



Agenda Item: Original Ordinance, First Reading

Title: Original Ordinance No. 2029, Approving the Franchise Agreement for Cable TV Services between the City of Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming and Clarity Telecom, LLC

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve first reading of Original Ordinance No. 2029 approving the Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement for Cable Services between the City of Laramie, Wyoming (hereinafter “Grantor” or the “City”) and Clarity Telecom, LLC, locally known as Vast Broadband (thereinafter “Grantee”).

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Supporting expansion of Broadband/Cable services for Citizens within the Community.

Background:

Vast Broadband is a cable/broadband company providing high-speed internet, television and digital phone services for residential and business customers in South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota. The company wants to expand their rural market and is now committed to bring services to the Wyoming market which includes cities, such as, Cheyenne, Casper, Laramie and Sheridan to name a few.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Wy Statute authorizes a City to enter into franchise agreements W. S 15-1-131.

Responsible Staff:

- Janine Jordan, City Manager
- Malea Brown, COO
- Johnathan Rhoades, IT Manager
- Eric Jaap, City Engineer
- Brooks Webb, Public Works Director

Advertised	July 9, 2021
Public Hearing (PH) Held	August 3, 2021
PH Advertised	July 16, 2021
Introduction/1 st Reading	July 20, 2021
2 nd Reading	August 3, 2021
3 rd Reading	August 24, 2021