

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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Urgent Notice Regarding Unauthorized Door-to-Door Fiber Optic Solicitation

City of Bayfield — The City has received multiple reports from residents regarding a fiber optic company conducting door-to-door sales and solicitation. Representatives from this company are reportedly telling residents that their operations are being "overseen," "sponsored," or "authorized" by the City.

This information is entirely false.

The City is **not** affiliated with, overseeing, or partnering with this fiber optic company. While private utilities are permitted to operate within public rights-of-way, no private company has the authority to claim city endorsement or oversight to gain access to your property or secure contracts.

What Residents Need to Know:

- **No City Endorsement:** The City never sends third-party contractors door-to-door to sell commercial utility or internet services.
- **You Have the Right to Refuse:** If a salesperson comes to your door claiming to represent or be overseen by the City, **please ask them to leave your property immediately.**
- **Verify Identity:** Official city employees will always wear clear city-issued identification badges, drive marked city vehicles, and will never solicit sales or personal financial information.

Safety Reminder: You are under no obligation to speak with door-to-door solicitors. If a solicitor refuses to leave your property after being asked, or if you feel unsafe at any time, please contact the local non-emergency police dispatch immediately at **(715) 373- 0120**.

The City takes deceptive marketing practices seriously and is actively looking into these reports to ensure local solicitation ordinances are being strictly followed.

**Sincerely,
Mayor Lyn Cornelius**