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ARTICLE - FRANCHISE

17-1-1 DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

(A) **“Basic Cable Television Service”** means the service tier which includes the retransmission of local broadcast signals.

(B) **“Grantor”** is Gibson City, Illinois.

(C) **“City Council”** is the City Council of Gibson City, Illinois.

(D) **“System”** means a facility that uses any public right-of-way, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide cable service which includes video programming, and which is provided to multiple subscribers within a community is a system utilizing certain electronic and other components which deliver to subscribing members of the public various broadband telecommunications services.

(E) **“Cable Service”** means the provision of Cable Television Service.

(F) **“Cable Television Service”** the one-way transmission of video programming or other programming services and subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming services.

(G) **“FCC”** shall mean the Federal Communications Commission.

(H) **“Franchisee”** is *Mediacom Illinois LLC* or its successors or assigns.

(I) **“Person”** is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or organization of any kind and any other legally recognized entity.

(J) **“Subscribers”** are those persons contracting to receive cable television reception services furnished under this Chapter by Franchisee.

(K) **“Term”** shall have the meaning as defined in **Section 17-1-14** of this Chapter.

(L) **“Gross Revenues”** means all revenue received from Basic Cable and Cable Programming Service. The term “gross revenues” shall not include franchise fees, Access Operating Fees, advertising revenues, any fees itemized and passed through as a result of franchise-imposed requirements or any taxes or fees on services furnished by Grantee imposed directly on any Subscriber or user by any municipality, state, or other governmental unit. (Ord. No. 00-21; 12-11-00)

(M) **“Basic Cable Service”** means any service tier which includes the lawful retransmission of local television broadcast signals and any public, educational and governmental access programming required by the franchise to be carried on the basic tier. Basic Cable Service as defined herein shall not be inconsistent with **47 U.S.C. 543(b)(7)(1993)**. (Ord. No. 00-21; 12-11-00)

(N) **“Cable Programming Service”** means any video programming provided over a cable system, regardless of service tier, including installation or rental of equipment used for the receipt of such video programming, other than:

- (1) Video Programming carried on the Basic Service Tier.
- (2) Video Programming offered on a pay-per-channel or pay-per-program basis; or
- (3) A combination of multiple channels of pay-per-channel or pay-per-program video programming offered on a multiplexed or time-shifted basis so long as the combined service;
- (4) consists of commonly identified video programming; and
- (5) is not bundled with any regulated tier of service. Cable Programming Service as defined herein shall not be inconsistent with the definition as set forth in **47 U.S.C. 543(1)(2)(1993)** and **47 C.F.R. 76.901(b)(1993)**. (Ord. No. 00-21; 12-11-00)

17-1-2 GRANT OF NON-EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY.

(A) For the Term of this Chapter, there is hereby granted by Grantor to Franchisee and its successors, assigns or designees, the non-exclusive right to erect, maintain and operate in, under, over, along, across and upon the present and future streets, lanes, avenues, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, highways, rights-of-way, easements dedicated for compatible uses or other public places located within the boundaries of the City including subsequent additions thereto, towers, poles, lines, cable, wires, manholes and all other fixtures and equipment necessary for the maintenance and operation of a System for the purpose of transmission and distribution of cable services, information services, data services and broadband telecommunications services.

(B) Grantor shall not permit any person to provide services similar to those provided by Franchisee without first having secured a non-exclusive franchise from Grantor that shall impose the same costs, obligations and restrictions imposed by this Chapter.

(C) In the event that another entity providing multi-channel video programming serves residents of the City using facilities that occupy the streets and rights-of-way or that includes the delivery of video programming using the facilities of a common carrier (e.g., an Open Video System), and that entity operates with no franchise or operates under a franchise that imposes lesser burdens on it than upon the Franchisee, Grantee shall have the right, upon **thirty (30) day** written notice to the City to unilaterally adopt the less burdensome provisions imposed on the competing provider.

(D) **Franchise Fee.** Grantee shall pay to Grantor a Franchise Fee in an annual amount equal to **three percent (3%)** of its annual gross revenues; provided, however, that in the event Grantee becomes subject to “effective competition” as that term is defined in **47 U.S.C. 543 “1” a**, as amended from time to time, and specifically including Open Video Systems (OVS) and direct broadcasting by satellite “DBS”, as defined from time to time by the FCC, and/or Grantee experiences a decrease in the number of Expanded Basic Subscribers in any **one (1) year** period calculated upon a yearly comparison of the number of Subscribers on **December 31st** of each year, the Franchise Fee shall, following **ninety (90) days** written notice to Grantor, be reduced to the level of expenditure at which the competitive provider, if any, is obligated.

Payments due Grantor under this provision shall be payable annually. The payment shall be made within **sixty (60) days** of the end of the calendar year together with a brief report showing the basis for the computation. (Ord. No. 00-21; 12-11-00)

17-1-3 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND ORDINANCES. Franchisee shall during the Term, be subject to all lawful exercise of the police powers of Grantor except as those powers are limited by federal law, including the Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended and the regulations of the FCC.

17-1-4 FRANCHISE AREA. This Chapter permits the provision of service to the present boundaries of Grantor and to any area annexed thereto during the Term. Franchisee shall not be required to service residents of areas within the present boundaries of Grantor and any areas annexed by Grantor after the effective date of this Chapter that are more than **four hundred (400) feet** from a point of connection to existing distribution lines or where there is present a density of less than **twenty (20) residences** per mile except upon payment by such residents of the capital costs incurred by Franchisee in bringing service to such residents.

17-1-5 LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION. Franchisee shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless Grantor from and against losses and physical damage to property and bodily injury or death to persons, including payments made under any Worker’s Compensation law which may arise out of the erection, maintenance, use or removal of said attachments or poles within the boundaries of Grantor, or by any act of Franchisee, its agents or employees. Franchisee’s obligation to indemnify Grantor shall include, but shall not be limited to, damages arising out of copyright infringements, and all other damages arising out of the installation,

operation, or maintenance of the System authorized herein, whether or not any act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed or prohibited by this Chapter.

Franchisee shall, at all times, keep in effect the following types of coverage:

(A) Worker's Compensation.

(B) Property Damage Liability Insurance to the extent of **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)** as to each occurrence and **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)** aggregate, and Personal Injury Liability Insurance to the extent of **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)** as to each occurrence and **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)** aggregate. Excess Bodily Injury and Property Damage of **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** each occurrence and **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** aggregate. Automobile Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability combined **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** each occurrence.

