



CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY MANAGER

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: G. Chris Brown, City Attorney
DATE: January 21, 2021
RE: Ordinance Renewing Grant of Franchise to Columbia Gas

Summary: Consider adoption of an ordinance renewing Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.'s franchise.

Background: The previous franchise of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. was for a term of 40 years, the maximum permitted under Virginia law. The grant of a franchise authorizes Columbia Gas to construct, maintain, and operate facilities within City right-of-way to transmit and distribute gas throughout the City. At its January 12, 2021 meeting Council expressed a desire to limit the term of the franchise to 2050 to be consistent with Council's recently passed resolution regarding environmental goals. Columbia Gas has agreed to that time frame.

Key Issues: N/A

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Actions: N/A

Alternatives: (a) Adopt the ordinance as presented.
(b)

Community Engagement: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance as presented.

Attachments: 1) Proposed ordinance granting a franchise to Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue