

CHAPTER 10

CABLE TELEVISION

ARTICLE I – GENERAL REGULATIONS

10-1-1 **DEFINITIONS.**

"Cable Act" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, P.L. 98-549, 47 U.S.C. § 51 Supp., as it may be amended or superseded.

"Cable System," "Cable Service," and "Basic Cable Service" shall be defined as set forth in the Cable Act.

"Franchise" means the authorization granted hereunder of a franchise, privilege, permit, license or otherwise to construct, operate and maintain a Cable System within the Service Area.

"Gross Revenues" means all revenues, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, actually received by Grantee from Subscribers residing within the Service Area for Cable Services purchased by such Subscribers on a regular, recurring monthly basis. Gross Revenues shall not include (i) any taxes, fees or assessments collected by the Grantee from Subscribers for pass-through to a government agency, including the franchise fee and the FCC user fee; (ii) bad debt; (iii) credits, refunds and deposits paid to Subscribers; and (iv) any exclusion available under applicable state law.

"Service Area" shall mean the geographic boundaries of the Grantor.

"Streets" means the public streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, concourses, driveways, bridges, tunnels, parks, parkways, waterways, alleys, all other rights-of-way and easements, and the public grounds, places or water within the geographic boundaries of Grantor.

"Subscriber" means any person lawfully receiving any Cable Service from the Grantee.

10-1-2 **GRANTING OF FRANCHISE.** The Grantor hereby grants to Grantee a non-exclusive Franchise for the use of the Streets and dedicated easements within the Service Area for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to prohibit the Grantee from offering any service over its Cable System that is not prohibited by federal or state law.

10-1-3 **TERM.** The Franchise shall be for a term of **five (5) years**, commencing on the Effective Date of this Franchise as set forth in **Section 10-1-15**. This Franchise will be automatically extended for an additional term of **five (5) years** from such effective date, unless either party notifies the other in writing of its desire to not exercise this automatic extension (and enter renewal negotiations under the Cable Act) at least **three (3) years** before the expiration of this Franchise. If such a notice is given, the parties will then proceed under the federal Cable Act renewal procedures.

10-1-4 **FRANCHISE TRANSFER.** The Franchise granted hereunder shall not be assigned, other than to an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Grantee, without the prior consent of the Grantor, such consent not to be unreasonably

withheld or delayed. 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 Grantee in the Franchise or Cable System to secure indebtedness. Within **thirty (30) days** of receiving a request for transfer, the Grantor shall notify the Grantee in writing of any additional information it reasonably requires to determine the legal, financial and technical qualifications of the transferee. If the Grantor has not taken action on the Grantee's request for transfer within **one hundred twenty (120) days** after receiving such request, consent by the Grantor shall be deemed given.

10-1-5 USE OF THE STREETS AND DEDICATED EASEMENTS.

(A) Grantee shall have the right to use the Streets of the Grantor for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System, including the right to repair, replace and enlarge and extend the Cable System, provided that Grantee shall utilize the facilities of utilities whenever practicable.

(B) The facilities of the Grantee shall be installed underground in those Service Areas where existing telephone and electric services are both underground at the time of system construction. In areas where either telephone or electric utility facilities are installed aerially at the time of system construction, the Grantee may install its facilities aerially with the understanding that at such time as the existing aerial facilities are required to be placed underground by the Grantor, the Grantee shall likewise place its facilities underground.

(C) Grantee shall have the right to remove, trim, cut and keep clear of the Cable System, the trees in and along the Streets of the Grantor.

(D) Grantee in the exercise of any right granted to it by the Franchise shall, at no cost to the Grantor, promptly repair or replace any facility or service of the Grantor which Grantee damages, including but not limited to any Street or sewer, electric facility, water main, fire alarm, police communication or traffic control.

(E) All construction, installation, restoration and maintenance work shall be subject to pertinent ordinances, regulations or policies of the Grantor applicable to all occupants of its right-of-way.

10-1-6 MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM.

(A) Grantee shall at all times employ ordinary care in the maintenance and operation of the Cable System so as not to endanger the life, health or property of any citizen of the Grantor or the property of the Grantor.

(B) All construction practices and installation of equipment shall be done in accordance with all applicable sections of the National Electrical Safety Code.

(C) The Cable System shall be designed, constructed and operated so as to meet those technical standards adopted by the FCC relating to Cable Systems contained in part 76 of the FCC's rules and regulations as may, from time to time, be amended.

10-1-7 SERVICE.

(A) The Grantee shall make Cable Service distributed over the Cable System available to every residence within the Service Area where there is a minimum density of at least **forty (40) residences** per linear strand mile of cable (excluding any home subscribing to any satellite service) as measured from Grantee's closest trunk line or distribution cable that is actively delivering Cable Service as of the date of such request for service. If such residence is

located within **one hundred twenty-five (125) feet** of Grantee’s feeder cable, the Cable Service will be provided at Grantee’s published rates for standard installation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to extend the Cable System into any portion of the Service Area where another operator is providing Cable Service, or into any annexed area which is not contiguous to the present Service Area of the Grantee. Grantee shall not be obligated to provide Cable Service into any area which is financially or technically infeasible.

