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AN ORDINANCE BY:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TELECOM, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES USING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; SPECIFYING THE COMPENSATION DUE THE CITY OF ATLANTA BY THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ROW FOR THIS INSTANCE ONLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ADOPTED BY  
1st 2nd

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COUNCIL COUNCIL

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
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- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 3/17/03  
 Referred To: City Utilities  
 Date Referred 4/21/03  
 Referred To: City Utilities  
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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred To \_\_\_\_\_

Committee

Date

Chair

Action

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
Other

Members

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
 2nd Reading  
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 3rd  
 Consent  
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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
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 MAYOR'S ACTION

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**WHEREAS**, SOUTHERN TELECOM, INC., desires to provide telecommunications services on, under over and through the public right-of-way of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, SOUTHERN TELECOM, INC., has negotiated a franchise agreement with the City, which provides such access and preserves the rights of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a franchise agreement with SOUTHERN TELECOM, INC., for use of the public right-of-way for telecommunications purposes.

**SECITON 2:** That such franchise agreement shall expire and terminate on April 1, 2006. -

**SECTION 3:** SOUTHERN TELECOM, INC., shall pay the City an annual franchise fee equal to three percent (3%) of the franchisee's annual Gross Revenue, provided that in any calendar year that Grantee's Gross Revenue does not exceed \$500,000.00, the Franchise Fee shall be \$15,000.00 per year; provided further, however, that in no event will the Franchise Fee exceed an annual inflation-based cap. During the first two years of this Agreement, this cap will be set at eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000.00) annually. For the following three years of this Agreement, this eleven million dollar (\$11,000,000.00) cap will be increased annually at the anniversary date of the execution of this Agreement, by the rate of inflation, which will be measured by the percentage change in the Gross-Domestic-Price Index ("GDI"), which is the gross domestic product fixed weight price index calculated by the United States Department of Commerce. The Grantee's obligation to pay the Franchise Fee shall commence on the Effective Date and continue throughout the Term; fees shall be paid on a quarterly basis for the preceding quarter, and shall be due on April 15, July 15, October 15, and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January of each year throughout the Term. In the quarter, the Franchise Fee shall be prorated relative to the number of days in the quarter that the Franchise is in effect. On or before each quarterly payment date, Grantee shall provide a certificate, signed and attested to by the appropriate corporate officers or authorized corporate representatives, which verifies Grantee's Gross Revenues for the prior quarter.

**SECTION 4:** That the City Attorney shall prepare a franchise agreement containing all of the



...going terms, which shall be approved by the City Attorney as to form.

**SECTION 5:** That said franchise agreement shall not be binding on the City until executed by the Mayor sealed by the Municipal Clerk and delivered to SOUTHERN TELECOM, INC.

**SECTION 6:** That the City hereby modifies, waives or amends for this instance only, the following provisions of Chapter 138: 138-127 (h)(1)-Compensation; 138-134 (a)(1) —Term of the franchise; 138-127 ((7))-Audit; 138-134 (12)-Transfer provisions.

A true copy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. ...".

Deputy Clerk

**ADOPTED** by the City Council  
**APPROVED** by the Mayor

May 5, 2003  
May 13, 2003

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5/05/03  
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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

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0473;0476;0478;0479;0461;0463;0467;68;77  
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YEAS: 10  
NAYS: 3  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	N Moore	Y Mitchell
N Starnes	Y Fauver	N Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	NV Willis
B Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

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0468;0469;0470;0472;0473;0476;0477;78;79  
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YEAS: 8  
NAYS: 4  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 3  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	NV Archibong	N Moore	N Mitchell
N Starnes	Y Fauver	NV Martin	Y Norwood
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YEAS: 12  
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ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 0  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

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Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	N Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	N Boazman	B Woolard

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YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 7  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	N Archibong	N Moore	Y Mitchell
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