

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Jim Gray Mayor Geoff Reed Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor Jim Gray

Sally Hamilton, CAO

Urban County Council

FROM:

Geoff Reed

Commissioner of General Services

DATE:

September 9, 2014

RE:

Non-exclusive Telecommunication Franchise Agreement for the placement of facilities for the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of telecommunications or related non-cable services within the public rights-of-way of Fayette County.

I am requesting Urban County Council approval for an ordinance creating and establishing for bid a short term non-exclusive Telecommunication Franchise Agreement for the placement of facilities for the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of telecommunications or related non-cable services within the public rights-of-way of Fayette County. The existing franchises expire at the end of this year.

The new franchise will have an initial term of twelve (12) months, with the ability to extend it for an additional six (6) months if necessary in order to accommodate finalizing a long term franchise.

A telecommunications franchise committee has been formed with representation from the Mayor's Office, Council, and various departments with the goal of drafting a long term franchise agreement within the initial twelve (12) month period.