

**ORDINANCE NO. 282 Series 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 254 Series 2014 RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES AND ORDINANCE NO. 266 Series 2016 and Ordinance No. 274 Series 2018 RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Buechel ("City") seeks to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 254 Series 2014 relating to Cable Television Services and Ordinance No. 266 Series 2016 and Ordinance No. 274 Series 2018 relating to Communications Services to reflect the changing landscape of Communications Service in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council of the City of West Buechel seeks to modify the regulation contained in Ordinance No. 254 Series 2014 and Ordinance No. 266 Series 2016 and Ordinance No. 274 Series 2018 so that all Communications Service providers are treated equally and subject to the same rights and obligations when operating in the City's Rights-Of-Way.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** Ordinance 254 Series 2014 and Ordinance No. 266 Series 2016 and Ordinance No. 274 Series 2018 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

- § 1 General provisions
- § 2 Franchise requirements and characteristics
- § 3 Rights-Of-Way management and Facilities requirements
- § 4 Miscellaneous
- § 5 Transitional provisions
- § 6 Franchisees providing Communications Service to Customers
- § 7 Private Communications Facilities

- § 8 Liabilities and penalties
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- §10 Review, termination, and cancellation
- §11 Foreclosure-receivership
- §12 Reports
- §13 Books and records of the Franchise
- §14 Time of essence
- §15 Equal employment opportunity
- §16 Violations

**§ 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

(A) *Declaration of findings.* The City hereby declares as a legislative finding that the Rights-Of-Way controlled by the City:

- (1) Are a unique and physically limited resource;
- (2) Are critical to the travel and transport of persons and property in the City;
- (3) Are intended for public uses and must be managed and controlled consistent with that intent;
- (4) Can be partially occupied by the Facilities of providers of Communications Service, to the enhancement of the health, welfare, and general economic well-being of the City and its citizens; and
- (5) Should be subject to specific additional regulations imposed in a competitively neutral, non-discriminatory, and non-discretionary manner as established by this ordinance to ensure coordination of providers of Communications Service, maximize

available space, and facilitate entry of a maximum number of providers of Communications Service and other services in the public interest.

(B) *Title.* This ordinance may be referred to and cited as the “Communications Service Franchise Ordinance”.

(C) *Applicability.* The requirements of this ordinance shall apply to the full extent of the terms herein and shall be limited in scope or application only to the extent as may be required by applicable federal or State law, including such changes in applicable law as may be hereinafter enacted. No provisions of this ordinance shall be disregarded pursuant to this subsection except on express application to and determination by the City to such effect based on the specific factual circumstances demonstrated. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed incorporated in each Franchise granted.

(D) *Preservation of authority.* Any rights granted pursuant to this ordinance and pursuant to any Franchise authorized hereunder are subject to the authority of the City to adopt and enforce generally applicable ordinances necessary to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and the Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets Utility Policy, as may be amended from time to time (to the extent not in conflict with State or federal law, or Franchisee’s Franchise). Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to waive a right, if any, that any party may have to seek judicial or regulatory review as to the provisions herein or as to actions of the parties under applicable federal, State, or local law currently in effect or as may hereinafter be amended.

(E) *Public inspection of records.* Certain information required to be filed with the City pursuant to this ordinance is subject to inspection and copying by the public pursuant to the provisions of the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 *et seq.*

(F) *Indemnification.* As a condition of use of the Rights-Of-Way, each Franchisee at its sole cost and expense, shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, fines, charges, penalties, administrative and judicial proceedings and orders, judgments, remedial actions of any kind, and all costs and expenses of any kind, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of defense arising, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, out of or in relation to the City's award of the Franchise to that Franchisee, the rights granted to the Franchisee, or the activities performed, or failed to be performed, by such Franchisee under the Franchise or use of the Rights-Of-Way, except to the extent such acts or use arise from or are caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the City, its elected officials, officers, or employees. This indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of any Franchise or use of the Rights-Of-Way. The City shall give Franchisee written notice of its obligation to indemnify the City within ten (10) days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this section. In the event any such claim arises, the City shall tender the defense thereof to the Franchisee and the Franchisee shall have the right to defend, settle, or compromise any claims arising hereunder and the City shall cooperative fully herein. If the City determines in good faith that its interests cannot be represented by the Franchisee, the Franchisee shall be excused from any obligation to indemnify the City.

(G) *Compliance with laws.* In performing activities and exercising rights and obligations under any Franchise, each Franchisee and other holder of a Franchise shall comply with all applicable federal and State laws, and, consistent with Section 1(D), local laws,

ordinances, regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, all laws, ordinances, regulations and policies relating to construction and use of Rights-Of-Way.

(H) *Enforcement; attorneys' fees.* The City shall be entitled to enforce this ordinance and any Franchise granted hereunder through all remedies lawfully available, and each Franchisee shall pay the City its costs of enforcement, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, in the event that Franchisee is determined judicially to have violated the terms of this Franchise.

(I) *Relationship of the parties.* Under no circumstances shall any Franchise authorized by this ordinance be construed to create any relationship of agency, partnership, joint venture, or employment between the City and the Franchisee.

(J) *Defined terms.* For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivatives shall have the meanings set forth in this section, unless the context clearly indicates that another meaning is intended. Words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the singular number include the plural number, and words in the plural number include the singular. The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory, and "may" is permissive. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

**AFFILIATE** means, as to any Person, each Person, directly or indirectly, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such Person.

**ANTENNA** means any device that transmits or receives signals. Such signals include but are not limited to radio and infrared waves for voice, data or video communications purposes.

**APPLICABLE STANDARDS** means the affected Pole Owner's standards or other relevant standards governing the design, engineering, installation, maintenance, and operation of Facilities, including the requirements and specifications of the National Electrical Safety Code, the National Electrical Code, the Kentucky Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Society of Cable Television Engineer's Recommended Practices for Coaxial Cable Construction and Testing and for Optical Fiber Cable Construction, and the standards to which a New Attacher and/or Pre-Existing Attacher are subject under their applicable pole attachment agreements.

**ATTACHER** means any Person, corporation or their agents or contractors seeking to permanently or temporarily fasten or affix any type of Facility of any kind to a utility pole in the Rights-Of-Way or its adjacent ground space.

**ATTACHMENT APPLICATION** means the application made by an Attacher to a Pole Owner for attachment of a Facility of any kind to a utility pole.

**COMMUNICATIONS** means the transmission via the Facilities, in whole or in part, of video, audio, data, writings, signs, signals, pictures, sounds or other forms of information or intelligence through wire, wireless or other electronic means, regardless of the federal or State statutory or regulatory scheme to which such transmissions may be subject.

**COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE** means the transmission of Communications via Facilities, to a Customer, or to any other Person, including a Private Communications System Owner's provision of Communications via a Private Communications System, that is within or outside the territorial limits of the City. Communications Service includes, but is not limited to, "telecommunications service," "enhanced service," "information service," "Internet access service," "broadband service," "cable service," "video

programming service,” “other programming service,” and Internet-based or “over the top” video service offerings, as those terms are now, or may in the future be, defined under federal law. The term also includes the use of all instrumentalities, Facilities, conduits, apparatus and services or functionalities (among other things, the receipt, forwarding, storage, generation or delivery of Communications), incidental to or designed to directly or indirectly facilitate or accept Communications.

