



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2019-0601

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Allan Schneck, P.E., DPS Director, 248-656-4685  
**DATE:** January 13, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Telecommunications Right-of-Way Use Permit for Rocket Fiber LLC

**REQUEST:**

City Council is asked to approve a new METRO Act Telecommunications Right-of-Way Use Permit (Unilateral Form) for Rocket Fiber LLC.

**BACKGROUND:**

Rocket Fiber LLC, a Michigan based company, proposes to install an underground fiber optic line using either directional bore or trenching methods. The line is to be installed in conduit and will extend approximately 2125 feet. 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Rocket Fiber LLC has submitted the required \$500.00 application fee and all accompanying documents are in approved format. The City’s annual METRO Act revenue will increase by approximately \$106.00. Minimal staff time to administer this permit is anticipated.

City Council is asked to approve Rocket Fiber, LLC’s telecommunications right-of-way use permit, for a 5-year term, by approving a new Telecommunications Permit (Unilateral form).

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney  Yes  N/A