



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

07/23/2018 18-298

Council Meeting Date: 07/23/2018

Item No: 18-298

Responsible Dept: Community & Economic Development

Requested Action: Order

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Title, Order

Declaring Fiber as Essential Infrastructure in the City of Bangor, Maine

Summary

This order will declare fiber as essential infrastructure in the City of Bangor, Maine. Reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet is imperative for Bangor residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and visitors. The Internet is changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy. The Internet creates opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses, and government. Countries, states, and cities that prioritize and provide access to advanced Internet infrastructure such as fiber are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, and knowledge development. Bangor must prioritize this infrastructure as an essential service, just as we have with water, sewer, and electricity.

Committee Action

Committee: Business & Economic Development Committee

Meeting Date: 06/05/2018

Action: Recommend for passage

For: 5

Against: 0

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: New Business



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Assigned to Councilor: Davitt

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Whereas reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet is imperative for Bangor residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and visitors; and

Whereas the Internet is changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy; and

Whereas the Internet creates opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses, and government; and

Whereas countries, states, and cities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fiber are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, and knowledge development; and

Whereas Bangor must prioritize this infrastructure as an essential service, as with water, sewer, and electricity; therefore

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that

Fiber and access to the internet is an essential service in the City of Bangor, Maine.