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### **West Valley City partners with Ooma to provide free phone service for all residents**

West Valley City, in partnership with Ooma, Consumer Reports number one rated telephone service provider, is excited to announce the offering of free telephone services (taxes and fees are required of residents and they will use their own telephones to access this service) to all of its residents upon completion of its fiber-to-the-home network. The city has been working on innovative ways to showcase the potential of the high-speed fiber network; free phone service is just one step toward maximizing the use of the network.

The West Valley City Council is currently reviewing a proposal from the Macquarie Capital Group on completing and operating the fiber network. If this proposal is accepted, West Valley City residents will be charged a utility fee to access the network. Private companies will provide free basic internet service; and with this partnership, West Valley City and Ooma are pleased to provide another way for residents to save money.

Similar services provided by private companies can cost at least \$65 a month. If a resident chooses to use the Ooma telephone and the basic internet service provided, it is estimated that they could save at least \$540 per year; this equates to more than \$20 million dollars of potential savings, annually, across the city.

West Valley City Manager Wayne Pyle says, “Our city council is always searching for ways to provide maximum value and benefit to our residents in return for the dollars they contribute to the community. Wiring our entire community with world-class fiber to the home ensures that our residents will have unmatched access to all of the services that the network can provide.

Ooma’s CEO, Eric Stang: “We are excited to be working with West Valley City to get our service to its residents. West Valley City’s unparalleled initiative will not only save its citizens money, it will allow them to stay connected in ways they cannot yet imagine.”

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