



CITY OF CLEVELAND
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DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 27, 2026

TO: Mark Griffin, Director of Law

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FROM: Elizabeth Crowe, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer (CITO)

SUBJECT: SiFi Networks

The City of Cleveland plans to end its association with SiFi Networks, effective immediately. This memo is to request legislation to repeal Ordinance 2023-583.

This action is based on SiFi Networks' failure to deliver on its commitments to the City, including the obligation to install, operate, and maintain a citywide fiber optic network.

In 2023, the City granted SiFi Networks right-of-way (ROW) access to deploy the fiber network through the City of Cleveland via Ordinance 2023-583. While some planning conversations were started, SiFi Networks has not installed any fiber infrastructure in the City of Cleveland. Final installation sites were never identified, and no permits were applied for or issued, no construction was started.

The City of Cleveland is committed to a modern internet infrastructure for residents and businesses. The City will continue to partner with the internet service providers who currently operate in the City as we look to identify alternative solutions that expand our shared connectivity and infrastructure goals.

Elizabeth Crowe