(C) Franchisee shall maintain policies of insurance in the above-described amounts to protect the parties hereto from and against all actions, judgments, costs, expenses and liabilities which may arise or result, directly or indirectly, from or by reason of such loss, injury or damage. Franchisee shall also maintain policies of insurance in amounts it deems necessary to protect it from all claims under the Worker's Compensation laws in effect that may be applicable to Franchisee. Grantor shall keep on file Certificates evidencing such insurance coverage.

17-1-6 TECHNICAL STANDARDS. The franchisee shall comply with the technical standards established by the FCC.

17-1-7 CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS/OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM.

(A) Franchisee shall render service and make repairs in a commercially reasonable manner, and interrupt service only for good cause, including as required by federal law for the shortest time possible, such interruptions, insofar as possible, shall occur during periods of minimum use of the System.

(B) Under normal operating conditions, Franchisee shall respond to service requests within **two (2) business days** following receipt.

(C) Failure by Franchisee to restore any service to a customer to service within **two (2) business days** after receipt of notification of a complete disruption of service will, upon request by the customer, result in the issuance of a credit to that customer's account for the portion of a month they were without cable service.

(D) During the term of this franchise, and any renewal thereof, Franchisee agrees to maintain a toll-free telephone number to be used by customers of the Franchisee to contact Franchisee and to place requests for service or inquiries.

17-1-8 SERVICE TO SCHOOLS AND CITY. Franchisee shall, subject to the line extension provisions of **Section 17-1-4**, provide Basic Cable Television Service at no separate charge to public elementary and secondary schools, at one terminal junction for educational purposes upon request of the school system.

Franchisee shall, subject to the line extension provisions of **Section 17-1-4**, also provide without charge, at one building other than a hospital, nursing home, apartment or building at the airport, to be selected by the Council, one junction terminal to said building and shall also furnish to the building, without charge, Basic Cable Television Service to the building's terminal junction.

17-1-9 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM. Franchisee shall provide emergency alert facilities as required by federal law. Grantor or its designee shall have the capability of disseminating emergency messages over the cable system provided that Grantor or its designee acquires, at its own cost, all necessary interface and encoding equipment.

17-1-10 **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.** Franchisee shall, at all times, employ ordinary care and shall use and maintain commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures and accidents which are likely to cause damages, injuries, or nuisances to the public.

17-1-11 **LIMITATIONS ON RIGHTS GRANTED.**

(A) All transmission and distribution structures, lines and equipment erected by Franchisee within Grantor shall be located as to cause minimum interference with the proper use of streets, alleys and the public ways and places, and to cause minimum interference with the rights and reasonable convenience or property owners who adjoin any of the said streets, alleys or other public ways and places, and said poles or towers shall be removed by Franchisee whenever Grantor reasonably finds that the same restrict or obstruct the operation or location of any future streets or public places within Grantor and Grantor concurrently requires relocation of similarly situated utilities.

(B) Construction and maintenance of the System shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code, prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, the National Electrical Code of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and such applicable ordinances and regulations of Grantor, affecting electrical installation, which are presently in effect at the time of construction.

(C) In case of disturbance of any street, sidewalk, alley, public way or paved area, Franchisee shall, at its own cost and expense and in a manner approved by Grantor, replace and restore such street, sidewalk, alley, public way or paved areas in at least as good a condition as before the work involving such disturbance was done.

(D) If at any time during the period of this Chapter Grantor shall lawfully elect to alter or change the grade of any street, sidewalk, alley or other public way, Franchisee, upon reasonable notice by Grantor, shall remove, relay and relocate its poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes and other fixtures at its own expense provided Grantor concurrently imposes identical requirements on similarly situated utilities.

(E) Franchisee shall on the request of any person holding a building moving permit or any person who wishes to remove trees or structures from their property, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the moving of buildings or tree removal. The expense of such temporary removal or raising or lowering of wires shall be paid by the person requesting the same; the Franchisee shall have the authority to require such payment in advance. Franchisee shall be given not less than **fourteen (14) days** advance notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

(F) Subject to Grantor approval, Franchisee shall have the authority to trim trees that overhang the streets, alleys, sidewalks and public ways and places so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of Franchisee.

(G) Franchisee, shall, at its expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate on the same street, alley or public place, or remove from the street, alley or public place, any property of Franchisee when required by Grantor by reason of traffic conditions, change of establishments of street grade, installation of sewers, drains, water pipes, power lines, signal lines, and tracks or any other type of structures or improvements by governmental agencies when acting in a governmental or proprietary capacity, or other structure of public improvement; provided, however, that Franchisee shall in all cases have the privileges and be subject to the obligations to abandon any property of Franchisee in place as hereinafter provided.

(H) In all sections of Grantor where Grantor designates an area where all presently above ground services are to be placed underground, Franchisee shall place its wires underground on the same time schedule and on the same conditions that are applicable to the providing of other above ground services in the designated areas.

(I) In the event that the use of any part of the System is discontinued for any reason for a continuous period of **twelve (12) months**, or in the event such System or property has been installed in any street or public place without complying with the requirements of this Chapter, or the rights granted hereunder have been subject to the rights of the Grantor to acquire or transfer the system as specified in **Section 17-1-12**, promptly remove from the streets, or public places, all such property and poles of such System other than any which the

City may permit to be abandoned in place. In the event of such removal, Franchisee shall promptly restore the street or other areas from which such satisfactory to Grantor.

(J) Any property of Franchisee to be abandoned in place shall be abandoned in such a manner as Grantor may prescribe. Upon permanent abandonment of the property of Franchisee in place, it shall submit to Grantor an instrument to be approved by Grantor, transferring to Grantor the ownership of such property.

17-1-12 OWNERSHIP AND REMOVAL OF FACILITIES.

(A) All cable and equipment for cable service including cable television reception service installed by Franchisee at a subscriber's location shall remain the property of Franchisee and Franchisee shall have the right to remove said cable and equipment. Upon termination of all service to any subscriber, Franchisee shall promptly remove all its above ground facilities and equipment from the premises upon the request of such subscriber.

(B) At the end of the Term of this franchise, the Company at its sole cost and expense and upon direction of the Grantor, shall remove the above-ground cables and appurtenant devices constructed or maintained in connection with the services authorized herein, unless the Company, its affiliated entities or assignees should, within **six (6) months** after such expiration, termination or revocation obtain certification from the FCC to operate an Open Video System or any other federal or state certification to provide telecommunication services.

17-1-13 TRANSFER OF ORDINANCE. All right, title and interest of Franchisee in this Chapter and the Non-exclusive Franchise granted herein shall be freely assignable without consent of Grantor.

