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## **South Georgia Broadband, Inc. to provide Fiber Optic Broadband access to the City of Mt. Vernon.**

October 25, 2019 — Glenwood Telephone Company's subsidiary South Georgia Broadband, Inc. are interested in providing Fiber Optic Broadband Service to Mt. Vernon.

The companies have already purchased property in the downtown Courthouse square in Mt. Vernon and is currently renovating the property for use as a Central Office location to house equipment for providing Fiber Broadband services to the City of Mt. Vernon in the future. "We are already putting our money into the local economy of the City of Mount Vernon and look forward to serving Mt. Vernon residents and businesses with state-of-the-art Gigabit fiber Broadband technologies which have the potential to spur economic development in the area. Broadband connectivity is critical to both Education and Economic Development initiatives and we look forward to competing with other incumbent providers in the area", states Jim O'Brien, Executive VP for Glenwood Telephone Company. The new renovations are expected to be finished by the end of 2019.

[The Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) increased the definition of Broadband to 25 Mbps down / 3 Mbps up](#) which would allow for offerings such as SHDTV as well as more HD streams per household. "After dozens of submissions to our joint Montgomery County Broadband Map Project website we are starting to understand the large extent of underserved and unserved citizens in not only Mount Vernon but also Montgomery County as a whole," says Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien continues, "We look forward to being part of the solution to the Digital Divide in Montgomery County." Those citizens interested in participating in the Montgomery County Broadband Map Project can visit [www.montgomerybroadband.com](http://www.montgomerybroadband.com) and take a short survey or contact the Business Office at 912-523-5111.

Glenwood Telephone Company and South Georgia Broadband, Inc. still have [Georgia Public Service Commission](#) regulatory filings and franchise agreement negotiations with the City of Mt. Vernon before they can even put a plow in the dirt. "Although we have been actively talking with the City of Mt. Vernon concerning our potential plans and permitting requirements," says Mr. O'Brien, "no formal plans have been presented to the City of Mt. Vernon, Development Authority, or County Commissioners at this time, furthermore no equipment has yet been purchased for the project, and it would be premature to put a start date for us to begin offering fiber services to customers at this time."

Founded in 1943, Glenwood Telephone Company (GTC) is the smallest, privately owned independent telephone company in Georgia. GTC provides Telephone and Data services to an approximate 13 square mile area along the bluff side of the beautiful Oconee River in Wheeler and Laurens County Georgia. Glenwood Telephone Company is currently in a multi-year Fiber to the Home buildout to its Incumbent Local Exchange (ILEC) territory. For more information about GTC please visit <http://www2.gtconline.com> and South Georgia Broadband, Inc. at <http://www.southgeorgia.net/> or our respective social media pages.

