

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MARCH 15, 2016 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>An ordinance to grant a Telecommunications and Date Franchise to Ritter Communications</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Information Technology Department</p>	<p>✓ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

SYNOPSIS	To grant a franchise to a telecommunications company to use City rights-of-way for its facilities.
FISCAL IMPACT	The City will receive a franchise fee based upon the gross revenues of the company.
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.
BACKGROUND	<p>Ritter Communication has requested a franchise to use public rights-of-way to provide telecommunication and data services. Federal Law requires that the City not be a barrier to competition, so whether to grant a franchise is not the issue. The question centers on the terms of the franchise. This agreement is similar to others the City has provided for these kinds of services.</p> <p>One aspect of the Ritter franchise is that it will undertake work that will help enhance computer capabilities in the schools.</p>