(B) The Grantor shall provide prior notice to the Grantee of its annexation of any contiguous territory which is being provided Cable Service by the Grantee or its affiliates. Such annexed area will be subject to the provisions of the franchise which previously covered that area throughout the term of this Franchise, although the Grantor will replace the previous franchise authority. Grantee shall pay the Grantor franchise fees on revenue received from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in the Service Area and in any area annexed by the Grantor if the Grantor has provided written notice to the Grantee prior to the date of such annexation.

(C) Grantee shall provide Basic Cable Service and one free outlet to each of the following public facilities located within **two hundred (200) feet** of existing service lines of the Grantee and within the jurisdictional limits of the Grantor: Village Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, public and parochial schools. No monthly service fee shall be charged for such outlet. Grantee shall provide Basic Cable Service to new construction hereafter for similar public facilities; provided they are within **two hundred (200) feet** of the existing service lines of Grantee.

10-1-8 CONSUMER PROTECTION. Grantee shall comply with the customer service and privacy protection provisions pursuant to **220 ILCS 5/22-501** (Article XXII of the Illinois Public Utilities Act).

10-1-9 INSURANCE/INDEMNITY.

(A) The Grantee shall maintain throughout the term of the Franchise insurance in amounts at least as follows:

Workers’ Compensation	Statutory Limits
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence, Combined Single Liability (C.S.L.) \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
Auto Liability including coverage on all owned, non-owned hired autos Umbrella Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence C.S.L.
Umbrella Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence C.S.L.

(B) The Grantor shall be added as an additional insured, arising out of work performed by Charter, to the above Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability and Umbrella Liability insurance coverage.

(C) The Grantee shall furnish the Grantor with current certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage upon request.

(D) Grantee hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Grantor, including its agents and employees, harmless from any claims or damages resulting from the actions of Grantee in constructing, operating or maintaining the Cable System. Grantor agrees to give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify Grantor within **thirty (30) days** of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not be obligated to indemnify Grantor for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of Grantor or for the Grantor's use of the Cable System.

10-1-10 REVOCAATION.

(A) Prior to revocation or termination of the Franchise, the Grantor shall give written notice to the Grantee of its intent to revoke the Franchise on the basis of a pattern of noncompliance by the Grantee, including one or more instances of substantial noncompliance with a material provision of the Franchise. The notice shall set forth the exact nature of the noncompliance. The Grantee shall have **sixty (60) days** from such notice to either object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection and provide any explanation or to cure the alleged noncompliance. If Grantee has not cured the breach within such **sixty (60) day** time period or if the Grantor has not otherwise received a satisfactory response from Grantee, the Grantor may then seek to revoke the Franchise at a public hearing. The Grantee shall be given at least **thirty (30) days** prior written notice of such public hearing, specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke the Franchise.

(B) At the hearing, the Grantor shall give the Grantee an opportunity to state its position on the matter, present evidence and question witnesses, after which it shall determine whether or not the Franchise shall be revoked. The public hearing shall be on the record and a written transcript and a certified copy of the findings shall be made available to the Grantee within **ten (10) business days**. The Grantee may appeal such determination to an appropriate court, which shall have the power to review the decision of the Grantor *de novo*.

(C) Upon revocation of the Franchise, Grantee will use best efforts to remove Cable System from the Streets of the Grantor within **one hundred twenty (120) days**.

10-1-11 EQUAL PROTECTION. If any other provider of cable services or video services (without regard to the technology used to deliver such services) is lawfully authorized by the Grantor or by any other state or federal governmental entity to provide such services using facilities located wholly or partly in the public rights-of-way of the Grantor, the Grantor shall within **sixty (60) days** of a written request from Grantee, modify this Franchise to insure that the obligations applicable to Grantee are not more burdensome than those imposed on the new competing provider. If the Grantor fails to make modifications consistent with this requirement, Grantee's Franchise shall be deemed so modified **sixty (60) days** after the Grantee's initial written notice. As an alternative to the Franchise modification request, the Grantee shall have the right and may choose to have this Franchise with the Grantor be deemed expired **sixty (60) days** after written notice to the Grantor. Nothing in this Franchise shall impair the right of the Grantee to terminate this Franchise and, at Grantee's option, negotiate a renewal or replacement franchise, license, consent, certificate or other authorization with any appropriate government entity.

10-1-12 **CONFIDENTIALITY.** If Grantee provides any books and records to the Grantor, the Grantor agrees to treat as confidential such books, records or maps that constitute proprietary or confidential information. Until otherwise orders by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, the Grantor agrees that, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, it shall deny access to any of Grantee's books and records marked confidential to any person.