**CUSTOMER** means a Person located within the territorial limits of the City who ultimately uses or is intended to ultimately use Communications Service provided by a Franchisee and is the ultimate last user of a Communications Service.

**FACILITIES** means any portion of a System located in, along, over, upon, under, or through the Rights-Of-Way.

**FCC** means the Federal Communications Commission of the United States of America or any successor thereto.

**FRANCHISE** means a Franchise granted under this ordinance, or any other Franchise granted by the City pursuant to Sections 163 and 164 of the Kentucky Constitution, or by the Kentucky General Assembly prior to the adoption of Sections 163 and 164 of the Kentucky Constitution, which permits a Franchisee to install or operate any Facilities in the Rights-Of-Way to provide Communications Service. Use of this definition in this ordinance is not intended to include any license or permit for the privilege of transacting and carrying on a business within the City, as may be required by any other ordinance or laws of the City or the State.

**FRANCHISE FEE** means the fee imposed by the City on Franchisee for use of the Rights-Of-Way pursuant to a Franchise granted under this ordinance.

**FRANCHISEE** means the Person to whom a Franchise is granted, or its successors, assigns, or transferees.

**LESSEE** means a Person who provides Communications Service within the City solely by leasing Facilities and who has no control over what, where or how any Facilities are erected, installed, maintained, operated, repaired, removed, restored or otherwise used.

**MAKE-READY COSTS** means the costs incurred by a New Attacher or a Pre-Existing Attacher associated with the relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration of the Facilities of a Pre-Existing Attacher, undertaken to enable New Attacher's attachment to the utility pole or similar structure, including, but not limited to, all costs and expenses related to pre-construction inspections, engineering, construction, and post-construction inspections and remediation.

**NEW ATTACHER** means an Attacher seeking to attach, fasten, or affix a new Facility to a utility pole.

**PERSON** means individual, partnership, association, corporation, joint venture, legal entity or organization of any kind.

**POLE OWNER** means a Person having ownership of a pole or similar structure in the Rights-Of-Way to which utilities, including without limitation, electric and Communications Facilities, are located or may be located whether such ownership is in fee simple or by Franchise.

**PRE-EXISTING ATTACHER THIRD PARTY USER** means the owner of any currently existing Facilities on a pole or its adjacent ground space in the Rights-Of-Way.



**PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM** means a System used for delivering Communications by a Person solely in connection with the internal Communications needs of such Person's business, provided that such Person does not use, or permit the use of, such System to provide Communications Service to a Customer or any other Person.

**PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OWNER** means a Person that owns or leases a Private Communications System.

**RESELLER SERVICE PROVIDER** means a Person who provides Communications Service within the City solely by reselling Communications Service and who has no control over what, where or how any Facilities are erected, installed, maintained, operated, repaired, removed, restored or otherwise used.

**RIGHTS-OF-WAY** means the surface and space on, above, and below every street, alley, road, highway, lane or other property dedicated or commonly used now or hereafter for utility purposes and Facilities. Rights-Of-Way shall not include public property owned or leased by the City and not intended for Rights-Of-Way use, including, but not limited to, parks, public works property, buildings or overhead lighting.

**STATE** means the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**SYSTEM** means any and all equipment, structures, materials or tangible components located in the Rights-Of-Way and used to provide Communications Service, including without limitation all plant (whether inside or outside), cabinets, surface location markers, fiber strands, electronic equipment, amplification equipment, optic equipment, transmission and distribution structures, Antennae, lines, pipes, mains, conduit, ducts, regenerators, repeaters, vaults, pedestals, manholes, handholds, pull boxes, splice

closures, wires, cables, towers, wave guides, and anything else designed and constructed for the purpose of producing, receiving, amplifying or distributing Communications Service.

**§ 2 FRANCHISE REQUIREMENTS AND CHARACTERISTICS.**

(A) *Unlawful to operate without a Franchise.* Unless otherwise specifically authorized under applicable federal or State law, it shall be unlawful for any Person to own, erect, install, maintain, operate, repair, replace, remove or restore any Facilities in the Rights-Of-Way in the City that are used to provide Communications Services without a valid, unexpired Franchise from the City. Unless otherwise provided hereinafter by City Ordinance, Reseller Service Providers and Lessees shall not be required to obtain a Franchise. Private Communication Systems shall not require a Franchise, but shall be licensed pursuant to § 7.

(B) *Franchises nonexclusive.* The authority granted by the City in any Franchise shall be for the nonexclusive use of the Rights-Of-Way. The City specifically reserves the right to grant, at any time, such additional Franchises or other rights to use the Rights-Of-Way for any purpose to any other Person, including itself, as it deems appropriate, subject to all applicable laws.

(C) *Nature of rights granted by any Franchise.* Franchises shall not convey title, equitable or legal, in the Rights-Of-Way, and shall give only the right to occupy Rights-Of-Way, for the purposes and for the period stated in this ordinance and as may be further modified by the Franchise in a nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral manner. No Franchise may excuse Franchisee from obtaining appropriate access or attachment

agreements before locating its Facilities on another Person's Facilities. All Franchises shall be deemed to incorporate and be limited by the provisions of this ordinance.

(D) *Application and application fee required.*

(1) Applications for an original Franchise granted hereunder shall be filed with the City pursuant to the advertisement. All applications received by the City from the applicants will become the sole property of the City. Applicants shall submit all requested information as provided by the terms of this ordinance. The following information must be complete and verified as true by the applicant:

(a) *Application fee.* Applications shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$2,500 payable to the City. The application fee shall be established at the rate set forth above, effective upon final passage of this ordinance. Thereafter, the application fee shall be increased every two (2) years, in increments of ten (10) dollars, if required, based on the most recently-published Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the time. The application fee shall defray in whole or part the City's costs to process any application filed under this ordinance and negotiate, award and administer any Franchise.

(b) *Name and address of applicant.* The applicant's name, address, e-mail address and telephone and facsimile numbers; date of application and signature of applicant or appropriate corporate officer(s); the name, address and e-mail address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of a local representative who shall be reasonably available at all times; and information regarding how to contact the local representative in an emergency.

(c) *Description of proposed System.* Applicants for an original Franchise to construct a new System shall provide a description of the proposed System. At a minimum, the description shall include:

1. General description of the project by geographical area.
2. Provide a description of the proposed System components to include but not be limited to:

- a. Anticipated number and general location of small cell Antennae;
- b. Location (aerial/underground) of fiber. Where possible, provide estimated percent aerial and percent underground;

- c. Anticipated ground level elements (GLE's) and general locations.

3. For underground fiber installation, discuss proposed installation methodologies. The narrative shall address compliance with FCC standards as related to applicable equipment such as small cell Antennae and current acceptable RF design standards currently in practice as well as to those standards found in the Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets Utility Policy.

4. Discuss anticipated project phasing based on geographic and/or right of way limitations, limitations imposed by local events and those internal limitations affected by finance and project logistics.

(d) *Communications Service.* The Applicant shall provide a statement setting forth a general description of the Communications Service the applicant plans to provide over the System.

(e) *Applicant organization.* The applicant shall be a corporation or limited liability company, partnership or other business entity authorized to do business in the State, as

certified by the Secretary of State. The applicant must fully disclose the ownership of the proposed Facilities and System.