17-1-14 DURATION AND RENEWAL OF ORDINANCE. The rights granted to Franchisee herein shall become effective upon the passage of this Chapter and shall continue for a period of **fifteen (15) years**, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Chapter ("Term"). Franchisee shall have the option to renew this franchise for an additional **fifteen (15) years** at any time before the expiration of the Term under the same terms and conditions by providing notice as required under **Section 17-1-23**.

17-1-15 ERECTION, REMOVAL AND COMMON USE OF POLES.

(A) No poles or other wire-holding structures shall be erected by Franchisee without prior approval of the designated representative of the Council with regard to locations, height, type or any other pertinent aspect, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. However, no location of any pole or wire-holding structure of Franchisee shall create a vested interest.

(B) Where poles or other wire-holding structures already existing in use in serving Grantor are available for use by Franchisee, but it does not make arrangements for such use, the Council may require Franchisee to use such poles or structures if it determines that the public convenience would be enhanced thereby and the terms of the use available to Franchisee are just and commercially reasonable.

17-1-16 RATES AND CHARGES. The Grantor reserves the right to regulate such rates and charges to the extent permitted by and using methodologies prescribed by Federal law.

17-1-17 BOOKS AND RECORDS. The Franchisee shall keep full, true, accurate, and current books of accounts, which books and records shall be made available for inspection at reasonable times by authorized representatives of Grantor as may be reasonably necessary for the administration of this Chapter. To the extent Grantor obtains any personally identifiable

information or other information protected under federal, state or local privacy laws, Grantor shall assume all of the obligations of a cable operator with respect to protecting the confidentiality of that information. Grantor shall indemnify and hold Franchisee harmless from any costs, losses or damages arising from the disclosure of any protected information to or by Grantor.

17-1-18 **FORCE MAJEURE.** The Franchisee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with the provisions of the Franchise, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default (including termination, cancellation or revocation of the Franchise), where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by strike, riot, war, earthquake, flood, tidal wave, unusually severe rain or snow storm, hurricane, tornado or other catastrophic act of nature, labor disputes, governmental, administrative or judicial order or regulation or other event that is reasonably beyond the Franchisee's ability to anticipate and control. This provision also covers work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their own utility poles on which the Franchisee's cable and/or equipment is attached, as well as unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.

17-1-19 **MISCELLANEOUS.** Franchisee's legal, financial, technical and other qualifications, and the adequacy and feasibility of its construction arrangements, if any, have been approved by the Council after consideration in a full public proceeding affording due process to all interested persons.

17-1-20 **MODIFICATION OF OBLIGATIONS.** In addition to any other remedies provided by law or regulation, Franchisee's obligations under this Chapter may be modified, at its request, in accordance with Section 625 of Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as it now exists, or as hereafter amended.

17-1-21 **SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Chapter is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, or amended by the United States Congress or is superseded or preempted by Federal Communications Commission regulation, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

17-1-22 **PUBLICATION.** Franchisee shall assume the costs of any required publication of this Chapter.

17-1-23 **NOTICES.** All notices and other communications hereunder this Chapter shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of actual delivery if mailed, first class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested postage paid to the following respective addresses:

To Grantor:

Gibson City, City Hall
P.O. Box 545
Gibson City, IL 60936-0545
Attn: Clerk's Office

Either of the foregoing parties to this Ordinance may change the address to which all communications and notices may be sent to it by addressing notices of such change in the manner provided hereunder.

17-1-24 **CONTRACT RIGHTS.** Acceptance of this Ordinance by Franchisee shall create enforceable contract rights between Franchisee and Grantor with respect to the terms of this Ordinance.

(Ord. No. 00-20; 11-22-00)

ARTICLE II - CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE AND PEG ACCESS FEE

17-2-1 **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(A) **"Cable Service"** means that term as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).
 (B) **"Commission"** means the Illinois Commerce Commission.
 (C) **"Gross Revenues"** means all consideration of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, cash, credits, property, and in-kind contributions received by the holder for the operation of a cable or video system to provide cable service or video service within the holder's cable service or video service area within the City.

- (1) Gross revenues shall include the following:
- (a) Recurring charges for cable or video service.
 - (b) Event-based charges for cable service or video service, including, but not limited to, pay-per-view and video-on-demand charges.
 - (c) Rental of set top boxes and other cable service or video service equipment.
 - (d) Service charges related to the provision of cable service or video service, including but not limited to activation, installation, and repair charges.
 - (e) Administrative charges related to the provision of cable service or video service, including but not limited to service order and service termination charges.
 - (f) Late payment fees or charges, insufficient funds check charges, and other charges assessed to recover the costs of collecting delinquent payments.
 - (g) A *pro rata* portion of all revenue derived by the holder or its affiliates pursuant to compensation arrangements for advertising or for promotion or exhibition of any products or services derived from the operation of the holder's network to provide cable service or video service within the City. The allocation shall be based on the number of subscribers in the City divided by the total number of subscribers in relation to the relevant regional or national compensation arrangement.
 - (h) Compensation received by the holder that is derived from the operation of the holder's network to provide cable service or video service with respect to commissions that are received by the holder as compensation for promotion or exhibition of any products or services on the holder's network, such as a "home shopping" or similar channel, subject to subsection (i).
 - (i) In the case of a cable service or video service that is bundled or integrated functionally with other services, capabilities, or applications, the portion of the holder's revenue attributable to the other services, capabilities, or applications shall be included in the gross revenue unless the holder can reasonably identify the division or exclusion of the revenue from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of business.
 - (j) The service provider fee permitted by 220 ILCS 5/21-801(b).
- (2) Gross revenues do not include any of the following:
- (a) Revenues not actually received, even if billed, such as bad debt, subject to 220 ILCS 5/21-801(c)(1)(vi).

- (b) Refunds, discounts, or other price adjustments that reduce the amount of gross revenues received by the holder of the State-issued authorization to the extent the refund, rebate, credit, or discount is attributable to cable service or video service.
 - (c) Regardless of whether the services are bundled, packaged, or functionally integrated with cable service or video service, any revenues received from services not classified as cable service or video service, including, without limitation, revenue received from telecommunication services, information services, or the provision of directory or Internet advertising, including yellow pages, white pages, banner advertisement, and electronic publishing or any other revenues attributed by the holder to noncable service or non-video service in accordance with the holder's books and records and records kept in the regular course of business and any applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards, or orders.
 - (d) The sale of cable services or video services for resale in which the purchaser is required to collect the service provider fee from the purchaser's subscribers to the extent the purchaser certifies in writing that it will resell the service within the City and pay the fee permitted by 220 ILCS 5/21-801(b) with respect to the service.
 - (e) Any tax or fee of general applicability imposed upon the subscribers or the transaction by a city, state, federal, or any other governmental entity and collected by the holder of the State-issued authorization and required to be remitted to the taxing entity, including sales and use taxes.
 - (f) Security deposits collected from subscribers.
 - (g) Amounts paid by subscribers to "home shopping" or similar vendors for merchandise sold through any home shopping channel offered as part of the cable service or video service.
- (3) Revenue of an affiliate of a holder shall be included in the calculation of gross revenues to the extent the treatment of the revenue as revenue of the affiliate rather than the holder has the effect of evading the payment of the fee permitted by 220 ILCS 5/21-801(b) which would otherwise be paid by the cable service or video service.

(D) **"Holder"** means a person or entity that has received authorization to offer or provide cable or video service from the Commission pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/21-401.

(E) **"Service"** means the provision of "cable service" or "video service" to subscribers and the interaction of subscribers with the person or entity that has received authorization to offer or provide cable or video service from the Commission pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/21-401.

(F) **"Service Provider Fee"** means the amount paid under this Article and 220 ILCS 5/21-801 by the holder to a City for the service areas within its territorial jurisdiction.

(G) **"Video Service"** means video programming and subscriber interaction, if any, that is required for the selection or use of such video programming services, and which is provided through wireline facilities located at least in part in the public right-of-way without regard to delivery technology, including Internet protocol technology. This definition does not include any video programming provided by a commercial mobile service provider defined in 47 U.S.C. § 332(d) or any video programming provided solely as part of, and via, service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail, or other services offered over the public Internet.

17-2-2 CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE IMPOSED.

(A) **Fee Imposed.** A fee is hereby imposed on any holder providing cable service or video service in the City.

(B) **Amount of Fee.** The amount of the fee imposed hereby shall be **three percent (3%)** of the holder's gross revenues.

(C) **Notice to the City.** The holder shall notify the City at least **ten (10) days** prior to the date on which the holder begins to offer cable service or video service in the City.

(D) **Holder's Liability.** The holder shall be liable for and pay the service provider fee to the City. The holder's liability for the fee shall commence on the first day of the calendar month following **thirty (30) days** after receipt of the ordinance adopting this Article by the holder. The ordinance adopting this Article shall be sent by mail, postage prepaid, to the address listed on the holder's application notice sent pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/21-401(b)(6) to the City.

(E) **Payment Date.** The payment of the service provider fee shall be due on a quarterly basis, **forty-five (45) days** after the close of the calendar quarter. If mailed, the fee is considered paid on the date it is postmarked. Each payment shall include a statement explaining the basis for the calculation of the fee.

(F) **Exemption.** The fee hereby imposed does not apply to existing cable service or video service providers that have an existing franchise agreement with the City in which a fee is paid.

(G) **Credit for Other Payments.** An incumbent cable operator that elects to terminate an existing agreement pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/21-301(c) with credit to prepaid franchise fees under that agreement may deduct the amount of such credit from the fees that operator owes under Section 116.02(b).

17-2-3 PEG ACCESS SUPPORT FEE IMPOSED.

(A) **PEG Fee Imposed.** A PEG access support fee is hereby imposed on any holder providing cable service or video service in the City in addition to the fee imposed pursuant to **Section 17-2-2(B)**.

(B) **Amount of Fee.** The amount of the PEG access support fee imposed hereby shall be **one percent (1%)** of the holder's gross revenues or, if greater, the percentage of gross revenues that incumbent cable operators pay to the City or its designee for PEG access support in the City.

(C) **Payment.** The holder shall pay the PEG access support fee to the City or to the entity designated by the City to manage PEG access. The holder's liability for the PEG access support fee shall commence on the date set forth in **Section 17-2-2(D)**.

(D) **Payment Due.** The payment of the PEG access support fee shall be due on a quarterly basis, **forty-five (45) days** after the close of the calendar quarter. If mailed, the fee is considered paid on the date it is postmarked. Each payment shall include a statement explaining the basis for the calculation of the fee.

(E) **Credit for Other Payments.** An incumbent cable operator that elects to terminate an existing agreement pursuant to **220 ILCS 5/21-301(c)** shall pay, at the time they would have been due, all monetary payments for PEG access that would have been due during the remaining term of the agreement had it not been terminated pursuant to that section. All payments made by an incumbent cable operator pursuant to the previous sentence may be credited against the fees that the operator owed under **Section 17-2-3(B)**.

17-2-4 APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES. All determinations and calculations under this Article shall be made pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles.

17-2-5 NO IMPACT ON OTHER TAXES DUE FROM HOLDER. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to exempt a holder from any tax that is or may later be imposed by the City, including any tax that is or may later be required to be paid by or through the holder with respect to cable service or video service. A State-issued authorization shall not affect any

requirement of the holder with respect to payment of the City's simplified municipal telecommunications tax or any other tax as it applies to any telephone service provided by the holder. A State-issued authorization shall not affect any requirement of the holder with respect to payment of the local unit of government's 911 or E911 fees, taxes or charges.

17-2-6 AUDITS OF CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER.

(A) **Audit Requirement.** The City will notify the holder of the requirements it imposes on other cable service or video service providers to submit to an audit of its books and records. The holder shall comply with the same requirements the City imposes on other cable service or video service providers in its jurisdiction to audit the holder's books and records and to recompute any amounts determined to be payable under the requirements of the City. If all local franchises between the City and cable operator terminate, the audit requirements shall be those adopted by the City pursuant to the Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act, 50 ILCS 45/1 *et seq.* found in Chapter 36. No acceptance of amounts remitted should be construed as an accord that the amounts are correct. **(See Chapter 36 - Taxation)**

(B) **Additional Payments.** Any additional amount due after an audit shall be paid within **thirty (30) days** after the municipality's submission of an invoice for the sum.

17-2-7 LATE FEES/PAYMENTS. All fees due and payments which are past due shall be governed by ordinances adopted by this municipality pursuant to the Local Government Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Act, 50 ILCS 45/1 *et seq.*

**(See 220 ILCS 5/21-801)
(Ord. No. 09-04; 02-23-09)**

ARTICLE III - CABLE AND VIDEO CUSTOMER PROTECTION LAW

17-3-1 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PRIVACY PROTECTION LAW.

(A) **Adoption.** The regulations of 220 ILCS 5/70-501 are hereby adopted by reference and may be applicable to the cable or video providers offering services within the City's boundaries.

(B) **Amendments.** Any amendment to the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law that becomes effective after the effective date of this Article shall be incorporated into this Article by reference and shall be applicable to cable or video providers offering services within the City's boundaries. However, any amendment that makes its provisions optional for adoption by municipalities shall not be incorporated into this Article by reference without formal action by the corporate authorities of the City.

17-3-2 ENFORCEMENT. The City does hereby pursuant to law declare its intent to enforce all of the customer service and privacy protection standards of the Cable and Video Protection Law with respect to complaints received from residents within the City.

17-3-3 CUSTOMER CREDITS. The City hereby adopts the schedule of customer credits for violations. Those credits shall be as provided for in the provisions of 220 ILCS 5/70-501(s) and applied on the statement issued to the customer for the next billing cycle following the violation or following the discovery of the violation. The cable or video provider is responsible for providing the credits and the customer is under no obligation to request the credit.

17-3-4 PENALTIES. The City, pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/70-501(r)(1), does hereby provide for a schedule of penalties for any material breach of the Cable and Video Protection Law by cable or video providers in addition to the penalties provided in the law. The monetary penalties shall apply on a competitively neutral basis and shall not exceed **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for each day of the material breach and shall not exceed **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for each occurrence of a material breach per customer.

(A) Material breach means any substantial failure of a cable or video provider to comply with service quality and other standards specified in any provision of the law.

(B) The City shall give the cable or video provider written notice of any alleged material breaches of the law and allow such provider at least **thirty (30) days** from the receipt of the notice to remedy the specified material breach.

(C) A material breach, for the purpose of assessing penalties, shall be deemed to occur for each day that a material breach has not been remedied by the cable or video service provider after the notice in (B).

(Ord. No. 09-04; 02-23-09)

ARTICLE IV – WIRELESS FACILITIES DEPLOYMENT

17-4-1 **PURPOSE AND SCOPE.**

(A) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Article is to establish regulations, standards and procedures for the siting and collocation of small wireless facilities on rights-of-way within the City’s jurisdiction, or outside the rights-of-way on property zoned by the City exclusively for commercial or industrial use, in a manner that is consistent with the Act.

(B) **Conflicts with Other Ordinances.** This Article supersedes all ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior hereto that are in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict.

(C) **Conflicts with State and Federal Laws.** In the event that applicable federal or State laws or regulations conflict with the requirements of this Article, the wireless provider shall comply with the requirements of this Article to the maximum extent possible without violating federal or State laws or regulations.

17-4-2 **DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Antenna: Communications equipment that transmits or receives electromagnetic radio frequency signals used in the provision of wireless services.

Applicable codes: Uniform building, fire, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a recognized national code organization or local amendments to those codes, including the National Electric Safety Code.

Applicant: Any person who submits an application and is a wireless provider.

Application: A request submitted by an applicant to the City for a permit to collocate small wireless facilities, and a request that includes the installation of a new utility pole for such collocation, as well as any applicable fee for the review of such application.

Collocate or Collocation: To install, mount, maintain, modify, operate, or replace wireless facilities on or adjacent to a wireless support structure or utility pole.

Communications service: Cable service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(6), as amended; information service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(24), as amended; telecommunications service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(53), as amended; mobile service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(53) as amended; or wireless service other than mobile service.

Communications service provider: A cable operator, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(5), as amended; a provider of information service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(24), as amended; a telecommunications carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(51), as amended; or a wireless provider.

FCC: The Federal Communications Commission of the United States.

Fee: A one-time charge.

Historic district or historic landmark: A building, property, or site, or group of buildings, properties, or sites that are either (i) listed in the National Register of Historic Places or formally determined eligible for listing by the Keeper of the National Register, the individual who has been delegated the authority by the federal agency to list properties and determine their eligibility for the National Register, in accordance with Section VI.D.1.a.i through Section VI.D.1.a.v of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement codified at 47 CFR Part 1, Appendix C; or (ii) designated as a locally landmarked building, property, site, or historic district by an ordinance adopted by the City pursuant to a preservation program that meets the requirements of the Certified Local Government Program of the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office or where such certification of the preservation program by the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office is pending.

Law: A federal or state statute, common law, code, rule, regulation, order, or local ordinance or resolution.

Micro wireless facility: A small wireless facility that is not larger in dimension than **twenty-four (24) inches** in length, **fifteen (15) inches** in width, and **twelve (12) inches** in height and that has an exterior antenna, if any, no longer than **eleven (11) inches**.

Municipal utility pole: A utility pole owned or operated by the City in public rights-of-way.

Permit: A written authorization required by the City to perform an action or initiate, continue, or complete a project.

Person: An individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, trust, or other entity or organization.

Public safety agency: The functional division of the federal government, the state, a unit of local government, or a special purpose district located in whole or in part within this State, that provides or has authority to provide firefighting, police, ambulance, medical, or other emergency services to respond to and manage emergency incidents.

Rate: A recurring charge.

Right-of-way: The area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, public sidewalk, alley, or utility easement dedicated for compatible use. Right-of-way does not include City-owned aerial lines.

Small wireless facility: A wireless facility that meets both of the following qualifications: (i) each antenna is located inside an enclosure of no more than **six (6) cubic feet** in volume or, in the case of an antenna that has exposed elements, the antenna and all of its exposed elements could fit within an imaginary enclosure of no more than **six (6) cubic feet**; and (ii) all other wireless equipment attached directly to a utility pole associated with the facility is cumulatively no more than **twenty-five (25) cubic feet** in volume. The following types of associated ancillary equipment are not included in the calculation of equipment volume: electric meter, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation box, ground-based enclosures, grounding equipment, power transfer switch, cut-off switch, and vertical cable runs for the connection of power and other services.

Utility pole: A pole or similar structure that is used in whole or in part by a communications service provider or for electric distribution, lighting, traffic control, or a similar function.

Wireless facility: Equipment at a fixed location that enables wireless communications between user equipment and a communications network, including: (1) equipment associated with wireless communications; and (ii) radio transceivers, antennas, coaxial or fiber-optic cable, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration. Wireless facility includes small wireless facilities. Wireless facility does not include: (i) the structure or improvements on, under, or within which the equipment is collocated; or (ii) wireline backhaul facilities, coaxial or fiber optic cable that is between wireless support structures or utility poles or coaxial, or fiber optic cable that is otherwise not immediately adjacent to or directly associated with an antenna.

Wireless infrastructure provider: Any person authorized to provide telecommunications service in the State that builds or installs wireless communication transmission equipment, wireless facilities, wireless support structures, or utility poles and that is not a wireless services provider but is acting as an agent or a contractor for a wireless services provider for the application submitted to the City.

Wireless provider: A wireless infrastructure provider or a wireless services provider.

Wireless services: Any services provided to the general public, including a particular class of customers, and made available on a nondiscriminatory basis using licensed or unlicensed spectrum, whether at a fixed location or mobile, provided using wireless facilities.

Wireless services provider: A person who provides wireless services.

