



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2018-0368

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Allan Schneck, P.E., DPS Director, 248-656-4685  
**DATE:** August 27, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Telecommunications Right-of-Way Permit for Clear Rate Communications, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council is asked to approve a new METRO Act Telecommunications Right-of-Way Permit (Bilateral Form) for Clear Rate Communications, Inc.

**BACKGROUND:**

Clear Rate Communications, Inc., a Michigan based company, proposes to install underground fiber optic line using either directional bore or trenching methods. The line is to be installed in conduit and will extend approximately 4.98 miles. This fiber optic line will be available for use by other businesses desiring fiber optic-based broadband connections. DPS/Engineering has reviewed the request, has no objections, and recommends Council approval.

The Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (“METRO Act”), 2002 PA 48, governs the telecommunications right-of-way permitting process, and prescribes uniform fees, conditions and permit forms. Fees payable by the permittee under the METRO Act are based on linear feet. The State annually redistributes all the fees it collects to municipalities statewide in accordance with the Act 51 formula.

**BUDGET AND STAFF IMPACT:**

No new facilities are proposed. No additional staff time is expected for administration of this permit. The City’s annual METRO Act revenues will increase approximately \$1,315.00, in addition to the \$500 one-time application fee paid by Clear Rate Communications, Inc.

**SUMMARY:**

City Council is asked to approve Clear Rate Communications, Inc.'s telecommunications right-of-way permit, for a 15-year term, by approving a new Telecommunications Permit (Bilateral form).

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		