



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

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To provide for the granting by the City of Richmond to the person, firm or corporation to be ascertained in the manner prescribed by law of the franchise, right, and privilege, to use the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, and to acquire, erect, install, maintain, and use, and if now constructed, to maintain and use, poles, towers, wires, cables, conduits, ductways, manholes, handholes, meters, and appliances in, over, along, on, and under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, for the purpose of distributing, transmitting, and selling electric current for light, heat, and power at any point within the corporate limits of the city of Richmond as the same now exist or may hereafter be extended or altered, in accordance with a certain Franchise Agreement.

WHEREAS, following the introduction of this ordinance, the City Clerk has caused to be advertised, once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city of Richmond, a descriptive notice of the Right of Way Agreement attached to this ordinance, which notice:

1. included a statement that a copy of the full text of the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk;
2. invited bids for the franchise offered to be granted in and by this ordinance, which bids were to be:
 - a. delivered in writing to the presiding officer of the Council of the City of Richmond at its regular meeting to be held on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in open session;
 - b. presented by the presiding officer to the Council; and
 - c. then dealt with and acted upon in the mode prescribed by law;
3. required that all bids for the franchise hereby offered to be granted shall be submitted in writing as required by law; and
4. reserved the Council's right to reject any and all bids; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the receipt of bids has passed, all bids have been received, and the Council is prepared to act in accordance with sections 15.2-2102 or 15.2103, or both, of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That there shall be granted in the manner prescribed Article VII, Section 9 of the Constitution of Virginia and Title 15.2, Chapter 21, Article 1, §§ 15.2-2100-15.2-2108.1:1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, a franchise right, and privilege, to use the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, and to acquire, erect, install, maintain, and use, and if now constructed, to maintain and use, poles, towers, wires, cables, conduits, ductways, manholes, handholes, meters, and appliances in, over, along, on, and under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, for the purpose of distributing, transmitting, and selling electric current for light, heat, and power at any point within the corporate limits of the city of Richmond as the same now exist or may hereafter be extended or altered, in accordance with a certain Franchise Agreement, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into this ordinance, to the following grantee:

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§ 2. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, be and is hereby authorized to execute the Franchise Agreement between the City of Richmond as grantor and the grantee identified in section 1 of this ordinance to grant right, and privilege, to use the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, and to acquire, erect, install, maintain, and use, and if now constructed, to maintain and use, poles, towers, wires, cables, conduits, ductways, manholes, handholes, meters, and appliances in, over, along, on, and under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, for the purpose of distributing, transmitting, and selling electric current for light, heat, and power at any point within the corporate limits of the city of Richmond as the same now exist or may hereafter be extended or altered, by such grantee, provided that:

(a) The Franchise Agreement has first been approved as to form by the City Attorney and is substantially in the form of the document attached to this ordinance;

(b) The grantee identified in section 1 of this ordinance has first executed a bond, with good and sufficient security, in favor of the City of Richmond, Virginia, in the amount of \$25,000.00 and conditioned upon the use the streets, alleys, and public places of said City, and to acquire, erect, install, maintain, and use, and if now constructed, to maintain and use, poles, towers, wires, cables, conduits, ductways, manholes, handholes, meters, and appliances in, over, along, on, and under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, for the purpose of distributing, transmitting, and selling electric current for light, heat, and power at any point within the corporate limits of the city of Richmond as the same now exist or may hereafter be extended or altered, as provided for in the granted franchise, with such bond in a form acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer and approved as to form by the City Attorney; and

(c) The grantee identified in section 1 of this ordinance has first paid all costs incurred in connection with the advertisement of this ordinance, as required by section 15.2-2101 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.