Wireless support structure: A freestanding structure, such as a monopole; tower, either guyed or self-supporting; billboard; or other existing or proposed structure designed to support or capable of supporting wireless facilities. Wireless support structure does not include a utility pole.

17-4-3 REGULATION OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES.

(A) **Permitted Use.** Small wireless facilities shall be classified as permitted uses and subject to administrative review, except as provided in **Section 17-4-3(C)(9)** regarding Height Exceptions or Variances, but not subject to zoning review or approval if they are collocated (i) in rights-of-way in any zoning district, or (ii) outside rights-of-way in property zoned exclusively for commercial or industrial use.

(B) **Permit Required.** An applicant shall obtain one or more permits from the City to collocate a small wireless facility. An application shall be received and processed, and permits issued shall be subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (1) **Application Requirements.** A wireless provider shall provide the following information to the City, together with the City's Small Cell Facilities Permit Application, as a condition of any permit application to collocate small wireless facilities on a utility pole or wireless support structure;
 - (a) Site specific structural integrity and, for a municipal utility pole, make-ready analysis prepared by a structural engineer, as that term is defined in Section 4 of the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989;
 - (b) The location where each proposed small wireless facility or utility pole would be installed and photographs of the location and its immediate surroundings depicting the utility poles or structures on which each proposed small wireless facility would be mounted or location where utility poles or structures would be installed. This should include a depiction of the completed facility;
 - (c) Specifications and drawings prepared by a structural engineer, as that term is defined in Section 4 of the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989, for each proposed small wireless facility covered by the application as it is proposed to be installed;
 - (d) The equipment type and model numbers for the antennas and all other wireless equipment associated with the small wireless facility;
 - (e) A proposed schedule for the installation and completion of each small wireless facility covered by the application, if approved; and
 - (f) Certification that the collocation complies with the Collocation Requirements and Conditions contained herein, to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
 - (g) In the event that the proposed small wireless facility is to be attached to an existing pole owned by an entity other than the City, the wireless provider shall provide legally competent evidence of the consent of the owner of such pole to the proposed collocation.
- (2) **Application Process.** The City shall process applications as follows:
 - (a) The first completed application shall have priority over applications received by different applicants for collocation on the same utility pole or wireless support structure.
 - (b) An application to collocate a small wireless facility on an existing utility pole or wireless support structure, or replacement of an existing utility pole or wireless support structure shall be processed on a nondiscriminatory basis and shall be deemed approved if the City fails to approve or deny the application within **ninety (90) days** after the submission of a completed application. However, if an applicant intends to proceed with the permitted activity on a deemed approved basis, the applicant shall notify the City in writing of its intention to invoke the deemed approved remedy no sooner than **seventy-five (75) days** after the submission of a completed application.

The permit shall be deemed approved on the latter of the **ninetieth (90th) day** after submission of the complete application or the **tenth (10th) day** after the receipt of the deemed approved notice by the City. The receipt of the deemed approved notice shall not preclude the City's denial of the permit request within the time limits as provided under this Article.

- (c) An application to collocate a small wireless facility that includes the installation of a new utility pole shall be processed on a nondiscriminatory basis and deemed approved if the City fails to approve or deny the application within **one hundred twenty (120) days** after the submission of a completed application.

However, if an applicant intends to proceed with the permitted activity on a deemed approved basis, the applicant shall notify the City in writing of its intention to invoke the deemed approved remedy no sooner than **one hundred five (105) days** after the submission of a completed application.

The permit shall be deemed approved on the latter of the **one hundred twentieth (120th) day** after submission of the complete application or the **tenth (10th) day** after the receipt of the deemed approved notice by the City. The receipt of the deemed approved notice shall not preclude the City's denial of the permit request within the time limits as provided under this Article.

- (d) The City shall deny an application which does not meet the requirements of this Article.

If the City determines that applicable codes, ordinances or regulations that concern public safety, or the Collocation Requirements and Conditions contained herein require that the utility pole or wireless support structure be replaced before the requested collocation, approval shall be conditioned on the replacement of the utility pole or wireless support structure at the cost of the provider.

The City shall document the basis for a denial, including the specific code provisions or application conditions on which the denial is based, and send the documentation to the applicant on or before the day the City denies an application.

The applicant may cure the deficiencies identified by the City and resubmit the revised application once within **thirty (30) days** after notice of denial is sent to the applicant without paying an additional application fee. The City shall approve or deny the revised application within **thirty (30) days** after the applicant resubmits the application or it is deemed approved. Failure to resubmit the revised application within **thirty (30) days** of denial shall require the application to submit a new application with applicable fees, and recommencement of the City's review period.

The applicant must notify the City in writing of its intention to proceed with the permitted activity on a deemed approved basis, which may be submitted with the revised application.

Any review of a revised application shall be limited to the deficiencies cited in the denial. However, this revised application does not apply if the cure requires the review of

a new location, new or different structure to be collocated upon, new antennas, or other wireless equipment associated with the small wireless facility.

- (e) **Pole Attachment Agreement.** Within **thirty (30) days** after an approved permit to collocate a small wireless facility on a municipal utility pole, the City and the applicant shall enter into a Master Pole Attachment Agreement, provided by the City for the initial collocation on a municipal utility pole by the application. For subsequent approved permits to collocate on a small wireless facility on a municipal utility pole, the City and the applicant shall enter into a License Supplement of the Master Pole Attachment Agreement.
- (3) **Completeness of Application.** Within **thirty (30) days** after receiving an application, the City shall determine whether the application is complete and notify the applicant. If an application is incomplete, the City must specifically identify the missing information. An application shall be deemed complete if the City fails to provide notification to the applicant within **thirty (30) days** after all documents, information and fees specifically enumerated in the City's permit application form are submitted by the applicant to the City.
Processing deadlines are tolled from the time the City sends the notice of incompleteness to the time the applicant provides the missing information.
- (4) **Tolling.** The time period for applications may be further tolled by:
- (a) An express written agreement by both the applicant and the City; or
 - (b) A local, State or federal disaster declaration or similar emergency that causes the delay.
- (5) **Consolidated Applications.** An applicant seeking to collocate small wireless facilities within the jurisdiction of the City shall be allowed, at the applicant's discretion, to file a consolidated application and receive a single permit for the collocation of up to **twenty-five (25)** small wireless facilities if the collocations each involve substantially the same type of small wireless facility and substantially the same type of structure.
If an application includes multiple small wireless facilities, the City may remove small wireless facility collocations from the application and treat separately small wireless facility collocations for which incomplete information has been provided or that do not qualify for consolidated treatment or that are denied. The City may issue separate permits for each collocation that is approved in a consolidated application.
- (6) **Duration of Permits.** The duration of a permit shall be for a period of not less than **five (5) years**, and the permit shall be renewed for equivalent durations unless the City makes a finding that the small wireless facilities or the new or modified utility pole do not comply with the applicable City codes or any provision, condition or requirement contained in this Article.
If the Act is repealed as provided in Section 90 therein, renewals of permits shall be subject to the applicable City code provisions or regulations in effect at the time of renewal.
- (7) **Means of Submitting Applications.** Applicants shall submit applications, supporting information and notices to the City by personal delivery at the City's designated place of business, by regular mail postmarked on the date due or by any other commonly used means, including electronic mail.

