



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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Subject: Agenda Item – License Agreement with Freudenberg IT

Executive Summary

Freudenberg IT proposes to install underground electrical conduit and fiber optic cable to serve Freudenberg Data Center, a telecommunications center, located in the City-maintained right-of-way containing Park Knoll Drive, and in State-maintained rights-of-way containing Davis Drive, East Cornwallis Road, and T. W. Alexander Drive (see attached vicinity map).

Recommendation

The Department of Public Works recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Freudenberg IT for underground electrical conduit and fiber optic cable within the city right-of-way.

Background

A license agreement is required when an entity proposed to install an item the City does not maintain in public right of way.

Issues/Analysis

License agreements do not affect the City's ability to maintain the right of way. The Information Technology Department has examined this fiber optic route and determined that it does not present an opportunity for fiber expansion for the City.

Alternatives

City Council can choose not to approve the request.

Financial Impact

The Developer shall bear all the cost of the improvements and there shall be no participation in the cost by the City.

SDBE Summary

The SDBE Summary is not applicable for this item.