%
2014	4663	LISITSYN SHORT PLAT	11120 COUNTY LINE RD E	Final Recorded	6	4		2	33%

Total Lots Remaining 158



Permits	Building + Fire		Planning		Engineering	
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
Q2 2025	88	88	24	21	15	13
2024	115	100	19	16	28	15
2023	94	81	23	15	19	20
Mon. Avg 2025	70	37	14	8	15	15
2024	37	30	8	5	11	9
2023	42	36	9	6	10	8
YTD 2025	418	222	83	49	88	89
2024	440	361	93	60	129	104
2023	509	427	107	74	119	101
Permits	Building + Fire		Planning		Engineering	
	Month	Received	Month	Received	Month	Received
Highest Month 2025	Apr	57	Oct	12	Mar	11
Highest Month 2024	Jan	48	Jan	14	Oct	17



<i>Inspections</i>	Building + Fire		Engineering	
Q4 2025	700		132	
2024	458		99	
2023	870		138	
Mon. Avg 2025	259		57	
2024	183		44	
2023	289		57	
YTD 2025	1555		342	
2024	2194		530	
2023	3462		686	
	Building + Fire		Engineering	
	Month	Insp.	Month	Insp.
Highest Month 2025	Mar	748	Mar	146
Highest Month 2024	Jan	458	May	158



City Of Edgewood Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Interim Zoning Ordinance	Agenda Item #: 3.C	
	For Agenda of: 1/20/2026	
	Prepared by: Jeremy Metzler	
Attachments (list): 1. SIGNED PC Recommendation - Interim Zoning Ordinance 2. DRAFT Ordinance 26-0xxx - Amending EMC 18.80.080 and Repealing ORD 25-0676 3. DRAFT EMC 18.80.080 Redlines 20260120		
Approval of Materials: Jeremy Metzler Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator 01/14/2026 Dave Olson, Mayor 01/14/2026		Expenditure Required: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Timeline: 01/20/2026 SS 01/27/2026 RCM

Summary Statement: The City Council adopted [Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676](#) on March 25, 2025. This ordinance currently:

- Clarifies the purpose of the Town Center (TC), Commercial (C), and Business Park (BP) zoning districts
- Prohibits single-use residential projects in the TC and C zoning districts
- Prohibits all new residential projects in the BP zoning district
- Retains both single- and mixed-use residential in the Mixed Use Residential (MUR) zoning district
- Requires all properties in these zoning districts that abut arterial roadways (Meridian Ave E, Emerald St E, 8th St E, 24th St E) to develop permissible non-residential uses within 200 feet of said roadway, while allowing for mixed use (residential and commercial) if 50% of the building footprint area (ground floor) is a commercial use
- Removes the ability to simply "preserve", or set aside, the required frontage area "for future retail or office type commercial uses"
- Removes the allowance for vertical mixed use projects to develop ground floor residential if converted to commercial within three years of occupancy (not utilized)

The City Council held their public hearing for the Interim Zoning Ordinance on May 13, 2025 ([link to presentation](#)), where no comments were received. Staff also met with the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) at their June 2, 2025 meeting, and a summary of that discussion was included in the [June 9, 2025 Planning Commission meeting materials](#). Discussion continued with the Planning Commission through December 2025 (see Item History for links).

Furthermore, staff issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on October 24, 2025, with the SEPA public comment period ending with a public hearing at the November 10, 2025 PC Meeting. Two public

comments were received at the hearing relating to the proposed development standards and ensuring appropriate minimum requirements for commercial uses along the Meridian corridor. No other comments were received, and the SEPA determination was not appealed.

As adopted under the Interim Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission must consider modifications and prepare a recommendation to the City Council regarding the adoption of permanent regulations for the Council's consideration and action no later than March 25, 2026, unless extended or modified by the Council. Pursuant to Council's direction, the Planning Commission's recommendation is attached for review this evening. The attached draft ordinance and code amendments are summarized as follows:

- updates the purpose statements for the Town Center (TC), Commercial (C), Mixed Use Residential (MUR) and Business Park (BP) zoning districts to be consistent with the 2024 Comprehensive Plan
- allows for townhomes and apartments in the BP zone as an outright permissible use near the Interurban Trail (pending an update to these rows in EMC 18.70.050, Land Use Table),
- replaces the 200-foot non-residential use standard with a ground floor building frontage standard, including a minimum unit depth for said non-residential use based on building height,
- clarifies what qualifies as "frontage occupied by a building", and
- other clarifying edits.

Item History: Planning Commission Meetings:

- June 9, 2025 - [Meeting Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)
- July 14, 2025 - [Meeting Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)
- August 11, 2025 - [Meeting Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)
- September 8, 2025 - [Meeting Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)
- October 13, 2025 - [Meeting Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)
- November 10, 2025 - [Public Hearing Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)
- December 8, 2025 - [Meeting Materials](#), [Video Recording](#)

Recommended Action:

Hold a discussion and provide staff guidance regarding Interim Zoning Ordinance

Fiscal Note/Consideration:

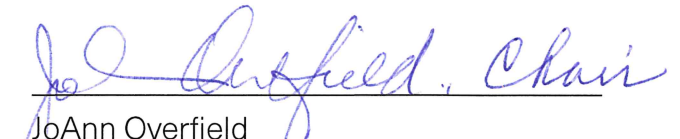
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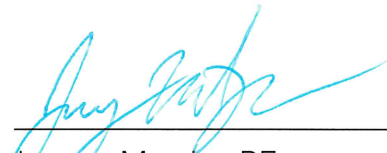
CITY OF EDGEWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed draft amendments to EMC 18.80.080 related to uses and development standards in the Town Center, Commercial, Business Park and Mixed Use Residential zoning districts, and concluding the review directed by Council under Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676.

RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.


JoAnn Overfield
Planning Commission Chair

Attest by:


Jeremy Metzler, PE
Community Development Director

ORDINANCE NO. 26-0xxx

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 18.80.080 OF THE EDGEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE TOWN CENTER, COMMERCIAL, MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICTS; REPEALING INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE 25-0676; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in response to a substantial increase in inquiries for single-use residential developments in the Town Center, Commercial, Mixed-Use Residential, and Business Park zoning districts, the City Council adopted Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676 on March 25, 2025, to comply with provisions of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and preserve frontages in these zones for non-residential development; and

WHEREAS, as directed by Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676, the Edgewood Planning Commission met and reviewed proposed permanent amendments to Section 18.80.080 of the Edgewood Municipal Code (EMC) on June 9, 2025, July 14, 2025, August 11, 2025, September 8, 2025, October 13, 2025, November 10, 2025, and December 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission followed the procedures for amendments to development regulations as provided in Chapter 18.60 EMC and documented the procedures in the Planning Commission staff report dated December 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, this Ordinance was submitted to the Department of Commerce for 60-day expedited review on October 24, 2025, and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the City issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on October 24, 2025, under File No. 25-015-CODE, with a public comment period ending on November 10, 2025, and appeal period ending on November 26, 2025, where no appeals were received; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with EMC 18.60.070, on November 10, 2025, a public hearing was held and testimony on the proposed code amendments was heard; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2025, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption to the City Council of the proposed amendments to EMC 18.80.080 related to development within the Town Center, Commercial, Mixed Use Residential, and Business Park zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to EMC 18.80.080 will require a housekeeping amendment to EMC 18.70.050 to include additional permissible uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the proposed code amendments at a study session held on January 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the amendments at the regular meeting held on **January 27, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to EMC 18.80.080 adopted in this Ordinance will replace the temporary amendments approved in Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Ordinance is in compliance with the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan and will serve the general welfare of the public;

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

Section 1. Findings. The above recitals are hereby adopted as findings in support of this ordinance.

Section 2. EMC 18.80.080, Amended. EMC Section 18.80.080, Town Center, Commercial, Mixed Use Residential and Business Park zoning districts, is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated in full by this reference.

Section 3. EMC 18.70.050, Amended. EMC Section 18.70.050, Land use table, is hereby amended as follows:

- A. Land Use Category "Residential, Multifamily, Townhouse" shall be permissible ("✓") in the Business Park (BP) zone, and the following note shall be added: "In the BP zone, this use is only allowed within 1,000 feet of the Interurban Trail".
- B. Land Use Category "Residential, Multifamily, Apartment" shall be permissible ("✓") in the Business Park (BP) zone, and the following note shall be added: "In the BP zone, this use is only allowed within 1,000 feet of the Interurban Trail".

Section 4. Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676 Repealed. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, Interim Zoning Ordinance 25-0676 is hereby satisfied and repealed.

Section 5. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney and/or the city clerk, the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

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. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON **THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

Dave Olson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jill Schwerzler-Herrera, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mali C. Barber, City Attorney

Date of Publication: 01/30/2026
Effective Date: 02/04/2026

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18.80.080 Town Center, Commercial, Mixed Use Residential and Business Park zoning districts.

A. Applicability. This section establishes development standards for the Town Center, Commercial, Mixed Use Residential and Business Park zoning districts. All standards contained in other chapters of the Edgewood Municipal Code shall apply unless specifically modified by the standards contained in this section. Where a conflict exists between code standards, the specific standards contained in this section shall control.

B. Purpose.

1. The Town Center (TC) zoning district is envisioned as the heart of Edgewood, ~~reflecting a unique a well-~~
designed, pedestrian-friendly community center that embodies Edgewood's distinctive local character and rural roots. Borrowing from traditional town development patterns and forms, the TC is envisioned as the most walkable area of the city, with a mix of multistory and single-story buildings framing the street and other public spaces. The TC zone accommodates a range of compatible uses emphasizing a variety of vertical and horizontal mixed-use development, blending pedestrian-oriented retail, multifamily residential, senior housing and civic uses. The TC zone complements local traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian circulation and provides connectivity to public open spaces.