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Collocation Requirements and Conditions.

- (1) **Public Safety Space Reservation.** The City may reserve space on municipal utility poles for future public safety uses, for the City's electric utility uses, or both, but a reservation of space may not preclude the collocation of a small wireless facility unless the City reasonably determines that the municipal utility pole cannot accommodate both uses.
- (2) **Installation and Maintenance.** The wireless provider shall install, maintain, repair and modify its small wireless facilities in safe condition and good repair and in compliance with the requirements and conditions of this Article. The wireless provider shall ensure that its employees, agents or contracts that perform work in connection with its small wireless facilities are adequately trained and skilled in accordance with all applicable industry and governmental standards and regulations.
- (3) **No Interference with Public Safety Communication Frequencies.** The wireless provider's operation of the small wireless facilities shall not interfere with the frequencies used by a public safety agency for public safety communications.
A wireless provider shall install small wireless facilities of the type and frequency that will not cause unacceptable interference with a public safety agency's communications equipment.
Unacceptable interference will be determined by and measured in accordance with industry standards and the FCC's regulations addressing unacceptable interference to public safety spectrum or any other spectrum licensed by a public safety agency.
If a small wireless facility causes such interference, and the wireless provider has been given written notice of the interference by the public safety agency, the wireless provider, at its own expense, shall remedy the interference in a manner consistent with the abatement and resolution procedures for interference with public safety spectrum established by the FCC including 47 CFR 22.970 through 47 CFR 22.973 and 47 CFR 90.672 through 47 CFR 90.675.
The City may terminate a permit for a small wireless facility based on such interference if the wireless provider is not in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations cited in the previous paragraph. Failure to remedy the interference as required herein shall constitute a public nuisance.
- (4) The wireless provider shall not collocate small wireless facilities on City utility poles that are part of an electric distribution or transmission system within the communication worker safety zone of the pole or the electric supply zone of the pole.
However, the antenna and support equipment of the small wireless facility may be located in the communications space on the City utility pole and on the top of the pole, if not otherwise unavailable, if the wireless provider complies with applicable codes for work involving the top of the pole.
For purposes of this subparagraph, the terms "communications space", "communication worker safety zone", and "electric supply zone" have the meanings given to those terms in the National Electric Safety Code as published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
- (5) The wireless provider shall comply with all applicable codes and local code provisions or regulations that concern public safety.
- (6) The wireless provider shall comply with written design standards that are generally applicable for decorative utility poles, or

reasonable stealth, concealment and aesthetic requirements that are set forth in a City ordinance, written policy adopted by the City, a comprehensive plan or other written design plan that applies to other occupiers of the rights-of-way, including on a historic landmark or in a historic district.

- (7) **Alternate Placements.** Except as provided in this Collocation Requirements and Conditions Section, a wireless provider shall not be required to collocation small wireless facilities on any specific utility pole, or category of utility poles, or be required to collocate multiple antenna systems on a single utility pole. However, with respect to an application for the collocation of a small wireless facility associated with a new utility pole, the City may propose that the small wireless facility be collocated on an existing utility pole or existing wireless support structure within **one hundred (100) feet** of the proposed collocation, which the applicant shall accept if it has the right to use the alternate structure on reasonable terms and conditions, and the alternate location and structure does not impose technical limits or additional material costs as determined by the applicant. If the applicant refuses a collocation proposed by the City, the applicant shall provide written certification describing the property rights, technical limits or material cost reasons the alternate location does not satisfy the criteria in this paragraph.
- (8) **Height Limitations.** The maximum height of a small wireless facility shall be no more than **ten (10) feet** above the utility pole or wireless support structure on which the small wireless facility is collocated. New or replacement utility poles or wireless support structures on which small wireless facilities are collocated may not exceed the higher of:
- (a) **ten (10) feet** in height above the tallest existing utility pole, other than a utility pole supporting only wireless facilities, that is in place on the date the application is submitted to the City, that is located within **three hundred (300) feet** of the new or replacement utility pole or wireless support structure and that is in the same right-of-way within the jurisdictional boundary of the City, provided the City may designate which intersecting right-of-way within **three hundred (300) feet** of the proposed utility pole or wireless support structures shall control the height limitation for such facility; or
- (b) **forty-five (45) feet** above ground level.
- (9) **Height Exceptions or Variances.** If an applicant proposes a height for a new or replacement pole in excess of the above height limitations on which the small wireless facility is proposed for collocation, the applicant shall apply for a special use permit or variance all as may apply in conformance with procedures, terms and conditions set forth in the City Zoning Code.
- (10) **Contractual Design Requirements.** The wireless provider shall comply with requirements that are imposed by a contract between the City and a private property owner that concern design or construction standards applicable to utility poles and ground-mounted equipment located in the right-of-way.
- (11) **Ground-mounted Equipment Spacing.** The wireless provider shall comply with applicable spacing requirements in applicable codes and ordinances concerning the location of ground-mounted equipment located in the right-of-way if the requirements include a waiver, zoning or other process that addresses wireless provider

requests for exception or variance and do not prohibit granting of such exceptions or variances.

- (12) **Undergrounding Regulations.** The wireless provider shall comply with local code provisions or regulations concerning undergrounding requirements that prohibit the installation of new or the modification of existing utility poles in a right-of-way without prior approval if the requirements include a waiver, zoning or other process that addresses requests to install such new utility poles or modify such existing utility poles and do not prohibit the replacement of utility poles.
- (13) **Collocation Completion Deadline.** Collocation for which a permit is granted shall be completed within **one hundred eighty (180) days** after issuance of the permit, unless the City and the wireless provider agree to extend this period or a delay is caused by make-ready work for a municipal utility pole or by the lack of commercial power or backhaul availability at the site, provided the wireless provider has made a timely request within **sixty (60) days** after the issuance of the permit for commercial power or backhaul services, and the additional time to complete installation does not exceed **three hundred sixty (360) days** after issuance of the permit. Otherwise, the permit shall be void unless the City grants an extension in writing to the applicant.

