

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
OCTOBER 6, 2025 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>  Levying of the 2026 Utility Franchise Fee for All Carriers Providing Local Access Telephone Service in Little Rock  <b>Submitted By:</b> Finance Department	<b>Action Required:</b>  √ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution	<b>Approved By:</b>        Delphone Hubbard City Manager
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by all carriers providing local access telephone service. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	The local landline and telephone utility franchise fees are projected to generate \$580K in 2026.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approval of the ordinance,	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	An annual ordinance to levy franchise fees to be paid by all carriers providing local access telephone services and establish the franchise fees to be paid by all carriers providing local access telephone services. The Franchise Fee rates for fiscal year 2026 shall be in an amount equal to 7.32% of the respective Telephone Company's local exchange access line charges collected within the City's corporate limits.	