2. The Commercial (C) zoning district accommodates a wide range of commercial development, including large format retail, auto-oriented uses, and regional scale commercial uses. Development standards seek to balance the needs of the pedestrian with those of the automobile and are flexible to accommodate a wide range of uses and forms. This area provides a visual and functional transition to the Town Center and adjacent zones and assures that there is ample area to accommodate potential economic development opportunities. While commercial development is emphasized, this zone also allows mixed-use development that may combine commercial uses with multifamily housing ~~with a mix of uses.~~

3. The Mixed Use Residential (MUR) zoning district accommodates a range of medium density residential housing types to meet consumer preferences, changing household sizes and market demands. A mix of land uses is allowed, including ~~some commercial, uses and professional, office and other uses that are not~~
incompatible due to noise, truck traffic, odors, or design / scale of structures to provide diverse economic development opportunities, while maintaining neighborhood compatibility. This zone provides a visual and functional transition between residential neighborhoods and ~~to~~ areas of more intensive development ~~and adjacent residential neighborhoods.~~ Within the Meridian Corridor, achieving a high level of connectivity with streets, pedestrian and bicycle routes both within this district and to the adjoining TC district is a major goal.

4. The Business Park (BP) zoning district accommodates a wide range of employment and commercial uses, including professional office, senior housing and apartments, light industrial and retail uses, contributing both revenues and jobs to the local economy. Development standards seek to accommodate a wide range of business, while ensuring an urban design that is compatible with adjacent zones. Significant landscaping is emphasized in this zone, both for aesthetic appeal and as a tool to ensure greater compatibility between a wide range of uses. ~~While R-residential uses are generally, except multifamily, is~~ not allowed in the BP zoning district, townhouses and apartments are permissible near the Interurban Trail.

C. Permitted Uses. For permitted uses within the Town Center, Commercial, Mixed Use Residential, and Business Park zoning districts see EMC 18.70.050 Table 1, Land Use Table.

D. Development Standards. This subsection establishes the development standards that apply to the zones described. Please note that the provisions below include both minimum and maximum standards, as well as certain standards, such as height and ~~F~~ Floor ~~a~~ Area ~~R~~ Ratio (FAR), that may be modified up to the limits stated herein if certain development intensity bonus options elements (as provided for in Table 2) are included in the proposal.

Table 1: Development Standards

Standards	TC	C	MUR	BP
Maximum Height (without Any Bonus) (1)	45 feet	35 feet	35 feet	35 feet
Maximum Height (with FAR Bonus) (1)	57 feet (minimum 3:1 FAR)	45 feet (minimum 1.5:1 FAR)	35 feet	35 feet
Maximum Residential Net Density—Single-Use Project—(3)(5)(14)	48 D.U./acre	N/A (1)	24 D.U./acre	N/A (1)
Maximum Residential Net Density (1)(3)—If Part of a Mixed-Use Project (2)(4)(5)(14)	Controlled by maximum height, FAR and building code	48 D.U./acre	48 D.U./acre	48 D.U./acre N/A (1)
Minimum Residential Net Density (1)(3)(5)(6)	24 D.U./acre	24 D.U./acre N/A (1)	10 D.U./acre	N/A
Minimum <u>Arterial Roadway</u> Lot Frontage Occupied by a Building (27)	50%	35%	35%	<u>Meridian: 25%</u> <u>Other: None</u>
<u>Minimum Ground Floor Building Frontage along Arterial Roadways containing a Non-Residential Use (excluding access to upper floors) (3)</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>75%</u>
Minimum Setback to TC, C, MUR or BP Zones (8)	None	None	None (9)	None, except 20- feet for light- industrial
Minimum Setbacks to Zones Other Than TC, C, MUR or BP (10)	25 feet	25 feet	20 feet	25 feet
Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) with Bonus Features (11)	4:1	3:1	2:1 (12)	2:1
Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) without Bonus Features (13)	1:1	0.5:1	0.5:1 (12)	0.5:1
Maximum Hard Surface Area (Including Lot Coverage)	90%	85%	75%	80%
Maximum Effective Impervious Surface (14)	75%	70%	60%	65%

Table 1: Development Standards Exceptions and Notes.

(1) ~~Multifamily use in BP zones requires a CUP and is limited to multifamily as allowed.~~ Residential uses are only allowed in the Town Center and Commercial zones if they are part of mixed use project. Maximum Residential Density for projects in the Mixed Use Residential and Business Park zones without a mixed use is 24 D.U./acre.

(2) ~~To qualify for mixed use bonus, uses must be developed in same project either as vertical or horizontal mixed use.~~ Buildings must be located within five (5) feet of the public right-of-way, or abutting any existing easement that may require a greater distance, to meet the frontage occupied by a building requirement. The total length of frontage shall be measured on a line parallel to the centerline of the subject arterial roadway, excluding the width of any planned intersecting public right-of-way required pursuant to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

(3) ~~Residential single use project proposals within the TC, and C zones on combined project areas three acres or larger, shall set back single use residential structures 150 feet from an arterial ROW line. The setback area shall develop, at minimum, 30 percent of the area into retail or office type commercial uses or preserved for future retail or office type commercial uses. The remaining area within the first 150 feet from an arterial ROW may be developed into residential uses. All properties fronting arterial roadways (principal and minor) must develop permissible non-residential uses within 200 feet of along said roadway, and the ratio listed on this row applies to the Minimum Arterial Roadway Lot Frontage Occupied by a~~

Building only. If part of a mixed-use project, this must be e ground floor building frontage along said roadway must contain a permissible commercial use, unless otherwise approved by the director to meet the purpose and intent of the underlying zone. All non-residential uses required under this provision shall occupy a minimum depth of the required building as follows: 45 feet for single-story buildings, and 35 feet for multi-story buildings.

(4) Reserved~~Mixed-use development projects demonstrating a mix (30 percent commercial minimum) of residential and commercial within the same design may be located throughout the property and not limited to any portion of any specific property.~~

(5) Reserved~~Vertical mixed-use projects with ground floor commercial space may be constructed as fully residential projects with the requirement that the ground floor must be converted to a commercial use within three years of building occupancy. Notice to title shall be recorded prior to permit issuance if this provision is requested.~~

(6) Reserved~~Minimum density only applies for single-use residential projects.~~

(7) Reserved~~For building lots fronting directly on Meridian the minimum lot frontage occupied by a building in all zones is 35 percent.~~

(8) S~~Greater~~ setbacks may be necessary to accommodate utility easements and/or ~~to accommodate~~ required landscaping.

(9) Setbacks for ~~single-family~~ residential detached dwellings in the MUR zone shall be as follows:

(a) Front yard/street setback: 15 feet.

(b) Garage setback: 20 feet.

(c) Principal arterial ~~and state highway~~ setback: 25 feet.

(d) Rear yard setback: 10 feet.

(e) Interior setback: five feet minimum, or greater if needed to ~~shall~~ meet the minimum fire separation required per the International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted by the city of Edgewood.

(10) Twenty-foot setbacks s are required from any public property other than a street. Parks, open space, or stormwater ponds may be reduced or exempt from this requirement as determined by the community development director and public works director. Any reduction or exemption from this requirement must be supported by the City's comprehensive plan and capital improvement plan, as adopted.

(11) See Table 2: Development Intensity Bonus Options necessary to achieve maximum FAR.

(12) FAR does not apply to ~~single-family~~ residential detached dwellings or cottage housing in the MUR zone.

(13) There is no minimum FAR in the TC, C, MUR or BP zones.

(14) Director and city engineer may establish administrative rules for allowing partial credit for pervious paving materials.

The following optional features may be used alone or in combination to increase the allowed height and floor area ratio (FAR) up to the maximum limits identified in Table 1 (subsection (D) of this section). Table 2 below identifies the allowed FAR bonus and any additional requirements pertaining to the described bonus feature.

Table 2: Development Intensity Bonus Options

Bonus Feature	FAR Bonus	Description, Additional Requirements and Limitations
1. Parallel Road Network	1.5	Dedication and construction of those portions of the adopted parallel road network that are within or adjacent to the subject property. Design shall be consistent with the adopted street standards, including, but not limited to, travel lanes, on-street parking, landscaping and sidewalk.
2. Significant Public Plaza or Public Green Space	1.25	Available in the Town Center district only, and at the discretion of the director. Location and design shall be consistent with Town Center and Meridian Avenue Corridor master plan, and, if possible, complementary to any planned public plaza or development. Must be a minimum of five percent of the interior floor area of the development and no less than 1,500 square feet. This bonus must be in addition to any pedestrian-oriented space as required in subsection (F) of this section and EMC 18.95.030 or as required by any underlying land use approval. Plazas and green spaces shall incorporate LID to the maximum extent feasible (per Minimum Requirement No. 5 of the PCM).
3. Through Block Connection or Alley Enhancement	1.0	A pedestrian walkway and accompanying landscaping that shall be at least 15 feet wide and extend along a property line or through a site to allow the public to pass from one street to another street or an alley. The surface shall consist of stone, unit pavers, textured concrete, permeable pavement, or other material approved by the community development director or designee, with pedestrian scale lighting at least every 50 feet. Walkways and landscaping shall incorporate LID to the maximum extent feasible (per Minimum Requirement No. 5 of the PCM).
4. Mixed Use Development	1.0	Ground floor commercial with minimum of 12 feet in height measured from finished floor to finished ceiling and residential uses on upper floors at or above minimum residential density. Note additional required standards for pedestrian-oriented ground floor commercial in No. 8 below shall also apply.
5. Structure Parking, Below Grade	1.0	At least 80 percent of the parking shall be contained within a structure that is below grade.
6. Affordable Housing	1.0	For all new development within the Town Center, total square footage may be increased by two square feet for every one square foot of affordable housing (for a maximum of 1.0 FAR in bonus) provided an affordable housing plan (AHP) is developed and submitted to the director for review and approval. The developer shall commit to implementing the AHP as a part of a signed comprehensive development agreement with the city. This agreement shall be reviewed by a housing consultant or nonprofit group at the expense of the applicant with recommendations made to the director prior to any city commitment to that agreement.
7. Other Public Plaza or Public Green Space	0.75	Location and design shall be consistent with Town Center and Meridian Avenue Corridor master plan and any planned public plaza or development. Must be a minimum of two percent of the interior floor area of the development and no less than 500 square feet. This bonus must be in addition to the minimum pedestrian-oriented space requirement in subsection (F) of this section and EMC 18.95.030. Plazas and green spaces shall incorporate LID to the maximum extent feasible (per Minimum Requirement No. 5 of the PCM).
8. Ground Floor Pedestrian-Oriented Commercial	0.75	Ground floor commercial with minimum of 12 feet in height measured from finished floor to finished ceiling. Buildings shall include windows with clear vision glass on at least 50 percent of the area between two and 12 feet above grade for all ground floor building facades that are visible from an abutting street. Weather protection with a minimum of six feet in depth shall be provided over sidewalks and pedestrian connections on 80 percent of the length of the building frontage. This bonus feature may not be used in conjunction with No. 3 above.
9. Structured Parking, At Grade or Above Grade	0.75	At least 80 percent of the parking shall be contained within a structure. The structure may be part of the building or a separate structure. The structure shall be designed to minimize visibility of the parking area from the street. The street level floor shall be mixed use.
10. LEED Gold Certification (or Better)	0.75	As certified by the USGBC. Applicant is responsible for providing LEED precertification submittal documentation and annotated checklist to the city. City will review documentation at the applicant's expense. If accepted, the city will make this a condition of approval of the subsequent building permit.