(D) **Application Fees.** Application fees are imposed as follows:

- (1) Applicant shall pay an application fee of **Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00)** for an application to collocate a single small wireless facility on an existing utility pole or wireless support structure, and **Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00)** for each small wireless facility addressed in a consolidated application to collocate more than one small wireless facility on existing utility poles or wireless support structures.
- (2) Applicant shall pay an application fee of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** for each small wireless facility addressed in an application that includes the installation of a new utility pole for such collocation.
- (3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of State law or local ordinance, applications pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by the required application fee. Application fees shall be non-refundable.
- (4) The City shall not require an application, approval or permit, or require any fees or other charges, from a communications service provider authorized to occupy the rights-of-way, for:
- (a) routine maintenance;
 - (b) the replacement of wireless facilities with wireless facilities that are substantially similar, the same size, or smaller if the wireless provider notifies the City at least **ten (10) days** prior to the planned replacement and includes equipment specifications for the replacement of equipment consistent with (d) under the Section titled Application Requirements; or
 - (c) the installation, placement, maintenance, operation or replacement of micro wireless facilities suspended on cables that are strung between existing utility poles in compliance with applicable safety codes.
- (5) Wireless providers shall secure a permit from the City to work within rights-of-way for activities that affect traffic patterns or require lane closures.

(E) **Exceptions to Applicability.** Nothing in this Article authorizes a person to collocate small wireless facilities on:

- (1) property owned by a private party or property owned or controlled by the City or another unit of local government that is not located within rights-of-way, or a privately owned utility pole or wireless support structure without the consent of the property owner;
- (2) property owned, leased, or controlled by a part district, forest preserve district, or conservation district for public park, recreation or conservation purposes without the consent of the affected district, excluding the placement of facilities on rights-of-way located in an affected district that are under the jurisdiction and control of a different unit of local government as provided by the Illinois Highway Code; or
- (3) property owned by a rail carrier registered under Section 18c-7201 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, Metra Commuter Rail or any other public commuter rail service, or an electric utility as defined in Section 16-102 of the Public Utilities Act, without the consent of the rail carrier, public commuter rail service, or electric utility. The provisions of this Article do not apply to an electric or gas public utility or such utility's wireless facilities if the facilities are being used, developed and maintained consistent with the provisions of subsection (i) of Section 16-108.5 of the Public Utilities Act.

For the purposes of this subsection, "public utility" has the meaning given to that term in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to relieve any person from any requirement (a) to obtain a franchise or a State-issued authorization to offer cable service or video service or (b) to obtain any required permission to install, place, maintain, or operate communications facilities, other than small wireless facilities subject to this Article.

(F) **Pre-Existing Agreements.** Existing agreements between the City and wireless providers that relate to the collocation of small wireless facilities in the right-of-way, including the collocation of small wireless facilities on City utility poles, that are in effect on June 1, 2018, remain in effect for a small wireless facilities collocated on the City's utility poles pursuant to applications submitted to the City before June 1, 2018, subject to applicable termination provisions contained therein. Agreements entered into after June 1, 2018, shall comply with this Article.

A wireless provider that has an existing agreement with the City on the effective date of the Act may accept the rates, fees and terms that the City makes available under this Article for the collocation of small wireless facilities or the installation of new utility poles for the collocation of small wireless facilities that are the subject of an application submitted **two (2)** or more years after the effective date of the Act by notifying the City that it opts to accept such rates, fees and terms. The existing agreement remains in effect, subject to applicable termination provisions, for the small wireless facilities the wireless provider has collocated on the City's utility poles pursuant to applications submitted to the City before the wireless provider provides such notice and exercises its option under this paragraph.

(G) **Annual Recurring Rate.** A wireless provider shall pay to the City an annual recurring rate to collocate a small wireless facility on a City utility pole located in a right-of-way that equals (i) **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** per year or (ii) the actual, direct and reasonable costs related to the wireless provider's use of space on the City utility pole.

If the City has not billed the wireless provider actual and direct costs, the fee shall be **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** payable on the first day after the first annual anniversary of the issuance of the permit or notice of intent to collocate, and on each annual anniversary date thereafter.

(H) **Abandonment.** A small wireless facility that is not operated for a continuous period of **twelve (12) months** shall be considered abandoned. The owner of the

facility shall remove the small wireless facility within **ninety (90) days** after receipt of written notice from the City notifying the wireless provider of the abandonment.

The notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, by the City to the owner at the last known address of the wireless provider. If the small wireless facility is not removed within **ninety (90) days** of such notice, the City may remove or cause the removal of such facility pursuant to the terms of its pole attachment agreement for municipal utility poles or through whatever actions are provided for abatement of nuisances or by other law for removal and cost recovery.

A wireless provider shall provide written notice to the City if it sells or transfers small wireless facilities within the jurisdiction of the City. Such notice shall include the name and contact information of the new wireless provider.

17-4-4 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Circuit Court of Champaign County, Illinois shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve all disputes arising under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Pending resolution of a dispute concerning rates for collocation of small wireless facilities on municipal utility poles within the right-of-way, the City shall allow the collocating person to collocate on its poles at annual rates of no more than **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** per year per municipal utility pole, with rates to be determined upon final resolution of the dispute.

17-4-5 **INDEMNIFICATION.** A wireless provider shall indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all liability or loss from personal injury or property damage resulting from or arising out of, in whole or in part, the use or occupancy of the City improvements or right-of-way associated with such improvements by the wireless provider or its employees, agents, or contractors arising out of the rights and privileges granted under this Code and the Act. A wireless provider has no obligation to indemnify or hold harmless against any liabilities and losses as may be due to or caused by the sole negligence of the City or its employees or agents. A wireless provider shall further waive any claims that they may have against the City with respect to consequential, incidental, or special damages, however caused, based on the theory of liability.

17-4-6 **INSURANCE.** The wireless provider shall carry, at the wireless provider's own cost and expense, the following insurance:

- (A) property insurance for its property's replacement cost against all risks;
- (B) workers' compensation insurance, as required by law; or
- (C) commercial general liability insurance with respect to its activities on the

City improvements or rights-of-way to afford minimum protection limits consistent with its requirements of other users of City improvements or rights-of-way, including coverage for bodily injury and property damage.

The wireless provider shall include the City as an additional insured on the commercial general liability policy and provide certification and documentation of inclusion of the City in a commercial general liability policy prior to the collocation of any wireless facility.

A wireless provider may self-insure all or a portion of the insurance coverage and limit requirement required by the City. A wireless provider that self-insures is not required, to the extent of the self-insurance, to comply with the requirement for the name of additional insureds under this Section. A wireless provider that elects to self-insure shall provide to the City evidence sufficient to demonstrate its financial ability to self-insure the insurance coverage limits required by the City.

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