(f) *Additional requirements.*

1. Supplementary, additional or other information that the Applicant deems reasonable for consideration may be submitted at the same time as its application but must be separately bound and submitted with three (3) of copies. The City may, at its discretion, consider such additional information as part of the application.

2. Applications may be modified at any time prior to the opening of the applications, provided that any modifications must be duly executed in the manner that the applicant's application must be executed.

3. A copy of the applicant's certificate of authority from the Public Service Commission ("PSC") where the applicant is lawfully required to have such certificate from the PSC.

4. A copy of the applicant's certificate of authority from the FCC where the applicant is lawfully required to have such certificate from the FCC.

5. A copy of all insurance certificates required under this ordinance.

6. A statement signed by the applicant that the applicant agrees to be bound by all provisions of the Franchise and agrees to obtain all applicable permits and authorizations prior to constructing, installing, or operating a System in the Rights-Of-Way.

7. The information provided by applicant shall be certified as true and correct, and applicant shall be responsible to certify to the City any material changes to the information provided in the completed application during the term of any Franchise.

(g) *Supplementation to applications.* The City reserves the right to require such supplementary, additional or other information that it deems reasonably necessary for its determinations.

(h) *The City's rights reserved.* The City reserves the right to waive all formalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the City may be served, provided that it shall exercise this right in a nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral manner.

(E) *Standards and procedures for approval or renewal of Franchises.* Franchises shall be granted in accordance with Kentucky Constitution Sections 163 and 164. The City shall grant Franchises or renewals to any eligible Franchisee for the right and privilege to construct, own, operate, repair, replace and maintain Facilities in, through and along the City's Rights-Of-Way for the purposes of providing Communications Service on a nonexclusive basis within the City, subject, however, to the standards, terms and conditions herein set forth within this ordinance, and any special conditions as may be provided for in the Franchise. All Franchisees shall be required to obtain and maintain any necessary and lawful permit, license certification, grant, registration or any other authorization required by any appropriate governmental entity, including, but not limited to, the City, the FCC and the PSC. The City may establish standard Franchises setting forth the minimum requirements for all Franchisees. Renewals of Franchises granted to cable operators shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 546, or any such successor statute, and applicable law.

(F) *Acceptance and effective date of Franchise.* Any Franchise granted hereunder, together with the rights, privileges and authority granted thereby, shall take effect and be

in force from and after the effective date of a resolution granting a Franchise hereunder, provided that on or before that date Franchisee shall:

- (1) Enter into and execute such agreements and documents as required by the City that are consistent with the terms and provisions of this ordinance and applicable law;
- (2) File such bond or bonds as required in this ordinance; and
- (3) Advise the City in writing of Franchisee's address for mail and official notifications from the City.

(G) *Use of Rights-Of-Way; police powers; Franchisee's use subordinate.* A Franchisee shall construct and maintain its Facilities in accordance with all applicable federal, State and local laws, including all permit requirements, the Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets Utility Policy, and associated fee payments, and all other City codes and ordinances in effect as of the date of the award of its Franchise or thereafter adopted or amended, to the extent permitted by State or federal law, subject to Section 1(D). The grant of a Franchise does not in any way affect the continuing authority of the City through the proper exercise of its Home Rule or statutory powers to adopt and enforce ordinances necessary to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. The City makes no express or implied representation or warranty regarding its rights to authorize the installation or construction of Facilities on any particular segment of Rights-Of-Way. The burden and responsibility for making all such determinations in advance of construction or installation shall be entirely upon the Franchisee. The use of the Rights-Of-Way authorized by any Franchise shall in all matters be subordinate to the City's use and rights therein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(1) All rights and privileges granted herein are subject to the police powers of the City and its rights under applicable laws and regulations to regulate the construction, operation, and maintenance of Franchisee's System, subject to Section 1(D), including, but not limited to, the right to adopt and enforce additional ordinances and regulations as the City shall find necessary in the exercise of its police powers, the right to adopt and enforce applicable zoning, building, permitting and safety ordinances and regulations, the right to adopt and enforce regulations relating to equal employment opportunities, and the right to adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations concerning the Rights-Of-Way and utility standards.

(2) The City reserves the right to exercise its police powers. Any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance or a Franchise and any other present or future lawful exercise of the City's police powers shall be resolved in favor of the Franchise.

(3) Franchisee shall not be excused from complying with any of the requirements of this ordinance or any subsequently adopted amendments to this ordinance, by any failure of the City on any one or more occasions to seek, or insist upon, compliance with such requirements or provisions.

(H) *Emergencies.*

(1) Franchisee shall assign a management level individual to coordinate with, and assist the City in the development of emergency plans.

(2) If at any time, in case of fire or disaster or other emergency situation in the City, it shall become necessary in the reasonable judgment of the City to cut raise, lower, or relocate any Facilities, such cutting raising, lowering, or relocating may be done, and any repairs rendered necessary thereby shall be made by Franchisee, at its sole expense.



(I) *Term.* A Franchise shall be for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years.

(J) *Franchise Fees.* During any period of time which the City opts to forego imposing a Franchise Fee and to instead participate in the Multichannel Video Programming and Service Tax system set forth under KRS 136.600 et seq., a Franchisee shall not be required to pay Franchise Fees. Before imposing Franchise Fees, the City will provide at least sixty (60) days' prior written notice to current Franchisees. If at any time the City elects to exercise its constitutional right to impose and collect Franchise Fees, Franchisee's first Franchise Fee payment under this ordinance shall be paid to the City the later of one hundred twenty (120) days after such election, or thirty (30) days after the last day of the first calendar quarter expiring after Franchisee received written notice from the City that the City has opted to exercise its constitutional right to impose and collect Franchisee Fees.

(K) *Timing of payment of Franchise Fees.* Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, all Franchise Fees shall be due and payable on a quarterly basis and payment shall be made on or before the date which is thirty (30) calendar days after the last day of the calendar quarter for which the payment applies (the "Due Date"); provided, however, that in the event that a Franchisee ceases to provide Communications Service for any reason (including as a result of a sale or transfer of the Franchisee's System), such Franchisee shall make a final payment of any amounts owed to the City on or before the date which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which its operations in the City cease (which shall be deemed a "Due Date" for purposes of this ordinance).

(L) *Interest on late payments and under payments.* If any Franchise Fee, or any portion thereof, is not received by the City on or before the due date, interest thereon shall

accrue from the due date until received, at the rate of 1.5 percent per month, unless such other maximum rate is established by applicable law.

(M) *Fee statement.* In the event that the City imposes a Franchisee Fee, any Franchise Fee payment shall be accompanied by a statement (a "Fee Statement") showing the manner in which the Franchise Fee was calculated. Within ninety (90) calendar days following the end of any calendar year in which the City imposes a Franchise Fee, each Franchisee shall submit a statement, certified as true, setting forth the amount of linear feet of Rights-Of-Way occupied by its Facilities, provided, however, that in the event that a Franchisee ceases to provide Communications Service for any reason (including as a result of a transfer), such Franchisee shall provide such a statement within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which its operations in the City cease. In calculating the amount of linear feet of Rights-Of-Way occupied by its Facilities, a Franchisee shall include all Facilities, including Antenna and other wireless Facilities, and all Facilities whether installed underneath the Rights-Of-Way or on poles.