Bonus Feature	FAR Bonus	Description, Additional Requirements and Limitations
11. Multi-Modal Pathway	0.5	A pathway for the movement of pedestrians and bicyclists that is consistent with the Town Center and Meridian Avenue Corridor master plan, transportation plan, and city's parks and recreation plan and approved by city staff. Pathways shall incorporate LID to the maximum extent feasible (per Minimum Requirement No. 5 of the PCM).
12. Public Meeting Room	0.5	Available in the Town Center district only. A room available to the community for meetings and events. The size shall be a minimum of 500 square feet, with windows on at least one side and shall be directly accessible from the outside or by a controlled lobby that allows public access.
13. LEED Silver Certification	0.5	As certified by the USGBC. Applicant is responsible for providing LEED precertification submittal documentation and annotated checklist to the city. City will review documentation at the applicant's expense. If accepted, the city will make this a condition of approval of the subsequent building permit.
14. Water Feature	0.25	A decorative water feature shall be equivalent to at least one percent of the project's construction cost and shall be directly accessible and visible to the public by being adjacent to a plaza, sidewalk, pathway or through-block connection. Documentation shall be provided of construction value and the cost of the water feature.
15. Exterior Art Element	0.25	Exterior art element shall be equivalent to at least one percent of the total value of the project's construction cost. Such elements include but are not limited to sculptures, bas-reliefs, metalwork and murals. Documentation shall be provided of the construction value and the value of the art as appraised by an art appraiser. Art elements shall be visible to the public at all times and will be reviewed and approved by an arts body designated by the city.

E. Design Standards.

1. Site and Building Design. Site and building design standards shall be required for all development as set forth in Chapter 18.95 EMC. Where the standards in Chapter 18.95 EMC conflict with the standards in this section, the development standards contained in this section shall control.

2. Street Design. Location, design and configuration of all streets shall be in accordance with the adopted street standards contained in EMC Title 12, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places.

F. Open Space Requirements.

1. Applicability. New development within the Town Center (TC), Business Park (BP), Commercial (C), and Mixed Use Residential (MUR) zoning districts shall be required to meet the open space requirements in this subsection.

2. Numeric Standards. All new development shall provide accessible public space equivalent to one and one-half percent of the gross floor area of all structures. The design and location of public spaces shall consider the design and location of public spaces on adjacent properties and if feasible shall be oriented and connected to those spaces pursuant to the concepts presented in the Town Center and Meridian Corridor master plan.

3. If it can be demonstrated by the applicant to the satisfaction of the director that a required public space is adjacent to, integrated with and can be accessed from a public space on an adjoining property, this requirement may be reduced to one percent of gross floor area.

4. All required public spaces shall be oriented towards, and have direct connections (both physical and visual) to, a public street.

5. Where public spaces are integrated into new development, or where new development abuts an existing or planned public plaza, the primary building entrance shall be oriented towards or connected to that plaza.

G. Landscaping.

1. Applicability. The requirements of EMC 18.90.090 shall apply to the TC, C, MUR and BP zones, except as provided in this subsection. Please also see Chapter 18.95 EMC for applicable design standards. Where

landscape regulations in this section conflict with the provisions in EMC 18.90.090 or Chapter 18.95 EMC, the regulations in this subsection shall control. Please note: Where this section is silent on a specific requirement, such as irrigation requirements or minimum standards for plantings, the standards contained in EMC 18.90.090 and 18.95.050 shall apply. The standards contained in EMC 18.90.090(G) (Landscaping Types) are specifically modified by this subsection and the standards contained in EMC 18.90.090(H) (Landscaping Regulations by Zoning Districts) do not apply to TC, C, MUR and BP zones.

2. Street Frontages. In addition to landscape standards contained below, five percent of the total area between the building facade and the curb shall be landscaped. Within the BP zoning district 10 percent of the total area between the building facade and curb shall be landscaped. This shall be in addition to street trees and landscaping provided in public spaces and parking lots that are required in other subsections.

a. Required landscaping may be planted within planting areas surrounding trees, in raised planters, and on vegetative walls mounted to the ground-level building facade. Landscaping shall incorporate LID systems to the maximum extent feasible (per Minimum Requirement No. 5 of the PCM).

b. Where a building or portion of a building is located more than 10 feet from a public sidewalk or usable public space, all area between the building and the public sidewalk that is not used for vehicle or pedestrian access, circulation, parking or seating shall be landscaped.

c. Potted landscape material may be substituted for required landscaping in areas designed for outdoor eating with the approval of the department.

3. Public Spaces. A minimum of 15 percent of the total area of a public space, such as a courtyard or plaza, shall be landscaped.

4. Surface Parking Areas. Surface parking areas shall be landscaped as set forth in EMC 18.90.090.

5. Street Frontages. Street frontage design and landscaping shall be provided as contained in Chapter 18.95 EMC and EMC Title 12, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places.

6. Landscape Buffers – Standards and When Required.

a. Development in the TC, C and MUR zoning districts shall provide a minimum 20-foot Type IV landscape buffer where they abut Single-Family zoning districts or 15 feet of Type I landscaping where they abut Mixed Residential or Public zoning districts. The director may waive or modify this requirement for pedestrian-oriented development adjacent to the Public zoning district where consistent with the purpose of this section.

b. Development in the BP zoning district shall provide a minimum 25-foot Type IV landscape buffer where it abuts Single-Family or Public zoning districts. In addition, 15 feet of Type I landscaping shall be provided between adjacent BP zoned properties.

c. Commercial or light industrial development in the C and MUR zoning districts shall provide a minimum 10-foot-wide Type I landscape buffer adjacent to the TC zoning district. The director may waive this requirement for pedestrian-oriented commercial development that includes a minimum of 50 percent of the lot frontage occupied by a building. Landscaping for surface parking areas shall still apply.

d. A minimum of a 10-foot Type I landscape buffer shall be provided between more intensive zones and the MUR, and along abutting properties in the MUR district. The director may waive or modify this requirement for pedestrian-oriented commercial development that includes a minimum of 50 percent of the lot frontage occupied by a building or for abutting residential development in the MUR zone in common ownership. Required landscaping for surface parking areas is required in accordance with EMC 18.90.090 and Chapter 18.95 EMC.

7. Special Landscaping in the Business Park (BP) Zone. In order to achieve the urban design intent and provide an environment suitable to a wide range of employment uses, a minimum of 20 percent of the total site area in the BP zone shall be landscaped.

8. Tree Preservation and Protection Standards.

a. Significant tree identification and preservation and/or replacement shall be required as set forth in EMC 18.90.180, Tree preservation. Mixed-use development shall be considered commercial development for the purposes of the tree preservation.

b. The director shall have the authority to reduce the required tree replacement ratio where such requirement would conflict with the urban design intent of this section and applicable design provisions of Chapter 18.95 EMC.

c. If the standards contained in Chapter 18.95 EMC are modified, the director shall at a minimum ensure that representative native vegetation is retained or replanted totaling at least five percent of the site area and that such landscaping is provided in excess of the requirements contained in this section.

H. Parking, Access and Circulation.

1. Applicability. Parking facilities and access drives shall be designed in accordance with EMC 18.90.130, except as provided below.

a. Where a conflict exists between the standards contained in EMC 18.90.130 and the standards contained in this section, the standards contained in this section shall control.

b. If this subsection does not specify a parking requirement for a land use, the director shall establish the minimum requirement based on a study of anticipated demand as provided in EMC 18.90.130(C)(8).

2. Purpose. The purpose of this subsection is to provide adequate parking for all allowed uses; to reduce demand for parking by encouraging alternative transportation such as rideshare, public transit, bikes and pedestrian mobility; to promote a “park once and walk” strategy and to ensure the location and design of parking facilities is consistent with urban design and economic development goals.

3. Parking Location.

a. Site design, including parking lot and building location, shall comply with the minimum lot frontage requirements in subsection (D) of this section.

b. A parking lot shall not be located on a corner where two streets intersect.

c. Within the TC zone, a parking lot shall not be located between the principal building and the street, adjacent to a park or open space or at a street terminus.

d. Within the TC zone, parking structures shall contain ground level commercial uses.

e. Within the C, MUR and BP zones, parking structures that front on a street that are not part of a residential or mixed use building shall contain ground level commercial uses.

