



CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON


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City Council Agenda Item Staff Supplemental Report

TO: Commissioner Amanda Fritz

THROUGH: Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management

FROM: David C. Olson, Bureau Director 
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DATE: December 17, 2009

RE: Extend term of a franchise granted to Time Warner Telecom of Oregon LLC to build and operate telecommunication facilities within City streets (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 171566)

Requested Placement Date: Consent Agenda on January 13, 2010.

I. RECOMMENDATION

The Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management recommend that Council approve the extension of the Time Warner Telecom of Oregon LLC continuously and without interruption to December 31, 2010.

II. BACKGROUND

Over the past 18 years the City Council has granted several telecommunications franchises, and many will expire soon. City staff has reviewed the terms and conditions of all of these franchises and is working with industry in an effort to standardize and modernize the terms and conditions of all franchises.

The Portland Office of Transportation is conducting a review of Title 17 of the Portland City Code, and is preparing code amendments. The planned amendments and updates may affect some of the standardized language of future franchise renewals. Until this process is complete, the Cable Office has generally been recommending that the City Council extend existing franchises to avoid placing similar or potentially conflicting obligations in both the franchise contracts and City Code.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City will continue to receive franchise fees.

IV. LEGAL ISSUES: See above

V. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES: See above

VI. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/cable/index.cfm?c=34419&a=112922>

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: N/A

VIII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION: N/A

IX. IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS LICENSE?

Yes

WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER? **656862**

IS THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT? Yes

IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS OWING? N/A