(N) *No accord and satisfaction.* No acceptance by the City of any Franchise Fee or any other payment shall be construed as an accord that the amount paid is in fact the correct amount, nor shall acceptance of any Franchise Fee or any other payment be construed as a release of any claim of the City.

(O) *Description of Communications Service.* During the term of the Franchise, Franchisee shall provide the City with a description of any material changes to the types of Communications Service offered over its Facilities in the Rights-Of-Way within the City during the prior year. Any individual Communications Service or item for which the

Franchisee has a separate charge shall be considered a separate Communications Service.

(P) *Franchise Fee not a tax; payment of taxes.* The Franchise Fee is compensation for the use of the Rights-Of-Way and shall in no way be deemed a tax of any kind. The Franchise Fees required herein shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any and all taxes, charges, assessments, licenses, fees and impositions otherwise applicable to Franchisee that are or may be imposed by the City. A Franchisee shall be fully responsible for the payment of all applicable taxes.

(Q) *Assignment of Franchise.* A Franchisee shall provide the City with written notice of any transfer or assignment of the Franchise. A Franchisee shall not sell, assign, sublet, dispose of or otherwise transfer a Franchise (or any of the rights or privileges granted by such Franchise), Franchisee's System, or control of Franchisee to another entity other than by operation of law or to an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Franchisee, without the prior written consent of the City. No such consent shall be required, however, for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Franchisee in the Franchise or System to secure indebtedness. The City's consent to such a transfer shall not be withheld if the acquiring entity would have qualified for an original Franchise had it applied and if the acquiring entity demonstrates it has the same or equivalent insurance coverage and bonds in place as is required of the original Franchisee. Nothing in any approval by the City of any transfer pursuant to this section shall be construed to waive, release or delegate any rights or powers of the City to hold the original Franchisee liable for any violation of its Franchise.

(R) *Forfeiture of Franchise and privilege.* In case of failure on the part of a Franchisee, its successors and assigns, to comply with any of the material provisions of this ordinance or its Franchise, or if the Franchisee, its successors and assigns, should do or cause to be done any material act or thing prohibited by or in violation of this ordinance or the terms of its Franchise, the Franchisee, its successors and assigns, shall forfeit all rights and privileges permitted by this ordinance and its Franchise, and all rights hereunder shall cease, terminate and become null and void, provided that said forfeiture shall not take effect until the City shall carry out the proceedings specified in § 10(B).

(S) *Security for payment of fees.*

(1) In the event that the City imposes a Franchise Fee, every Franchisee shall provide to the City an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$25,000, or one half of the annual Franchise Fee owed, whichever is less, to secure the payment of the Franchise Fee for the first two (2) years in which the Franchisee is subject to a Franchise Fee. If, thereafter, there has been no default in paying the Franchise Fee nor any late payment of the Franchise Fee, the letter of credit shall be released.

(2) This subsection is inoperative during any period of time during which the City elects to participate in the state baseline and local growth funds under KRS 136.600 *et seq.*, and to have Franchisees taxed accordingly.

(T) *Special rules for governmental entities.* Nothing herein requires the City to apply the provisions of this ordinance to a governmental entity if the City determines that it is not in the public interest to do so, and nothing in this ordinance shall be read to require a governmental entity to comply with this ordinance where the City cannot enforce the ordinance against such entity as a matter of law. The City is authorized to enter into

agreements with other governmental agencies to facilitate the City's use and management of the Rights-Of-Way, and such agreements shall be enforceable according to their respective terms and notwithstanding any provision of this ordinance.

### **§ 3 RIGHTS-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) *Encroachment permit.* A Franchisee shall be subject to and comply with the additional or supplementary terms and conditions of any encroachment on Rights-Of-Way permit, as may be amended from time to time, subject to Section 1(D).

(B) *Additional Facilities requirements; planned infrastructure.* When a Franchisee installs any new underground Facilities, the Franchisee shall, unless waived by the City, simultaneously install conduit provided by the City ("City Conduit"). The City shall reimburse Franchisee for any marginal or additional costs incurred by Franchisee in connection with installation of the City Conduit. City Conduit shall be installed in accordance with the City specifications and consistent with sound engineering practice. No Franchise Fee shall apply to any City Conduit.

(C) *Removal of Facilities.* Upon expiration of a Franchise, whether by lapse of time, by agreement between the Franchisee and the City, or by forfeiture thereof, the Franchisee shall remove, at its sole cost, from the Rights-Of-Way any and all of its Facilities that are the subject of such Franchise within a reasonable time after such expiration, not to exceed ninety (90) days, and, it shall be the duty of the Franchisee immediately upon such removal to restore the Rights-Of-Way from which the Facilities are removed to as good condition as the same were before the removal was effected and as required by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City may allow Facilities to be left in place when the City determines in its sole discretion that it is not practical or desirable to require removal.

(D) (1) *Relocation of Facilities.* Whenever the City shall in its exercise of the public interest request of the Franchisee to relocate or reinstall any of its Facilities, the Franchisee shall, within ten (10) days remove, relocate, or reinstall any such Facilities as may be reasonably necessary to meet the request. The cost of such relocation, removal, or reinstallation of the Facilities shall be the exclusive obligation of the Franchisee. Upon request of any other Person requesting relocation of Facilities and holding a validly issued building or moving permit of the City, a Franchisee shall, within ten (10) days, temporarily raise, lower, or relocate its wires or other Facilities as may be required for the Person to exercise the rights under the permit; provided, however, that the Franchisee may require such permit holder to make payment to Franchisee in advance for any expenses incurred by the Franchisee to temporarily move its Facilities pursuant to such Person's request.

(2) *Existing Facilities.*

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the provisions of § 116.03(D)(2) shall not apply to (i) Facilities located in or above the "Communication Worker Safety Zone" as such term is defined in the National Electrical Safety Code, or (ii) any electric supply Facilities wherever located. Make-Ready Costs that are to be paid by New Attacher include, without limitation, all costs and expenses to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter the attachments or Facilities of any Pre-Existing Attacher as may be necessary to accommodate New Attacher's attachment.

(b) Upon the Pole Owner's approval of an Attachment Application, New Attacher shall notify an affected Pre-Existing Attacher of the need to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter the attachments or Facilities of such Pre-Existing Attacher as may be necessary to accommodate New Attacher's attachment, specifying the work to be performed. Upon

request from the New Attacher, a Pole Owner shall provide to the New Attacher any existing information the Pole Owner has with respect to all Existing Attachers' contact information.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, a relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration that would cause or would reasonably be expected to cause a service outage to a Pre-Existing Attacher (taking into account the amount of available slack or tension on its lines and the impact on its Facilities during any relocation, including specifically the need for adherence to safety principles outlined under Applicable Standards) includes any work that requires the cutting, splicing, or other disconnection of a Pre-Existing Attacher's Facilities; work on Facilities that cross an interstate (i.e., a roadway that comprises the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and other interstates as designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation) or a non-interstate roadway with access points limited to on-ramp and off-ramp locations and directional travel lanes usually separated by a physical barrier; work on Facilities that cross a railroad; work on Facilities that are located on a bridge; or work involving vertical risers, power supplies, double framed poles, or locations that would not allow access to Pre-Existing Attacher's Facilities for maintenance or installation after the work is complete.