4. Parking Facility Design and Integration. It is the city’s intent to encourage the integration and connection of parking facilities, including shared parking and physical connections between parking facilities in adjoining developments. Applicants shall demonstrate how they meet this objective, including shared parking, or document why it is not feasible to do so. Please see Chapter 18.95 EMC, Design Standards, for additional urban design requirements for parking facilities.

5. Minimum Parking Requirements. Except as provided in subsection (H)(9) of this section, off-street parking areas shall contain the minimum number of parking spaces as stipulated in EMC 18.90.130(G). Please note that maximum parking requirements as contained in subsection (H)(10) of this section also apply.

6. Loading Areas. Please see EMC 18.90.130(D).

7. Disabled Parking. Please see Chapter 19.27 RCW, State Building Code, and Chapter 70.92 RCW, Public Buildings – Provisions for Aged and Disabled.

8. Bike Parking. In any development required to provide six or more parking spaces, bicycle parking shall be provided. Bicycle parking shall be bike rack or locker-type facilities unless otherwise specified.

a. One bicycle parking space shall be provided for every 12 motor vehicle parking spaces, except as follows:

i. The director may reduce bike rack parking facilities for patrons when it is demonstrated that bicycle activity will not occur at that location.

ii. The director may require additional spaces when it is determined that the use or its location will generate a high volume of bicycle activity. Such a determination shall include but not be limited to the following uses: park, library, museum, school, sports club or retail business located along a developed trail or designated bicycle route.

b. Bicycle parking shall be located within 100 feet of the principal building and directly adjacent to a sidewalk or pedestrian walkway that connects directly to building entrance(s).

c. Bicycle frame or wheels to be locked to a structure attached to the pavement.

d. All bicycle parking and storage shall be located in safe, visible areas that do not impede traffic flow and shall be well lit for nighttime use.

e. When more than 15 people are employed on site, bicycle storage facilities for employees shall be provided. The director shall allocate the required number of parking spaces between bike rack parking and enclosed locker-type facilities.

f. One secured bicycle storage space shall be provided for every two dwelling units in attached single-family and multifamily units, unless individual garages are provided for every unit. The director may reduce the number of bike rack parking spaces if indoor storage facilities are available to all residents.

9. Parking Reductions. The amount of off-street parking required by subsection (H)(5) of this section may be reduced by an amount determined by the director pursuant to the provisions below.

a. Car Share Parking. Required parking for multifamily residential developments (or the residential portion of mixed use developments) containing more than 30 units may be reduced by three spaces for each one dedicated car share space. A signed agreement between the property owner and car share provider must be submitted for approval of the parking reduction.

b. Shared-Use Parking. Developments may receive a reduction in required parking of up to 20 percent of the minimum parking requirements, provided:

i. The total parking area exceeds 5,000 square feet;

ii. The parking facilities are designed and developed as a single on-site common parking facility, or as a system of on-site and off-site facilities, if all facilities are connected with improved pedestrian facilities and no building or use involved is more than 800 feet from the most remote shared facility;

iii. The total number of parking spaces in the common parking facility is not less than the minimum required spaces for any single use;

iv. The director may increase the reduction where compelling evidence is provided in a parking study submitted by the applicant that the proposed reduction is warranted. See criteria in EMC 18.90.130;

v. A covenant or other contract for shared parking between the cooperating property owners is approved by the director. This covenant or contract must be recorded with the Pierce County auditor's

- 1 office as a deed restriction on both properties and cannot be modified or revoked without the consent
2 of the director; and
- 3 vi. If any requirements for shared parking are violated, the affected property owners must provide a
4 remedy satisfactory to the director or provide the full amount of required off-street parking for each
5 use, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, unless a satisfactory alternative remedy is
6 approved by the director.
- 7 c. Transit Availability. The director may reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces when one
8 or more scheduled transit routes provide service within 750 feet of the site. The amount of the reduction
9 shall be based on the number of scheduled transit runs between 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
10 each weekday up to a maximum reduction of two percent for each transit run up to a maximum of 20
11 percent.
- 12 10. Maximum Parking Requirements. Please see EMC 18.90.130(G).
- 13 11. Transit Facilities. All development shall provide transit facilities as provided in EMC 18.90.130(E)(2).
- 14 12. Parking Stall and Aisle Design and Access. Please see EMC 18.90.130(C)(5).



City Of Edgewood Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Forged Fiber - Franchise Agreement	Agenda Item #: 3.D
	For Agenda of: 1/20/2026
	Prepared by: Chuck Hendricksen
Attachments (list): 1. Edgewood Fiber - FF37	
Approval of Materials: Chuck Hendricksen Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator 01/15/2026 Dave Olson, Mayor 01/15/2026	Expenditure Required: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Timeline:

Summary Statement:

As per EMC 12.06.020 a franchise agreement is required for utilities located in City of Edgewood Right of Way. This agreement is for Forged Fiber to use City of Edgewood Right of Way to provide fiber services.

Item History:

Recommended Action:

Fiscal Note/Consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF EDGEWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, GRANTING
UNTO FORGED FIBER 37, LLC, A WASHINGTON LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY, A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS.**

WHEREAS, Forged Fiber, LLC, a Washington limited liability company (“Grantee”) has applied to the City of Edgewood (“City”) for a non-exclusive Franchise for the right of entry, use, and occupation of certain public right(s)-of-way within the City, expressly to install, construct, erect, operate, maintain, repair, relocate and remove its telecommunications facilities in, on, over, under, along and/or across those right(s)-of-way; and

WHEREAS, following proper notice, the City Council held a public hearing on Grantee’s request for a Franchise, at which time representatives of Grantee and interested citizens were heard in a full public proceeding affording opportunity for comment by any and all persons desiring to be heard; and

WHEREAS, from information presented at such public hearing, and from facts and circumstances developed or discovered through independent study and investigation, the City Council now deems it appropriate and in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants that the franchise be granted to Grantee,

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

Section 1. Grant of Right to Use Franchise Area

A. Subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, the City grants to the Grantee a non- exclusive Franchise to enter, occupy, and use public ways for constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, repairing, and removing wireline Facilities necessary to provide telecommunications services and wholesale fiber transport services, on property located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Edgewood, as specified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference (the "Franchise Area"). Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Franchise, Grantee shall construct, install, maintain, repair, and remove its Facilities at its expense.

B. The Grantee is authorized to install, remove, construct, erect, operate, maintain, relocate and repair telecommunications Facilities and all necessary appurtenances thereto, (“Grantee Facilities”) in, along, under and across the Franchise Area.

C. This Franchise does not authorize the use of the Franchise Area for any Facilities or services other than Grantee Facilities and Grantee Services, and it extends no rights or

privilege relative to any Facilities or services of any type, including Grantee Facilities and Grantee Services, on public or private property elsewhere within the City.

D. This Franchise is non-exclusive and does not prohibit the City from entering into other agreements, including Franchises, impacting the Franchise Area, unless the City determines that entering into such agreements interferes with Grantee's right set forth herein.

E. Except as explicitly set forth herein, this Franchise does not waive any rights that the City has or may hereafter acquire with respect to the Franchise Area or any other City roads, rights-of-way, property, or any portions thereof. This Franchise shall be subject to the power of eminent domain, and in any proceeding under eminent domain, the Grantee acknowledges its use of the Franchise Area shall have no value.

F. The City reserves the right to change, regrade, relocate, abandon, or vacate any right-of-way within the Franchise Area. If, at any time during the term of this Franchise, the City vacates any portion of the Franchise Area containing Grantee Facilities, the City shall reserve an easement for public utilities within that vacated portion, pursuant to RCW 35.79.030, within which the Grantee may continue to operate any existing Grantee Facilities under the terms of this Franchise for the remaining period set forth under Section 3.

G. The Grantee agrees that its use of Franchise Area shall at all times be subordinated to and subject to the City and the public's need for municipal infrastructure, travel, and access to the Franchise Area, except as may be otherwise required by law.

H. As set forth in EMC 12.06, Grantee must first obtain a right-of-way use permit in the event it desires to occupy Public Ways. Nothing contained herein shall relieve Grantee from the requirements for obtaining permits as more fully set forth in Section 6 below.

I. Nothing in this Franchise grants authority to Grantee to enter, occupy, or use public ways for constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, repairing or removing wireless communication Facilities.

J. Nothing in this Franchise grants authority to Grantee to enter, occupy, or use City Property. If Grantee desires to use City Property, including poles and structures within the public ways it shall negotiate a separate lease or license agreement with the City.

K. Any rights, privileges, and authority granted to Grantee under this Franchise are subject to the legitimate rights of the police power of the City to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the public, and nothing in this Franchise excuses Grantee from its obligation to comply with all applicable general laws enacted by the City pursuant to such power. Any conflict between the terms or conditions of this Franchise and any other present or future exercise of the City's police powers will be resolved in favor of the exercise of the City's police power.

L. Nothing in this Franchise excuses Grantee of its obligation to comply with applicable codes, rules, regulations, and standards subject to verification by the City of such compliance.

M. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to limit taxing authority or other lawful authority to impose charges or fees, or to excuse Grantee of any obligation to pay lawfully imposed taxes, charges or fees.

N. Nothing in this Franchise grants authority to Grantee to impair or damage any City Property, Public Way, other ways or other property, whether publicly or privately owned, except as provided herein.

O. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to create a duty upon the City to be responsible for construction of Facilities or to modify public ways to accommodate the Grantee's Facilities.

P. Nothing in this Franchise grants authority to Grantee to provide or offer Cable Service.

Q. Nothing in this Franchise grants authority to Grantee to provide or offer personal wireless services to the general public.

R. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to create, expand, or extend any liability of the City to any third-party user of Grantee's Facilities or to otherwise recognize or create third party beneficiaries to this Franchise.

Section 2. Notice

A. Written notices to the parties shall be sent by certified mail to the following addresses, unless a different address shall be designated in writing and delivered to the other party.

City: City Clerk
224 104 E.
EDGEWOOD, WA 98372

with a copy to: Public Works Director
224 104 E.
EDGEWOOD, WA 98372

Grantee: Forged Fiber, LLC c/o AT&T
208 S. Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75202-4206
ATTN: Legal Department
Re: Franchise Agreement – City of Edgewood, WA

B. Grantee shall additionally provide a phone number and designated responsible officials to respond to emergencies. After being notified of an emergency, Grantee shall cooperate with the City and make best efforts to immediately respond to minimize damage, protect the health safety of the public and repair Facilities to restore them to proper working order. Annually, on request of the City, Grantee will meet with City emergency response personnel to coordinate emergency management operations and, at least once a year, at the request of the City, actively participate in emergency preparations.

C. Any changes to the above-stated Grantee information shall be sent to the City Clerk, with copies to the City Public Works Director, referencing the title of this agreement.

D. The above-stated Grantee voice and fax telephone numbers shall be staffed at least during normal business hours, EDGEWOOD time zone.

Section 3. Term of Agreement

A. This Franchise shall run for a period of ten (10) years, consistent with EMC 12.06.040, from the date of execution specified in Section 5.

B. Renewal Terms: The Franchise automatically continues year to year until either party gives written notice at least two hundred seventy (270) days in advance of intent not to renew the Franchise.

Section 4. Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations will have the meanings given herein. 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. Words not defined will have the meaning ascribed to those words in the City of Edgewood Municipal Code unless inconsistent herewith.

“Cable Service” has the meaning set forth in, 47 U. S. C. § 522(6).

“City” means the City of Edgewood, Washington, and all departments, divisions, employees, and agencies thereof.

“City Property” means and includes all real property owned by the City, other than public streets and utility easements as those terms are defined herein, and all property held in a proprietary capacity by the City, which is not subject to right-of-way use permitting and franchising as provided herein.

“Conduit” means optical cable housing, jackets, or casing, and pipes, tubes, or tiles used for receiving and protecting wires, lines, cables, and communication and signal lines.

“Costs” means costs, expenses, and other financial obligations of any kind whatsoever.

“Days” means calendar days.

“Effective Date” means five days following the publication of this Franchise or a summary thereof occurs in an official newspaper of the City as provided by law.

“EMC” or “City Code” means the City of Edgewood Municipal Code.

“Emergency” means a condition of imminent danger to the health, safety, and welfare of property or persons located within the City including, without limitation, damage to persons or property from natural consequences, such as storms, earthquakes, riots or wars.

“Existing” means in actual physical being upon the effective date of this Franchise, or a repair or replacement of such physical being.

“Facilities” means all of the plant, equipment, fixtures, appurtenances, and other Facilities necessary to furnish and deliver telecommunications services including but not limited to poles with crossarms, poles without crossarms, and signal lines and equipment, braces, guys, anchors, conduits, vaults, appurtenances, and appliances necessary or incidental to the distribution and use of telecommunications services.

“Fiber Optics” means the technology of guiding and projecting light for use as a communications medium.

“Grantee” means Forged Fiber 37, LLC, and the lawful successor, transferee or assignee of said person subject to such conditions as defined herein.

“Grantee Services” means the providing of telecommunications services and wholesale fiber transport services equipment or apparatus, or service related to that equipment or apparatus such as repair or maintenance service, if the equipment or apparatus is of a type which can be provided by persons that are not subject to regulation as telephone companies under Title 80 RCW and for which a separate charge is made.

“Information” means knowledge or intelligence represented by any form of writing, signs, signals, pictures, sounds, or any other symbols.

“Maintenance” or “Maintain” shall mean examining, testing, inspecting, repairing, maintaining and replacing the existing Grantee Facilities or any part thereof as required and necessary for safe operation.

“Optical Cable” means wires, lines, cables and communication and signal lines used to convey communications by fiber optics.

“Overhead Facilities” means electric utility and communications Facilities located above the surface of the ground, including the underground supports and foundations for such Facilities.

“Person” means and includes corporations, companies, associations, joint stock companies or associations, firms, partnerships, limited liability companies and individuals and includes their lessors, trustees and receivers, but not the City.

“Personal Wireless Services” means commercial mobile radio services as defined by federal laws and regulations.

“Public Street” means any highway, street, alley or other public right-of-way for motor vehicle travel under the jurisdiction and control of the City which has been acquired, established, dedicated or devoted to transportation purposes. For the purposes of this section, the term “alley” shall have its ordinary meaning and shall generally be considered to mean a public right-of-way which affords a secondary means for vehicular or utility access to abutting property and which is not intended for general traffic circulation.

“Public Way” or “Public right-of-way” means and includes the public streets and easements which, under the EMC (City ordinances), and applicable laws, the City has authority to grant franchises, permits, or leases for use thereof, or has regulatory authority thereover, and as may be more specifically defined in the franchise, permit, or lease granting any right to or use thereof. Public ways for the purpose hereof do not include buildings, parks, poles, or similar Facilities or property owned by or leased to the City, including, by way of example and not limitation, structures in the public way such as utility poles and light poles.

“Relocation” means permanent movement of Grantee Facilities required by the City, and not temporary or incidental movement of such Facilities, or other revisions Grantee would accomplish and charge to third parties without regard to municipal request.

“Relocation” also means to protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate, or remove Facilities.

“Standards” means the Design and Construction Standards and Specifications for Public Works Improvements, latest edition at the time of submission of each right-of-way permit associated with this Franchise Agreement.

“Street Tree” means any tree located in, or that portion over hanging, any public way and any tree planted on private property near a public way at the direction of the City.

“Telecommunications Service” has the meaning set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 153(53).

“State” means the State of Washington, its agencies, departments, and governmental subdivisions, and all agencies, departments, and divisions of its agencies, departments, and governmental subdivisions.

“Underground Facilities” means utility and communications Facilities located under the surface of the ground, excluding the underground foundations or supports for overhead Facilities.

“Utility Facilities” means the plant, equipment and property, including but not limited to the poles, pipes, mains, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, plant and equipment located under, on or above the surface of the ground within the public ways of the City and used or to be used for the purpose of providing utility, communications services.

Section 5. Acceptance of Franchise

A. This Franchise, and any rights granted hereunder, shall not become effective for any purpose unless and until Grantee files with the City Clerk (1) the Statement of Acceptance, attached hereto as Exhibit “B,” and incorporated by reference, (2) all verifications of insurance coverage specified under Section 15, and (3) the financial guarantees specified in Section 16 (collectively, “Franchise Acceptance”). The date that such Franchise Acceptance is filed with the City Clerk shall be the effective date of this Franchise.

B. Should the Grantee fail to file the Franchise Acceptance with the City Clerk within 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance approving the Franchise, the City’s grant of the Franchise will be null and void.

Section 6. Construction and Maintenance

A. The Grantee shall apply for, obtain, and comply with the terms of all permits required under applicable City Code provisions for any work done upon Grantee Facilities. Grantee shall comply with all applicable City, State, and Federal codes, rules, regulations, and orders in undertaking such work, which shall be done in a thorough and proficient manner.

B. Grantee agrees to coordinate its activities with the City and all other utilities located within the public right-of-way within which Grantee is undertaking its activity. All construction or installation locations, activities and schedules shall be coordinated, as ordered by the City, to minimize public inconvenience, disruption or damages.

C. Whenever it is possible and reasonably practicable to joint trench or share bores or cuts, Grantee shall work with other providers, licensees, permittees, and Grantees so as to reduce so far as possible the number of Right-of-Way cuts within the Franchise Area.

D. General Standards.

- i. All work authorized and required hereunder shall be done in a safe, thorough, and professional manner. All installations of equipment shall be permanent in nature, durable, and installed in accordance with good engineering practice and shall not interfere with the travel and use of public places by the public during the construction, repair, operation, or removal thereof, and shall not obstruct or impede traffic. Grantee shall endeavor to maintain all equipment lines and Facilities in an orderly manner, including, but not limited to, the removal of bundles of unused cables.

- ii. All construction shall be subject to the City's permitting process.
- iii. Grantee and City shall meet, at the City's request, to discuss the progress of the design plan and construction.
- iv. Grantee will take prompt corrective action if it finds that any Facilities or equipment are not operating as expected, or if it finds that Grantee Facilities and equipment do not comply with the requirements of this Franchise or Applicable law.
- v. Grantee's construction decisions shall be based solely upon legitimate engineering decisions and shall not take into consideration the income level of any particular community within the Franchise Area.
- vi. Grantee shall be responsible for all work performed by its contractors, 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 law, and shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages and correcting all damage caused by them.
- vii. The City may inspect any of Grantee's Facilities, equipment, or construction located in the Rights-of-Way at any time upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice, or, in case of emergency, upon demand without prior notice. If an unsafe condition is found to exist, the City, in addition to taking any other action permitted under Applicable law, may order Grantee, in writing, to make the necessary repairs and alterations specified therein forthwith to correct the unsafe condition by a time the City establishes. The City has the right to correct, inspect, administer, and repair the unsafe condition(s) if Grantee fails to do so, and to charge Grantee for its costs.
- viii. On notice from the City that any work is being performed contrary to the provisions of this Franchise, or in an unsafe or dangerous manner as determined by the City, or in violation of the terms of any applicable permit, laws, regulations, ordinances, or standards, the work may immediately be stopped by the City. Grantee shall be liable for all costs incurred by the City and associated with Grantee's violation and the City's issuance of the stop work order.

