

1 Introduced June 25, 2024, by Councilman
2 Tamborella, seconded by Councilwoman
3 Haggerty, (by request of Administration)

4 **Item No. 24-06-3538**

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 4186**

7 An ordinance authorizing the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter
8 into a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement with Uniti Fiber GulfCo LLC to facilitate Uniti Fiber
9 GulfCo LLC's access to and use of the City's public rights-of-way for the construction,
10 installation, modification, relocation, repair, operation, and maintenance of Uniti Fiber
11 GulfCo LLC's fiber-optic infrastructure.

12 WHEREAS, Uniti Fiber GulfCo LLC is a telecommunications company that
13 desires to build, maintain, and expand its fiber-optic infrastructure within the municipal
14 boundaries of the City of Slidell; and

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17 WHEREAS, Uniti Fiber GulfCo LLC desires to access and utilize the City's
18 public rights-of-way for the construction, installation, modification, relocation, repair,
19 operation, and maintenance of its fiber-optic infrastructure within said rights-of-way, and
20 the City is agreeable to same under the general terms set forth in the Agreement attached
21 hereto as Exhibit A, which Agreement is in the nature of a non-exclusive franchise; and

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25 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of
26 Louisiana provides that "[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions . . .
27 may engage in cooperative endeavors . . . with any public or private association,
28 corporation, or individual"; and

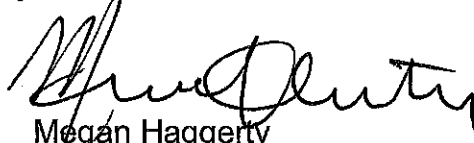
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32 WHEREAS, the parties agree that the maintenance and expansion of Uniti
33 Fiber GulfCo LLC's fiber-optic infrastructure within the City's public rights-of-way in the
34 municipal boundaries of the City will provide a public benefit and assist in the economic
35 development of the area, and, through the allowance of same, the parties have a
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4 reasonable expectation of receiving benefits which are commensurate to the benefits
5 respectively conferred. Further, the non-exclusive franchise will result in growth
6 opportunities for Unifi Fiber GulfCo LLC and monetary payments to the City.
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9 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Slidell City Council that it does
10 hereby authorize the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter into a Rights-of-Way
11 Use Agreement with Unifi Fiber GulfCo LLC, under terms and conditions substantially
12 similar to those set forth in the attached Exhibit A. This Ordinance shall take effect
13 immediately upon adoption.
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17 **ADOPTED** this 23rd day of July, 2024.

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21 Megan Haggerty
22 President of the Council
23 Councilwoman, District C

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26 Greg Grömer
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30 Thomas P. Reeves
31 Council Administrator

DELIVERED	7/24/24
9:53 am.	to the Mayor
RECEIVED	7/26/24
9:50 am	from the Mayor