(d) For purposes of this subsection, a Pre-Existing Attacher shall maintain a list of approved contractors, and shall make the list available to New Attachers within five (5) days of New Attacher's written request for such list. A Pre-Existing Attacher shall not unreasonably restrict the number of contractors it approves, or unreasonably refuse to approve a contractor a New Attacher requests to be approved. A New Attacher seeking

approval of a contractor shall identify the contractor and request it be approved at the time it provides the notice required by § 116.03(D)(2)(b). The Pre-Existing Attacher shall approve or deny approval of the New Attacher's proposed contractor within twenty (20) days of such notice. If the Pre-Existing Attacher denies approval of the proposed contractor, it shall identify its reasons for doing so in writing. The fact that the Pre-Existing Attacher does not have a contract with the New Attacher's proposed contractor shall not, without more, be a reasonable basis for refusing to approve a New Attacher's proposed contractor.

(e) Upon notice from a New Attacher described in § 116.03(D)(2)(b), all Pre-Existing Attachers shall have thirty (30) days, running concurrently, from receipt of such notice either to (i) relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter its Facilities, (ii) authorize the New Attacher to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter its Facilities using contractors approved by the Pre-Existing Attacher, or (iii) provide a written response stating that the work will cause a service outage and why, or stating any other reason why its Facilities cannot be reasonably relocated, rearranged, transferred, or altered. In the event any affected Pre-Existing Attacher does not perform such work or provide a written response within thirty (30) days, New Attacher may perform the work using contractors approved by the Pre-Existing Attacher.

(f) If Pre-Existing Attacher provides a written response stating that the work will cause a service outage or stating any other reason why its Facilities cannot be reasonably relocated, rearranged, transferred, or altered pursuant to § 116.03(D)(2)(c), the Pre-Existing Attacher shall have sixty (60) days, running concurrently, from receipt of the notice required by § 116.03(D)(2)(b) either to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter its



Facilities, or otherwise coordinate with New Attacher to effectuate the relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration of its Facilities. In the event any affected Pre-Existing Attacher does not perform such work or coordinate with New Attacher within sixty (60) days for such work to be completed, New Attacher may perform the work using contractors approved by the Pre-Existing Attacher, provided, however, that with respect to make-ready work on the Pre-Existing Attacher's Facilities that would cause or would reasonably be expected to cause a service outage, New Attacher shall provide a minimum of ten (10) days' prior notice identifying with specificity where and when it will perform such work.

(g) For large projects where the New Attacher will attach to poles involving a Pre-Existing Attacher where the average rate of new Attachment installations will be 100 poles or more per week, the New Attacher must notify all Pre-Existing Attachers affected by the project at the same time the New Attacher submits to a Pole Owner its first Attachment Application related to the project, and must reach mutual agreement with each Pre-Existing Attacher on a timeline for relocating, rearranging, transferring, or altering the Pre-Existing Attacher's Facilities. In the event the parties are unable to reach mutual agreement prior to the notice required by § 116.03(D)(2)(b), the procedures described in § 116.03(D)(2)(f) shall apply to such work, except that the Pre-Existing Attacher shall have one hundred and five (105) days, running concurrently, from receipt of the notice required by § 116.03(D)(2)(b) either to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter its Facilities.

(h) Within thirty (30) days of the completion of any relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration performed by the New Attacher, New Attacher will send notice of the move and as-built reports to the Pre-Existing Attacher, the Pole Owner, and the

owner(s) of any other structures on which such work was performed. The as-built reports will include a unique field label identifier, and an address or coordinates. Upon receipt of the as-built reports, the Pre-Existing Attacher and Pole Owner or other structure owner(s) may conduct an inspection within thirty (30) days. New Attacher will pay the actual, reasonable, and documented expenses incurred by the Pre-Existing Attacher and Pole Owner or structure owner(s) for the inspection. If any such relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration results in the Facilities of the Pre-Existing Attacher on the pole or other structure failing to conform with Applicable Standards, the Pre-Existing Attacher will notify New Attacher within seven (7) days of the inspection. In the notice, the Pre-Existing Attacher will elect to either (i) perform the correction itself and bill the New Attacher for the actual, reasonable, and documented costs of the correction, or (ii) instruct the New Attacher to correct such conditions at New Attacher's expense, using contractors approved by the affected Pre-Existing Attacher. Any post-inspection corrections performed by the New Attacher must be completed within seven (7) days of such notification.

(i) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit or preempt liability under applicable law for damages suffered by any party as a result of work performed pursuant to this subsection that does not conform with Applicable Standards.

(j) As a condition of exercising the ability to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter a Pre-Existing Attacher's Facilities pursuant to § 116.03(D)(2), New Attacher shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the affected Pre-Existing Attacher and the Pole Owner or other structure owner(s) on which such relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration takes place, the Affiliates of such Pre-Existing Attacher and Pole Owner or other

owners, and the officers, directors, and employees of such Pre-Existing Attacher and Pole Owner or other owners and their Affiliates (each an "Indemnitee") from and against all third party damage, loss, claim, demand, suit, liability, penalty, or forfeiture of every kind and nature, including, but not limited to, costs and expenses of defending against the same, payment of any settlement or judgment therefor and reasonable attorney's fees that are actually and reasonably incurred by an Indemnitee by reason of any claim arising from such relocation, rearrangement, transfer, or alteration.

(k) In the event New Attacher fails to pay Pre-Existing Attacher's Make-Ready Costs, fails to correct non-compliant work according to the time frames specified in § 116.03(D)(2)(h), fails to compensate Pre-Existing Attacher for damage caused by New Attacher's work, or otherwise fails to meet its obligations to the Pre-Existing Attacher in this subsection, Pre-Existing Attacher shall have the right to refuse New Attacher's requests to relocate, rearrange, transfer, or alter the Pre-Existing Attacher's Facilities until such time as New Attacher complies with its obligations under this subsection.

(l) A Pre-Existing Attacher and New Attacher may mutually agree to modify any of the rights and obligations specified herein, and shall work in good faith to modify any time periods specified herein to account for unforeseen circumstances, including, but not limited to, weather events and high volumes of make-ready work.

(E) *Franchisee responsible for costs.* A Franchisee shall be responsible for all reasonable costs incurred by the City that are directly associated with the Franchisee's erecting, installing, maintaining, operating, repairing, replacing, removing or restoring its Facilities in the Rights-Of-Way. A Franchisee shall be responsible for its own costs

incurred in removing or relocating its Facilities when required by the City due to the City requirements relating to maintenance and use of the Rights-Of-Way for the City purposes.

(F) *Insurance and bonds.* During the term of any Franchise, a Franchisee shall obtain and maintain at its sole expense, all insurance and bonds required by this ordinance. It is expressly understood that the City does not in any way represent that the specified limits of liability or coverage or policy forms are sufficient or adequate to protect the interest or liabilities of Franchisee.

(1) Franchisee shall file with the City a Franchise bond in the amount of \$100,000 which shall be required to be in place for the entire term of the Franchise, and which may name other members of the Jefferson County League of Cities Cable Commission as additional obligees. A Franchisee seeking to construct or install a System in the City shall file with the City a performance bond in an amount to be determined by the City. In no event shall the amount of the performance bond required by the City exceed the reasonable costs of repairing the Rights-Of-Way in the event of non-performance by the Franchisee. The performance bond shall provide for the faithful performance of construction and installation of Franchisee's System. Two (2) years after demonstration of the completion of the construction of the System by Franchisee to the City, the City shall release the performance bond.