E. The City expressly reserves the right to prescribe where Grantee Facilities shall be installed within the public right-of-way and may from time to time, pursuant to the applicable

sections of this Franchise, require the removal, relocation and/or replacement thereof in the public interest and safety at the expense of the Grantee.

F. Before commencing any work within the public right-of-way, the Grantee shall comply with the One Number Locator provisions of RCW Chapter 19.122 to identify existing utility infrastructure.

G. Tree Trimming. Upon prior written approval of the City and in accordance with City ordinances, Grantee shall have the authority to reasonably trim trees upon and overhanging streets, public rights-of-way, and places in the Franchise Area so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in physical contact with the Grantee Facilities. Grantee shall be responsible for debris removal from such activities. If such debris is not removed within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the trimming, the City may, at its sole discretion, remove such debris and charge Grantee for the cost thereof. This section does not, in any instance, grant automatic authority to clear vegetation for purposes of providing a clear path for radio signals. Any such general vegetation clearing will require a land clearing permit.

H. Work in the Right-of-Way, on other public property, near public property, or on or near private property shall be done in a manner that causes the least interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners and residents. Grantee's Facilities shall be constructed and maintained in such manner as not to interfere with sewers, water pipes, or any other property of the City, or with any other pipes, wires, conduits, pedestals, structures, or other Facilities that may have been laid in the Rights-of-Way by, or under, the City's authority. The Grantee's Facilities shall be located, erected, and maintained so as not to endanger or interfere with the lives of Persons, or to interfere with new improvements the City may deem proper to make, or to unnecessarily hinder or obstruct the free use of the Rights-of-Way or other public property, and shall not interfere with the travel and use of public places by the public during the construction, repair, operation, or removal thereof, and shall not obstruct or impede traffic.

I. Grantee shall provide and use any equipment and Facilities necessary to control and carry Grantee's signals so as to prevent injury to the City's property or property belonging to any Person. Grantee, at its own expense, shall repair, renew, change, and improve its Facilities to keep them in good repair, and safe and presentable condition. All excavations made by Grantee in the Rights-of-Way shall be properly safeguarded for the prevention of accidents by the placement of adequate barriers, fences, or boarding, the bounds of which, during periods of dusk and darkness, shall be clearly designated by warning lights.

J. Locates. Grantee shall comply with RCW 19.122.

Section 7. Repair and Emergency Work

In the event of an emergency, the Grantee may commence such repair and emergency response work as required under the circumstances, provided that the Grantee shall notify the City in writing as promptly as possible, before such repair or emergency work commences, or as

soon thereafter as possible, if advance notice is not practical. The City may act, at any time, without prior written notice in the case of emergency, but shall notify the Grantee in writing as promptly as possible under the circumstances. Grantee shall apply for appropriate permits within forty-eight (48) hours after discovery of the emergency.

Section 8. Damages to City and Third-Party Property

Grantee agrees that if any of its actions under this Franchise impairs or damages any City Right of Way, property, survey monument, or property owned by a third-party, Grantee will restore, at its own cost and expense, said property (etc.) to as good a condition as existed before the work was undertaken, unless otherwise directed by the City. Such repair work shall be performed and completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. Grantee shall warrant any restoration work performed by or for Grantee in the Right-of-Way or on other public property in accordance with Applicable law. If restoration is not satisfactorily performed by the Grantee within a reasonable time, the City may, after prior notice to the Grantee, 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 cost of those repairs from the Grantee. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of an itemized list of those costs, including the costs of labor, materials, and equipment, the Grantee shall pay the City.

Section 9. Location Preference

Any structure, equipment, appurtenance, or tangible property of a utility, other than the Grantee's, which was installed, constructed, completed or in place prior in time to Grantee's application for a permit to construct or repair Grantee Facilities under this Franchise shall have preference as to positioning and location with respect to the Grantee Facilities. The City reserves the right to deny priority to any of the Grantee's Facilities that may possibly interfere with possible future installation of City utilities. However, to the extent that the Grantee Facilities are completed and installed prior to another non-City utility's submittal of a permit for new or additional structures, equipment, appurtenances, or tangible property, then the Grantee Facilities shall have priority. All City utilities and road infrastructure, whether existing or future, shall have priority over the Grantee. These rules governing preference shall continue in the event of the necessity of relocating or changing the grade of any City road or right-of-way. A relocating utility shall not necessitate the relocation of another utility that otherwise would not require relocation. This Section shall not apply to any City Facilities or utilities that may in the future require the relocation of Grantee Facilities. Such relocations shall be governed by Section 11.

Section 10. Grantee Information

A. Within thirty (30) days of a request from the City, Grantee agrees to supply, at no cost to the City, any information reasonably requested by the City to coordinate municipal functions with Grantee's activities and fulfill any municipal obligations under state law. Said information shall include, at a minimum, as-built drawings of Grantee Facilities, installation

inventory, and maps and plans showing the location of existing or planned Facilities within the City. Said information may be requested either in hard copy or electronic format. Said maps shall use a minimum scale of one-inch equals one hundred feet (1"=100'), measured from the center line of the Right-of-Way, which maps shall be in hard copy format acceptable to the City and in Geographical Information System (GIS) or other digital electronic format acceptable to the City. If digital route maps are provided, the format of the data for overlaying on the City's GIS mapping system shall utilize NAD 83 as the horizontal datum and shall be compatible with or can be imported into Arc GIS Version 9.2 or later. Grantee shall keep the City informed of its long-range plans for coordination with the City's long-range plans.

B. Grantee shall reasonably cooperate in City's planning efforts, including working with the City in its development of its Comprehensive Plan Utilities Element.

C. The parties understand that Washington State law limits the ability of the City to shield from public disclosure any information given to the City. The City of Edgewood must comply with RCW 42.56 ("Washington's Public Records Act"). Accordingly, the City agrees to notify the Grantee of requests for public records of the information provided pursuant to this Section, and to give the Grantee a reasonable amount of time to obtain an injunction to prohibit the City's release of records.

D. Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the City for any loss or liability for fines, penalties, and costs (including attorneys' fees) imposed on the City because of non-disclosures requested by Grantee under Washington's Public Records Act, provided the City has notified Grantee of the pending request.

Section 11. Relocation of Grantee Facilities

A. Except as otherwise so required by law, Grantee agrees to relocate, remove, or reroute its Facilities as ordered by the City Engineer at no expense or liability to the City, except as may be required by RCW Chapter 35.99. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14, Grantee agrees to protect and hold harmless the City from any customer or third-party claims for service interruption or other losses in connection with any such change, relocation, abandonment, or vacation of the Public Way. If a readjustment or relocation of the Grantee Facilities is necessitated by a request from a party other than the City, that party shall pay the Grantee the actual costs thereof.

B. The City shall have the right to require Grantee to, at the City's request, locate (which may include potholing) and survey Grantee's Facilities and equipment, relocate, remove, replace, modify or disconnect Grantee's Facilities and equipment located in the Rights-of-Way or on any other property of the City for public purposes, in the event of an emergency; or when the public health, safety, or welfare requires such change. For example, without limitation, this movement of or the request to locate Grantee's Facilities may be needed by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, Right-of-Way vacation, Right-of-Way construction, change or

establishment of Right-of-Way grade, installation of sewers, drains, gas or water pipes, or any other types of structures or improvements by the City for public purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, such projects shall include any Right-of-Way improvement project, even if the project entails, in part, related work funded and/or performed by or for a third party, provided that such work is performed for the public benefit, but shall not include, without limitation, any other improvements or repairs undertaken by or for the primary benefit of third-party private entities. Except as otherwise provided by law, the costs and expenses associated with relocations or disconnections ordered shall be borne by Grantee. Such work shall be performed at Grantee's expense.

C. Except when a shorter time is necessitated due to an emergency, Grantee shall, within thirty (30) days' written notice by the City, or such longer period as the City may specify, complete all work to temporarily or permanently relocate, remove, replace, modify, or disconnect any of its Facilities and equipment located in the Rights-of-Way or on any other property of the City. In the event of any capital improvement project exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) in expenditures by the City, which requires the removal, replacement, modification, or disconnection of Grantee's Facilities or equipment, the City shall provide at least one hundred twenty (120) days' written notice to Grantee. Following notice by the City, if other users of the Right-of-Way relocate aerial Facilities underground as part of an undergrounding project, Grantee shall participate in the planning for relocation of its aerial Facilities contemporaneously with other utilities. If the City requires Grantee to relocate its Facilities located within the Rights-of-Way, the City will work collaboratively with Grantee to identify available alternate locations within the Rights-of-Way for Grantee to relocate its Facilities at Grantee's cost.

D. If Grantee fails to complete this work within the time prescribed above and to the City's satisfaction, the City may cause such work to be done and bill the cost of the work to Grantee, including all costs and expenses incurred by the City due to Grantee's delay. In such event, the City shall not be liable for any damage to any portion of Franchise Equipment. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of an itemized list of those costs, Grantee shall pay the City. In any event, if Grantee fails to timely relocate, remove, replace, modify or disconnect Grantee's Facilities and equipment, and that delay results in any delay damage accrued by or against the City, Grantee will be liable for all documented costs of construction delays attributable to Grantee's failure to timely act.

Section 12. Abandonment and or Removal of Grantee Facilities

A. Within one hundred and eighty days (180) of Grantee's permanent cessation of use of the Grantee Facilities, or any portion thereof, the Grantee shall, at the Grantee's discretion, either abandon in place or remove the affected Facilities.

B. The parties expressly agree that this Section shall survive the expiration, revocation or termination of this Franchise.

