

City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal Office Building 300 W. Washington Street Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2023-840

Agenda Item# G.2.

Agenda Date: 12/5/2023. **Department:** Information Technology Meeting Type: Council Meeting Category: Consent Agenda

Title: 2023 – 840 Resolution for First Approval of the Franchise Agreement Between the City of Greensboro and Ripple Fiber, Inc., for Encroachment into City Right-of-Way Beneath Various

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| Public Hearing: No Advertising Date/By: N/A | |
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PURPOSE:

To give first approval of the Franchise Agreement between the City and Ripple Fiber, Inc.

BACKGROUND:

Ripple Fiber, Inc., approached the City in order to ask for and to enter into a Franchise Agreement which allows installation of equipment within City right-of-way. Installation of this will allow residents to have an additional option for internet services. City Council will be asked to vote a second time at the next City Council Meeting for approval as required by NCGS 160A-76. Background information can be viewed at: https://www.greensboronc.gov/home/showdocument?id=57593

BUDGET IMPACT:

No budget impact.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

None

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED: It is recommended that City Council grant the first of the required two approvals of the Franchise Agreement between the City and Ripple Fiber, Inc.