(2) The performance bond shall indemnify the City in its own right and as trustee, from any damages or losses arising out of the failure of Franchisee to faithfully perform and satisfactorily complete construction of the System in accordance with this ordinance.

(3) The failure of Franchisee to comply with its obligations under this ordinance or the Franchise as determined by the City shall entitle the City to draw against either or both of Franchisee's performance bonds, subject to Section 10(b).

(4) The rights reserved to the City with respect to the performance and Franchise bonds required hereunder are in addition to all other rights of the City, whether reserved by this ordinance or authorized by law, and no action, proceeding or exercise of a right with respect to such performance or Franchise bonds shall affect any other rights the City may have.

(5) Unless otherwise released by the City, the performance or Franchise bonds required hereunder shall not expire or be materially altered without thirty (30) days written notice and without securing and delivering to the City a substitute, renewal and replacement bond in conformance with this ordinance. In the event the City does draw monies against the performance bond required hereunder, within ten days thereafter, Franchisee shall pay such funds to the bonding company as necessary to bring said performance and/or Franchise bonds back to the applicable principal, where it shall continue to be maintained. The performance and Franchise bonds required hereunder shall contain the following endorsements:

"It is hereby understood and agreed that this bond may not be reduced, altered or canceled by Franchisee or Surety without thirty (30) days written notice, by certified mail, to the City of West Buechel. Such termination or cancellation shall have no effect on any liability incurred or accrued under this bond prior to the effective date of such termination or cancellation."

(6) Immediately upon the effective date of the resolution granting a Franchise under this ordinance, Franchisee shall file with the City the following proof of liability insurance issued by a company(ies) authorized to do business in the Commonwealth with an AM Best Rating of A- or better:

(a) General Liability Insurance, via an occurrence form, covering bodily injury, including death, personal injury and property damage, and including completed operations, contractual liability, independent contractors protective liability and personal injury liability protection. The minimum acceptable limit of liability amount is \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate under a combined single limit. This policy must include the City, including its Mayor and City Commission/City Council members, as additional insureds as respects all operations of the insured Franchisee. The City reserves the right to make reasonable increases in the required amount of insurance coverage herein at any time, subject to Section 5(A)(2) of this Ordinance. Nothing herein is intended as a limitation on the extent of any legal liability of the Franchisee.

(b) Automobile Liability, insuring all owned, non-owned and hired motor vehicles. The minimum coverage liability limit is \$1,000,000 combined single limit for any one accident. The limit of liability may be subject to increase according to any applicable State or federal transportation regulations.

(c) Workers' Compensation (if applicable), insuring the employers' obligations under Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 342 at statutory limits.

(7) Franchisee shall maintain on file with the City a certificate of insurance certifying the coverage required under this ordinance, which certificate shall be subject to the approval of the City as to the adequacy of the certificate and of the insurance certified

under the requirements of this ordinance. Such certificate shall be identified on its face by the name of Franchisee, and shall be submitted to the City, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this ordinance. Failure to maintain adequate insurance as required under this ordinance shall be deemed a breach of the Franchise.

(8) The City reserves the right to make increases in the amount of insurance coverage referred to in this section at any time, subject to Section 5(A)(2) of this Ordinance.

(9) The following clause shall be added to Franchisee's Commercial General Liability Policies:

"The City of West Buechel, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and successors are added as an "additional insured" as respects operations of the Named Insured performed relative to the contract."

(G) *Permits.* Prior to performing any construction or installation work in the public Rights-Of-Way, Franchisee shall apply to the City for any necessary permit, and shall include descriptive information about the specific location of any lines, Facilities, boxes, or related equipment. All terms and conditions of the permit application shall apply and be adhered to.

(1) Franchisee shall furnish detailed plans of the work to be done within the Rights-Of-Way and provide other such information as required by the City.

(2) Franchisee shall coordinate any construction work within the Rights-Of-Way with the City and shall begin construction work only after approval of the City.

(3) All permits issued by the City shall be conspicuously displayed at all times at the indicated work site and shall be available for inspection by City personnel.

(H) *Notification.* Franchisee shall notify the City, in writing, at least fifteen (15) days prior to construction. Such written notification shall contain the location of the construction, the starting date and the estimated completion date.

(I) *Standards.* Any work required or performed pursuant to this ordinance shall be done in accordance with federal, State and local law, and the National Electric Safety Code.

(1) In the event that Franchisee leases space on the poles or in the conduits of an electric or other utility, Franchisee shall abide by the construction and other requirements of that utility, and the granting of a Franchise by the City shall not be construed or interpreted in any way to alleviate Franchisee's responsibilities and obligations to the pole or conduit owner.

(2) Franchisee, its contractors, sub-subcontractors and anyone directly or indirectly employed by Franchisee shall conduct such operations so as to promote and preserve the public safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City.

(3) All construction, installation or maintenance by Franchisee shall be completed with diligence and with respect to all interests and rights of the public.

(J) *Traffic.* Franchisee's work in the Rights-Of-Way shall be accomplished with a minimum of disruption and interference to the free flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the Rights-Of-Way or public land.

(1) Franchisee shall maintain lanes of vehicular traffic in each direction at all times during construction, installation or maintenance activity.



(2) Traffic control devices to protect and control pedestrian and vehicular traffic in any construction, maintenance or installation areas may be prescribed by the City in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

(K) *Delay*. Improvements to City Rights-Of-Way conducted by the City or its contractors shall not be delayed by any Franchisee work authorized by this ordinance.

(L) *Special exceptions*. The City may grant a special exception to the requirements of this ordinance if a Franchisee, upon application, demonstrates with written evidence that:

(1) The exception will not create any threat to the public health, safety or welfare;

(2) The increased economic burden and the potential adverse impact on Franchisee's construction schedule resulting from the strict enforcement of the requirement would actually or effectively prohibit the ability of Franchisee to provide Communications Service in the City; and

(3) The requirement unreasonably discriminates against Franchisee in favor of another comparable Communications Service provider.

(4) Any special exceptions shall be granted in a non-discriminatory manner.

(M) *Inspections*. All construction, installation and operation of Franchisee's System in the Rights-Of-Way are subject to inspection by the City.

(N) *Repair of sunken pavement over excavation*. In case the pavement or the surface of the Rights-Of-Way over any excavation should become depressed or broken at any time within five (5) years after the excavation has been completed and before resurfacing of the Rights-Of-Way, natural wear of the surface excepted, Franchisee shall, upon written notice from the City, immediately proceed to inspect the depressed or broken area over the excavation to ascertain the cause of the failure. Franchisee shall make repairs

to the installation or backfill and have the pavement restored as specified by the City, within such time period as may be specified by the City. If the pavement is not restored as specified by the City within the time period specified by the City, and unless delayed by a strike or conditions beyond Franchisee's control, the City may cause the work to be done after giving Franchisee twenty four (24) hours final notice. The cost thereof, including, but not limited to, any inspection costs and administrative overhead incurred by the City, shall be assessed against Franchisee.