C. Whenever Grantee intends to discontinue using any Facility within the Rights-of-Way, Grantee shall submit for the City's approval a complete description of the Facility and the date on which Grantee intends to discontinue using the Facility. Grantee may remove the Facility or request that the City permit it to remain in place. Notwithstanding Grantee's request that any such Facility remain in place, the City may require Grantee to remove the Facility from the Right-of-Way or modify the Facility to protect the public health, welfare, safety, and convenience, or otherwise serve the public interest. The City may require Grantee to perform a combination of modification and removal of the Facility. Grantee shall complete such removal or modification in accordance with a schedule set by the City. Until such time as Grantee removes or modifies the Facility as directed by the City, or until the rights to and responsibility for the Facility are accepted by another Person having authority to construct and maintain such Facility, Grantee shall be responsible for all necessary repairs and relocations of the Facility, as well as maintenance of the Right-of-Way, in the same manner and degree as if the Facility were in active use, and Grantee shall retain all liability for such Facility. If Grantee abandons its Facilities, the City may choose to use such Facilities for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, Access purposes.

D. Removal of unauthorized facilities shall comply with EMC 12.06.160.

Section 13. Undergrounding

A. The parties agree that this Franchise does not limit the City's authority under federal law, state law, or local ordinance, to require the undergrounding of utilities.

B. Whenever the City requires the undergrounding of aerial utilities in the Franchise Area, the Grantee shall underground the Grantee Facilities in the manner specified by the City. Where the City requests relocation of Underground Facilities for aesthetic purposes, the cost of relocation shall be paid by the City. In other cases, where other utilities are present and involved in the undergrounding project, Grantee shall only be required to pay its fair share of common costs borne by all utilities, in addition to the costs specifically attributable to the undergrounding of Grantee Facilities. Common costs shall include necessary costs for common trenching and utility vaults. Fair share shall be determined in comparison to the total number and size of all other utility Facilities being undergrounded.

Section 14. Limitation of Liability, Indemnification and Hold Harmless

A. The Grantee agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the City, its elected officials, officers, authorized agents, boards and employees, acting in official capacity, from and against any liability, damages or claims, costs, expenses, settlements or judgments arising out of, or resulting from the granting of this Franchise or Grantee's activities, or any casualty or accident to Person or property that occurs as a result of any construction, excavation, operation, maintenance, reconstruction or any other act done pursuant to the terms of this Franchise, and per EMC 12.06.216, provided that the City shall give Grantee timely written

notice of its obligation to indemnify the City. Grantee shall not indemnify the City for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the City's sole negligence, willful misconduct, or breach of obligation of the City, its officers, authorized agents, employees, attorneys, consultants, or independent contractors for which the City is legally responsible, or for any activity or function conducted by any Person other than Grantee.

B. The Grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability arising out of or in connection with any damage or loss to the Grantee Facilities caused by maintenance and/or construction work performed by, or on behalf of, the City within the Franchise Area or any other City road, right-of-way, or other property, except to the extent any such damage or loss is directly caused by the negligence of the City, or its agent performing such work.

C. The Grantee acknowledges that neither the City nor any other public agency with responsibility for firefighting, emergency rescue, public safety or similar duties within the City has the capability to provide trench, close trench or confined space rescue. The Grantee, and its agents, assigns, successors, or contractors, shall make such arrangements as Grantee deems fit for the provision of such services. The Grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability arising out of or in connection with any damage or loss to the Grantee for the City's failure or inability to provide such services, and, pursuant to the terms of Section 14(A), the Grantee shall indemnify the City against any and all third-party costs, claims, injuries, damages, losses, suits, or liabilities based on the City's failure or inability to provide such services.

D. Acceptance by the City of any work performed by the Grantee shall not be grounds for avoidance of this section.

E. It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes the Grantee's waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51 RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Franchise Agreement.

F. Administration of this Franchise may not be construed to create the basis for any liability on the part of the City, its elected officials, officers, employees, servant, agents, and representatives for any injury or damage from the failure of the Grantee to comply with the provisions of this Franchise; by reason of any plan, schedule or specification review, inspection, notice and order, permission, or other approval or consent by the City; for any action or inaction thereof authorized or done in connection with the implementation or enforcement of this Franchise by the City; or for the accuracy of plans submitted to the City.

G. Unless directly and proximately caused by the negligence or willful act of the City, the City shall not be liable for any damage to or loss of any Facilities as a result of or in connection with any public works, public improvements, construction, excavation, grading, filling, or work of any kind on, in, under, over, across, or within a public way done by or on behalf of the City.

H. In the event Grantee refuses to undertake the defense of any suit or any claim, after the City's request for defense and indemnification has been made pursuant to the indemnification clauses contained herein, and Grantee's 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 Grantee, then Grantee shall pay all of the City's reasonable costs and reasonable expenses for defense of the action, including reasonable attorneys' fees of recovering under this indemnification clause, as well as any judgment against the City.

Section 15. Insurance

A. Grantee shall obtain and maintain, at its cost, worker's compensation insurance and the following liability insurance policies insuring both Grantee and the City, and its elected and appointed officers, officials, agents, employees, representatives, engineers, consultants, and volunteers as an additional insureds against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the exercise of the rights, privileges, and authority granted to Grantee:

1. Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, hired, and leased vehicles with a minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$5,000,000.00 per accident. Coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01.

2. Commercial General Liability insurance, in form as broad as ISO occurrence form CG 00 01, with limits no less than \$5,000,000.00 each occurrence, \$5,000,000.00 general aggregate and a \$2,000,000.00 products-completed operations aggregate limit. Coverage shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, stop gap liability, and personal injury and advertising injury and liability assumed under an insured contract. There shall be no exclusion for liability arising from explosion, collapse, or underground property damage. The City shall be included as an additional insured under the Grantee's Commercial General Liability insurance policy with respect this Franchise Agreement using ISO endorsement CG 20 12 05 09 if the franchise agreement is considered a master permit or CG 20 37 10 01 or substitute endorsement providing at least as broad of coverage.

3. Contractors Pollution Liability insurance, in an amount of at least \$2,000,000 per loss, with an annual aggregate of at least \$2,000,000, shall be in effect throughout the entire Franchise Agreement covering losses caused by pollution conditions that arise from the operations of the Grantee. Contractors Pollution Liability shall cover bodily injury, property damage, cleanup costs and defense, including costs and expenses incurred in the investigation, defense, or settlement of claims.

4. Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington.

5. Excess or Umbrella Liability insurance shall be written with limits of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and annual aggregate. The Excess or Umbrella Liability requirement and limits may be satisfied instead through Grantee's Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance, or any combination thereof that achieves the overall required limits.

B. The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions for Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability insurance:

1. The Grantee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City. Any insurance, self-insurance, or insurance pool coverage maintained by the City shall be in excess of the Grantee's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

2. The Grantee shall provide the City with written notice of any policy cancellation within two business days of their receipt of such notice.

C. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best rating of not less than A: VII.

D. Verification of Coverage. Grantee shall furnish the City with certificates and required endorsements, evidencing the insurance requirements of this Section 15 before commencement of the work.

E. Grantee shall have the right to self-insure any or all of the above-required insurance. However, any such self-insurance is subject to approval by the City.

F. Grantee's maintenance of insurance as required by this Franchise shall not be construed to limit the liability of Grantee to the coverage provided by such insurance or otherwise limit the City's recourse to any remedy to which the City is otherwise entitled at law or in equity.

G. Subcontractors. Grantee shall cause each and every subcontractor to provide insurance coverage that complies with all applicable requirements of the City-provided insurance as set forth herein, except Grantee shall have sole responsibility for determining the limits of coverage required to be obtained by subcontractors. Grantee shall ensure that the City is an additional insured on each and every subcontractor commercial general liability insurance policy using an endorsement as least as broad as ISO CG 20. 26.

H. Failure to Maintain Insurance. Failure on the part of the Grantee to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of this Franchise, upon which the City may, after giving five (5) business days' notice to the Grantee to correct the breach, terminate the

Franchise or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the City on demand.

I. Coverage Scope. The coverage shall contain no special imitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officers, officials, or employees. In addition, the insurance policy shall contain a clause stating that coverage shall apply separately to each insured against whose claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability. Grantee's insurance shall be primary.

Section 16. Performance Security

A. The Grantee shall provide the City with a performance bond in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) running for, or renewable for, the term of this Franchise, in a form and substance acceptable to the City. The bond shall not be canceled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this Section. If the bond is cancelled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this Section within the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall provide a replacement bond. In the event Grantee shall fail to substantially comply with any one or more of the provisions of this Franchise, then there shall be recovered jointly and severally from the principal and any surety of such financial guarantee any damages suffered by City as a result thereof, including but not limited to staff time, material and equipment costs, compensation or indemnification of third parties, and the cost of removal or abandonment of Facilities hereinabove described. Grantee specifically agrees that its failure to comply with the terms of Section 19 shall constitute damage to the City in the monetary amount set forth therein. Such a financial guarantee shall not be construed to limit the Grantee's liability to the guaranteed amount, or otherwise limit the City's recourse to any remedy to which the City is otherwise entitled at law or in equity.

B. After the giving of notice by the City to Grantee, and expiration of any applicable cure period, the performance bond may be drawn upon by the City for purposes that include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Failure of Grantee to pay the City sums due under the terms of this Franchise;
2. Reimbursement of costs borne by the City to correct Franchise violations not corrected by Grantee; and
3. Damages assessed against Grantee as provided in this Franchise.

C. Restoration Bond. In lieu of a restoration bond pursuant to EMC 12.06.218, in addition to a performance bond, Grantee hereby warrants all work performed under this franchise and further specifically represents and warrants that all required restoration of the right-of-way shall be performed timely, in a professional manner, and in full compliance with all applicable regulatory standards.

Section 17. Successors and Assignees

A. All the provisions, conditions, regulations and requirements herein contained shall be binding upon the successors, assigns of, and independent contractors of the Grantee, and all rights and privileges, as well as all obligations and liabilities of the Grantee shall inure to its successors, assignees and contractors equally as if they were specifically mentioned herein wherever the Grantee is mentioned.

B. This Franchise shall not be assigned, transferred, disposed of by sale, lease, merger, consolidation, or otherwise alienated without the express prior consent of the City by ordinance. In the event such a transfer, assignment, or disposal of Grantee's ownership is approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC"), the City will be deemed to have consented to such transfer. Grantee will provide City with a copy of any such approval.

C. In the case of an assignment or transfer not subject to WUTC approval, Grantee and any proposed assignee or transferee shall provide and certify the following to the City not less than sixty (60) days prior to the proposed date of transfer: (a) complete information setting forth the nature, term and conditions of the proposed assignment or transfer; and (b) all information required by the City of an applicant for a franchise with respect to the proposed assignee or transferee.

D. In the case of an assignment or transfer not subject to WUTC approval, prior to the City's consideration of a request by Grantee to consent to a Franchise assignment or transfer, the proposed Assignee or Transferee shall file with the City a written promise to unconditionally accept all terms of the Franchise, effective upon such transfer or assignment of the Franchise. The City is under no obligation to undertake any investigation of the transferor's state of compliance and failure of the City to insist on full compliance prior to transfer does not waive any right to insist on full compliance thereafter.

Section 18. Dispute Resolution

A. In the event of a dispute between the City and the Grantee arising by reason of this Franchise Agreement, the dispute shall first be referred to the operational officers or representatives designated by City and Grantee to have oversight over the administration of this Agreement. The officers or representatives shall meet within thirty (30) calendar days of either party's request for a meeting, whichever request is first, and the parties shall make a good faith effort to achieve a resolution of the dispute.

B. If the parties fail to achieve a resolution of the dispute in this manner, either party may then pursue any available judicial remedies. This Franchise shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. In the event any suit, arbitration, or other proceeding is instituted to enforce any term of this Agreement, the parties specifically understand and agree that venue shall be exclusively in Pierce County, Washington or the appropriate U.S. District Court. The prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to

its attorneys' fees and costs of suit, which shall be fixed by the judge hearing the case, and such fees shall be included in the judgment.

Section 19. Enforcement and Remedies

A. If the Grantee shall materially violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Franchise, or should it fail to heed or comply with any notice given to Grantee under the provisions of this agreement, the City may, at its discretion, provide Grantee with written notice to cure the breach within thirty (30) days of notification. If the breach cannot reasonably be cured within thirty days, the Grantee will be provided a longer provided that Grantee commences work on the cure within the original thirty-day cure period and makes reasonable efforts to complete the work. If Grantee does not comply with the specified conditions, the City may claim damages of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per day against the performance bond in Section 16 for every day after the expiration of the cure period that the breach is not cured. The assessment does not constitute a waiver by the City of any other right or remedy it may have under the Franchise or Applicable law, including its right to recover from Grantee any additional damages, losses, costs, and expenses that are incurred by the City by reason of the breach of this Franchise.

B. Should the City determine that Grantee is acting beyond the scope of this Franchise, the City reserves the right require the Grantee to apply for, obtain, and comply with all applicable City permits, franchises, or other City permissions for such actions, and if the Grantee's actions are not allowed under applicable federal and state or City laws, to compel Grantee to cease such actions.

C. In addition, notwithstanding any other legal or equitable remedy available under this Franchise or any Applicable law, after notice and a hearing, the City may revoke this Franchise and rescind all rights and privileges associated with this Franchise in the following circumstances, each of which represents a material breach of this Franchise:

- (1) If Grantee fails to perform any material obligation under this Franchise or under any other agreement, ordinance, or document regarding the Grantor and Grantee;
- (2) If Grantee attempts to evade any material provision of this Franchise or to practice any fraud or deceit upon the Grantor or Subscribers;
- (3) If Grantee becomes insolvent, or if there is an assignment for the benefit of Grantee's creditors; or
- (4) If Grantee makes a material misrepresentation of fact in the application for or negotiation of this Franchise.

Section 20. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

A. This Franchise is subject to, and the Grantee shall comply with all applicable City Ordinances, federal and state laws, regulations and policies (including all applicable elements of the City's comprehensive plan), in conformance with federal laws and regulations, affecting performance under this Franchise. Furthermore, notwithstanding any other terms of this agreement appearing to the contrary, the Grantee shall be subject to the police power of the City to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the general public in relation to the rights granted in the Franchise Area.

B. The City reserves the right at any time to amend this Franchise to conform to any hereafter enacted, amended, or adopted federal or state statute or regulation relating to the public health, safety, and welfare, or relating to roadway regulation, or a City Ordinance enacted pursuant to such federal or state statute or regulation upon providing Grantee with thirty (30) days written notice of its action setting forth the full text of the amendment and identifying the statute, regulation, or ordinance requiring the amendment. Said amendment shall become automatically effective upon expiration of the notice period unless, before expiration of that period, the Grantee makes a written call for negotiations over the terms of the amendment. If the parties do not reach an agreement as to the terms of the amendment within thirty (30) days of the call for negotiations and the proposed amendment is required by law, the City may enact the proposed amendment, by incorporating the Grantee's concerns to the maximum extent the City deems possible.

Section 21. License, Tax and Other Charges

A. This Franchise shall not exempt the Grantee from any future license, tax, or charge which the City may hereinafter adopt pursuant to authority granted to it under state or federal law for revenue or as reimbursement for use and occupancy of the Franchise Area.

B. Pursuant to RCW 35.21.860, the City is precluded from imposing franchise fees upon a telephone business, as defined in RCW 82.16.010, or a Service Provider for use of the Right-of-Way, as defined in RCW 35.99.010, except a utility tax or actual administrative expenses related to the franchise incurred by the City. The RCW is supplemented by EMC 12.06.070. Grantee does hereby warrant that its operations, as authorized under this Franchise, are those of a Service Provider as defined in RCW 35.99.010.

C. Grantee shall be subject to a \$5,000 administrative fee for reimbursement of costs associated with the preparation, processing and approval of this Franchise Agreement, including wages, benefits, overhead expenses, meetings, negotiations and other functions related to the approval. The administrative fee excludes normal permit fees required for work in the Right-of-Way. Payment of the one-time administrative fee is due 30 days after Franchise approval.

D. If Grantee provides services to customers within the City which are currently categorized as or later deemed to be utilities, Grantee shall become subject to the City's utility tax.

E. If RCW 35.21.860 is amended to allow collection of a franchise fee, this Franchise Agreement shall be amended to require franchise fee payments.

Section 22. Severability

If any portion of this Franchise is deemed invalid, the remainder portions shall remain in effect.

Section 23. Titles

The section titles used herein are for reference only and should not be used for the purpose of interpreting this Franchise.

Section 24. Implementation.

The Mayor or designee is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 25. Miscellaneous Provisions

A. Publication Costs to be Borne by Grantee. Grantee shall reimburse the Grantor for all costs incurred in publishing this Franchise.

B. Binding Effect. This Franchise shall be binding upon the Parties hereto, their permitted successors and assigns.

C. No Joint Venture. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create a joint venture or principal-agent relationship between the Parties, and neither party is authorized to, nor shall either party act toward third Persons or the public in any manner which would indicate any such relationship with the other.

D. Waiver. The failure of the Grantor at any time to require performance by the Grantee of any provision hereof shall in no way affect the right of the Grantor hereafter to enforce the same. Nor shall the waiver by the Grantor of any breach of any provision hereof be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision, or as a waiver of the provision itself or any other provision.

E. Reasonableness of Consent or Approval. Whenever under this Franchise “reasonableness” is the standard for the granting or denial of the consent or approval of either party hereto, such party shall be entitled to consider public and governmental policy, professional and ethical standards, as well as business and economic considerations.

F. Entire Agreement. This Franchise and all Exhibits represent the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior oral negotiations between the Parties.

G. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Franchise is or was intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any Person or any member of the public to enforce the terms of this Franchise.

H. Alternative Remedies. No provision of this Franchise shall be deemed to bar the right of the City to seek or obtain judicial relief from a violation of any provision of the Franchise or any rule, regulation, requirement, or directive promulgated thereunder. 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 City to recover monetary damages for such violations by Grantee, or to seek and obtain judicial enforcement of Grantee's obligations by means of specific performance, injunctive relief or mandate, or any other remedy at law or in equity.

I. No Monetary Recourse Against the City. Grantee shall not have any monetary recourse against the City or its officers, officials, boards, commissions, agents, or employees for any loss, costs, expenses, or damages arising out of any provision or requirement of this Franchise or the enforcement thereof, in accordance with the provisions of applicable federal, State, and local law. The rights of the City under this Franchise are in addition to, and shall not be read to limit, any immunities the City may enjoy under Applicable law.

J. Preferential or Discriminatory Practices Prohibited. In connection with the performance of work under this Franchise, the Grantee agrees not to refuse to hire, discharge, promote, demote, or discriminate in matters of compensation against any Person otherwise qualified, solely because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability; and the Grantee further agrees to insert the foregoing provision in all subcontracts hereunder. Throughout the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall fully comply with all equal employment or non-discrimination provisions and requirements of federal, State, and local laws, and in particular, FCC rules and regulations relating thereto.

K. Eminent Domain. This Franchise is subject to the power of eminent domain and the right of the City Council to repeal, amend or modify the Franchise in the interest of the public. In any proceeding under eminent domain, the Franchise itself shall have no value.

Section 26. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE _____ TH DAY OF _____, 2025

Dave Olson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jill Schwerzler-Herrera, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mali C. Barber, City Attorney

Published: _____

EXHIBIT A
FRANCHISE AREA

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STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

Forged Fiber 37, LLC, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby accepts and agrees to be bound by all lawful terms, conditions and provisions of the Franchise attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Forged Fiber 37, LLC

By: _____

Date: _____

Name: XXXXXX XXXXXXXX

Title: XXXXXX, XXXX