(O) In the event that the use of any part of the System is discontinued for any reason by any Franchisee for a continuous period of twelve (12) months, or in the event such System or Facility has been installed in Rights-Of-Way without complying with requirements of this ordinance, or the rights granted hereunder have been terminated, cancelled or have expired, the Franchisee shall promptly remove from the Rights-Of-Way all such Facilities of such System, other than any which the City may permit to be abandoned in place. In the event of such removal, the Franchisee shall promptly restore the Rights-Of-Way from which such Facilities have been removed to a condition satisfactory to the City. Any Facilities of a Franchisee to be abandoned in place, shall be abandoned in such manner as the City may prescribe. Upon a permanent abandonment of the Facilities of a Franchisee in place, the Franchisee shall submit to the City an instrument to be approved by the City, transferring to the City the ownership of such Facilities.

(P) During any phase of construction, installation, maintenance, or repair of the System, the Franchisee shall use materials of good and durable quality. All such work

shall be performed in a safe, thorough and reliable manner and in compliance with Louisville Metro's Public Works and Assets Utility Policy, as amended.

**§ 4 MISCELLANEOUS.**

(A) *Administration of Franchise.* The City shall be responsible for the continued administration of this ordinance and any Franchises granted hereunder.

(B) *Non-enforcement by the City.* A Franchisee shall not be relieved of its obligation to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or its applicable Franchise by reason of any failure of the City to enforce prompt compliance.

(C) *Publication of notices.* A Franchisee shall be responsible for all costs of publication that may be required with respect to its Franchise or any amendments or renewals thereto.

(D) *Severability.* If any material provision of this ordinance or of any Franchise granted pursuant to this ordinance is held by a court or other competent governmental authority of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unlawful as conflicting with applicable laws now or hereafter in effect, or is held by a court or competent governmental authority to be modified in any way in order to conform to the requirements of any such applicable laws, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct, and independent part of this ordinance or the Franchise, and, to the extent possible, such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of all other provisions herein or therein.

**§ 5 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

(A) *Existing Franchises.*

(1) Franchises previously granted shall be deemed to continue through their current expiration date, incorporating this amended ordinance, and they shall be automatically

deemed to have complied with all application and qualification requirements hereunder, unless, within sixty (60) days of passage of this amended ordinance, a Franchisee indicates in writing it does not accept this amended ordinance as part of its Franchise. Upon such notice of non-acceptance, said Franchisee and the City may renegotiate or terminate the Franchisee's Franchise pursuant to all local, State and federal law.

(2) Further amendments of the ordinance and the Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets Utility Policy, shall be deemed accepted by a Franchisee unless, within sixty (60) days of any further amendments, a Franchisee, indicates in writing it does not accept the amendments as part of its Franchise. Upon such notice of non-acceptance, said Franchisee and the City may renegotiate or terminate the Franchisee's Franchise pursuant to all local, State and federal law.

(B) *Transitional provisions to be narrowly interpreted.* It is the intent of the City to apply the provisions of this ordinance to all owners or operators of Communications Systems with Facilities, including local exchange carriers, that now occupy or may in the future occupy Rights-Of-Way, except to the extent federal or State law prevents the City from doing so.

**§ 6 FRANCHISEES PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS.**

All Franchisees providing Communications Service to Customers shall to the greatest extent applicable:

(A) At all times comply, at a minimum, with the FCC requirements for Emergency Alert System specially applicable to their Communications Services.

(B) Provide to every Customer access to Public, Educational and Government Access channels that are available on the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government's

website, not to exceed three (3), at no cost to the City. Additional channels may be negotiated, with both parties' consent, in the Franchise agreement.

(C) Have a publicly listed telephone number.

(D) Employ an operator or maintain a telephone answering device twenty-four (24) hours per day, each day of the year to receive Customer complaints.

(E) Upon Customer's termination of the Communications Services, permit Customers to return any equipment that Franchisee requires to be returned upon such termination at Franchisee's expense and advise Customers of this option when Customers inquire about returning equipment. These expenses do not include the cost for use of the equipment before termination of the Communications Services.

(F) Shall indemnify the City, pursuant to Section 1(F), against any alleged infringement of patent or copyright or any other legal infringement in the transmission of materials through the System, except to the extent any infringement arises from or is caused by the City's or another Person's use of the System, including for any Public, Educational, and Government Access channels. Nothing herein is intended as a limitation on the extent of any legal liability of the Franchisee.

## **§ 7 PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.**

(A) *Application for license.* A Person wishing to erect, install, maintain, operate, repair, replace, remove or restore a Private Communications System in the Rights-Of-Way must obtain a license therefore from the City. Such license shall only authorize placement of the Private Communications System in a specific portion of the Rights-Of-Way for a limited period of time and for a specific purpose in connection with the Person's business and shall not permit the use of the Private Communications System to provide

Communications Service to any other Person or to the public. Such Person shall submit an application to the City on such form as may be developed by the City, accompanied by such application fee as may be determined by the City.

(B) *Conditions of license.* Any license shall be subject to such conditions as the City may from time to time establish, shall be expressly subordinate to the use of the Rights-Of-Way by the City and Franchisees, and shall otherwise conform to the requirements of this ordinance.

(C) *Compensation.* A Private Communications System Owner shall pay a fee established by the City from time to time to reflect the fair market value of the Rights-Of-Way used.

#### **§ 8 LIABILITIES AND PENALTIES.**

Except as expressly stated in this ordinance, the express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any ordinance or part thereof shall not affect any liabilities accrued, penalties incurred or proceedings begun prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Those liabilities and penalties are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

#### **§ 9 REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE.**

The rights and remedies of the City and the Franchisee as set forth in their Franchise, or in this ordinance, shall be in addition to and not in limitation of, any other rights and remedies provided by law or in equity.

**§ 10 REVIEW, TERMINATION, AND CANCELLATION.**

(A) To provide for technological changes in the state of the art of Communications Services, to facilitate renewal procedures, and to achieve continuing, advanced, modern Systems for the City, the Franchisee shall comply with the following review provisions:

(1) The City may hold review sessions which shall be open to the public and notice shall be given by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation at least one week before each session.

(2) Either the City or the Franchisee may select additional topics for discussion at any regular or special review session.

(3) Any topic proposed for discussion at any regular or special review session by a resident of the City and supported by a petition bearing the signature of thirty (30) City residents shall be included in the list of topics for discussion.

(B) *Termination.*

(1) The City may terminate any Franchise in accordance herewith in the event of the violation of any material provision hereof or of any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant here to or of any applicable federal, State, or local law, or the breach or other failure, refusal or neglect by the Franchisee to perform its obligations under the material terms and conditions of the ordinance or of any ordinance or agreement awarding a Franchise in accordance herewith, except when such violation, breach, failure, refusal or neglect is caused by any of the following:

(a) Act of God;

(b) Riot, insurrection, civil disturbance, sabotage or vandalism, tampering or interference, act of public enemy, accident, fire, flood, strike, unavailability of materials or equipment, war or act of war, all of which are beyond the control of the Franchisee; or

(c) An emergency declared by the President of the United States of America, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the Mayor.

(2) In the event that the City determines that the Franchisee has violated any material provision of this ordinance, any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant hereto, any applicable federal, State or local law, or any material term of an agreement or ordinance awarding a Franchise, the City shall make a written demand on the Franchisee that it comply with the law or said agreement or ordinance. The written demand shall set forth the exact nature of the noncompliance. The Franchisee shall have sixty (60) days from such notice to either object in writing and to state its reasons for such objections and provide any explanation or to cure the alleged noncompliance. If the City has not received a satisfactory response from Franchisee, or the violation, breach, failure, refusal or neglect is not remedied to the satisfaction of the City within sixty (60) days following such demand, the City shall determine whether or not, in its sole discretion, any violation, breach, failure, refusal, or neglect by the Franchisee was excusable or inexcusable as provided in § 10(B)(1).

(a) If the City determines such violation, breach, failure, refusal or neglect by the Franchisee was excusable as provided in § 10(B)(1), the City shall direct the Franchisee to correct or remedy the same within such additional time, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as are just and reasonable and as the City may direct.



(b) If the City determines such violation, breach, failure, refusal, or neglect by the Franchisee was inexcusable, then City Commission/City Council, by ordinance, may seek to revoke the Franchisee's Franchise at a public hearing, and/or City Commission/City Council may provide a time period for the Franchisee to become compliant. If the City seeks to revoke Franchisee's Franchise, it shall provide Franchisee with at least twenty (20) days written notice prior to conducting a hearing. The hearing shall be on the record and transcribed, if Franchisee so elects and at Franchisee's cost, and shall provide Franchisee full due process rights, including the right to state its position on the matter, present evidence, and question witnesses. Franchisee may appeal any decision made by the City after the hearing to an appropriate court. Nothing in this ordinance, including the provisions set forth in this Section 10, shall prevent Franchisee from filing at any time a legal action in any permissible court or tribunal seeking a declaration or enforcement of Franchisee's rights or obligations under the Franchise, this Ordinance, or applicable law. The Franchisee may continue to operate the system until all avenues and procedures of judicial review have been fully and finally exhausted.

(3) If the City declares the said agreement breached pursuant to § 10(B)(2)(b), and the Franchisee either does not challenge the City's decision or City's decision is affirmed in a final, non-appealable court order, the City may pursue any remedies available to it pursuant to this ordinance or to the said Franchise or ordinance or any other remedy, legal or equitable, available to the City.

(C) If any Franchise is cancelled by reason of the default of the Franchisee, the City may exercise its option to purchase any portion of the System then connected in any manner with the Rights-Of-Ways, public places, or other property of the City, at a cost not

to exceed its then book value less any amount for any damages incurred by the City in connection with such cancellation. Damages incurred by the City shall include, but shall not be limited to, any payment made by the City authorizing or directing the continued operation of the System.

(D) In the event that the Franchise is terminated, the Franchisee shall follow the procedure in § 3(O).

**§ 11 FORECLOSURE-RECEIVERSHIP.**

(A) Upon the foreclosure or other judicial sale of all or a substantial part of the System, or upon the termination of any lease covering all or a substantial part of the System, the Franchisee shall notify the City of such foreclosure. Franchisee's notification shall be treated as a notification that a change in control of the Franchisee has taken place, and the provisions of this ordinance governing the consent of the City to such change in control of the Franchisee shall apply.

(B) The City shall have the right to cancel the Franchise one hundred twenty (120) days after the appointment of a receiver, or trustee, to take over and conduct the business of the Franchisee, whether in receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy, or other action or proceeding, unless such receivership or trusteeship shall have been vacated prior to the expiration of said one hundred twenty (120) days, or unless:

(1) Within one hundred twenty (120) days after his or her election of appointment, the receiver or trustee shall have fully complied with all of the provisions of this ordinance and the agreement and ordinance awarding a Franchise hereunder, and remedied all defaults thereunder; and

(2) Such receiver or trustee, within said one hundred twenty (120) days shall have executed an agreement, duly approved by the court having jurisdiction over same, whereby such receiver or trustee assumes and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this ordinance and the agreement and ordinance awarding a Franchise hereunder.

**§ 12 REPORTS.**

Upon the City's request, the Franchisee shall submit a written report to the City, including, but not limited to, the following information:

(A) A summary of the previous year's or, in the case of the initial reporting year, the initial year's activities in development of the System, including, but not limited to, Communications Service begun or discontinued;

(B) If the City exercises its constitutional right to collect Franchise Fees, a statement of revenues;

(C) A list of officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Franchisee, and its parent, subsidiary, or Affiliate corporations, if any;

(D) It shall be unlawful for the Franchisee to refuse, fail or neglect to file the reports required under this ordinance. The refusal, failure, or neglect of the Franchisee to file any of the reports required under this ordinance or as the City may direct, shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance and shall subject the Franchisee to the provisions of § 10, shall be deemed a material breach of any agreement or ordinance awarding a Franchise in accordance herewith, and shall subject the Franchisee to all penalties and remedies prescribed therein and to all other remedies, legal or equitable, which are available to the City.

(E) Any material misrepresentation made knowingly by the Franchisee in any report required under this ordinance shall subject the Franchisee to the provisions of § 10 and shall subject the Franchisee to all penalties and remedies prescribed therein and to all other remedies, legal or equitable, which are available to the City.

**§ 13 BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE FRANCHISE.**

(A) The Franchisee shall keep complete and accurate books of account and records of its business and operations in connection with any Franchise granted under this ordinance.

(B) Upon request, the City shall have access to all books of account and records of the Franchisee for the purpose of auditing Franchise Fee payments and of ascertaining the correctness of any and all reports and may examine its officers and employees in respect thereto.

(C) Any false entry in the books of account or record submitted to the City, or false statements in reports to the City, as to material fact, knowingly made by the Franchisee, shall constitute a breach of a material provision of this ordinance and any Franchise agreement or ordinance hereunder, for which the remedies provided in this ordinance may be invoked.

**§ 14 TIME OF ESSENCE.**

Whenever this ordinance, or any ordinance or agreement awarding a Franchise hereunder, shall set forth any time for any act to be performed by or on behalf of a Franchisee, such time shall be deemed of the essence, and any failure of a Franchisee to perform within the time set forth shall constitute a material breach of the terms of this

ordinance and shall entitle the City to invoke all penalties and remedies prescribed in this ordinance as well as all other legal or equitable remedies available to the City.

**§ 15 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

(A) Franchisees shall comply in all respects with the FCC's regulations governing equal opportunity. Franchisees shall also comply with all other applicable equal opportunity government regulations whether federal, State or local.

(B) Franchisees shall afford equal opportunity in employment to all qualified Persons, and no Person shall be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, sex, or age.

**§ 16 VIOLATIONS.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any Person to establish, operate or to carry on the business of distributing to any Persons in the City, any Communications Service by means of a System in the Rights-Of-Way unless a Franchise therefore has first been obtained from the City, and unless such Franchise is in full force and effect.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any Person to own, erect, install, maintain, operate, repair, replace, remove or restore within any public street in the City, equipment or Facilities for distributing any Communications Service through a System, unless a Franchise authorizing such use of such Rights-Of-Way has first been obtained from the City, and unless such Franchise is in full force and effect.

**SECTION II.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

FIRST READING: January 9, 2020

SECOND READING: January 13, 2020

PASSED AND APPROVED: January 13, 2020



MAYOR BRENDA MOORE

ATTEST:



DEBBIE BATLINER, CITY CLERK/TREASURER