10-1-13 **NOTICES, MISCELLANEOUS.**

(A) Every notice served upon the Grantor shall be delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Mayor
Village of Bethalto
213 North Prairie Street
Bethalto, IL 62010

and every notice served upon Grantee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Attention: Vice President/GM
Charter Communications
941 Charter Commons Drive
Town & Country, MO 63107

With a copy to: Charter Communications
12405 Powerscourt Drive
St. Louis, MO 63131
Attention: Vice President of Government Affairs

(B) All provisions of this Franchise shall apply to the respective parties, their lawful successors, transferees and assigns.

(C) If any particular section of this Franchise shall be held invalid, the remaining provisions and their application shall not be affected thereby.

(D) In the event of any conflict between this Franchise and any Grantor ordinance or regulation, this Franchise will prevail.

10-1-14 **FORCE MAJEURE.** The Grantee 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, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by circumstances reasonably beyond the ability of the Grantee to anticipate and control. This provision includes work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their utility poles to which Grantee's Cable System is attached.

10-1-15 **FRANCHISE FEE.**

(A) Grantee shall pay to the Grantor annually an amount equal to **five percent (5%)** of the Gross Revenues for such calendar year.

(B) Each year during which the Franchise is in force, Grantee shall pay Grantor no later than **ninety (90) days** after the end of each calendar year the franchise fees required by this Section, together with a financial statement showing total Gross Revenues derived from the Cable system during such year.

(C) The Grantor and Grantee shall comply with the auditing provisions established pursuant to **65 ILCS 5/11-42-11.05**.

10-1-16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Franchise granted herein will take effect and be in full force from such date of acceptance by Grantee recorded on the signature page of this Franchise. This Franchise shall expire on _____ unless extended in accordance with **Section 10-1-3** of this Franchise or by the mutual agreement of the parties.

10-1-17 **ACCEPTANCE AND ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** The Grantor and the Grantee, by virtue of the signatures set forth below, agree to be legally bound by all provisions and conditions set forth in this Franchise. The Franchise constitutes the entire agreement between the Grantor and the Grantee. No modifications to this Franchise may be made without an appropriate written amendment signed by both parties.

(Ord. No. 2013-14; 10-07-13)

ARTICLE II - CABLE AND VIDEO CUSTOMER PROTECTION LAW

10-2-1 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PRIVACY PROTECTION LAW.

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

10-2-2 ENFORCEMENT. The Village 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 Village.

10-2-3 CUSTOMER CREDITS. The Village 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.

10-2-4 PENALTIES. The Village, 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 Village 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 purposes 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. 2014-01; 03-03-14)

**ARTICLE III - CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE
AND PEG ACCESS FEE**

10-3-1 **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 Village.

- (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 Village. The allocation shall be based on the number of subscribers in the Village 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 Village 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 Village 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.

10-3-2 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 Village.

(B) **Amount of Fee.** The amount of the fee imposed hereby shall be **five percent (5%)** of the holder's gross revenues.

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

(D) **Holder's Liability.** The holder shall be liable for and pay the service provider fee to the Village. 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 Village.

(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 Village 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).

10-3-3 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 Village in addition to the fee imposed pursuant to **Section 10-3-2(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 Village or its designee for PEG access support in the Village.

(C) **Payment.** The holder shall pay the PEG access support fee to the Village or to the entity designated by the Village to manage PEG access. The holder's liability for the PEG access support fee shall commence on the date set forth in **Section 10-3-2(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 10-3-3(B).**

10-3-4 APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES. All determinations and calculations under this Article shall be made pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles.

10-3-5 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 Village, 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 Village'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.

10-3-6 AUDITS OF CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER.

(A) **Audit Requirement.** The Village 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 Village imposes on other cable service or video service providers in its jurisdiction to audit the holder's books and records and to recomputed any amounts determined to be payable under the requirements of the Village. If all local franchises between the Village and cable operator terminate, the audit requirements shall be those adopted by the Village 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.

10-3-7 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.*

(Ord. No. 2014-02; 03-03-14)

(See 220 ILCS 5/21-801)

ARTICLE IV – SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES

10-4-1 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 Village's jurisdiction, or outside the rights-of-way on property zoned by the Village exclusively for commercial or industrial use, in a manner that is consistent with the Act.

(B) Conflicts and Other Ordinances. This Article supersedes all ordinances or parts of ordinances adopted prior to 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.

10-4-2 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village in public rights-of-way.

Permit: A written authorization required by the Village 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 Village-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 Village.

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.

10-4-3 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 10-4-3(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 Village 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 Village, together with the Village’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 Village, 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village. The receipt of the deemed approved notice shall not preclude the Village’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 Village 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 Village 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 Village. The receipt of the deemed approved notice shall not preclude the Village's denial of the permit request within the time limits as provided under this Article.
- (d) The Village shall deny an application which does not meet the requirements of this Article. If the Village 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 Village 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 Village denies an application. The applicant may cure the deficiencies identified by the Village 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 Village 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 applicant to submit a new application with applicable fees, and recommencement of the Village's review period. The applicant must notify the Village 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 Village and the applicant shall enter

into a Master Pole Attachment Agreement, provided by the Village 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 Village 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 Village shall determine whether the application is complete and notify the applicant. If an application is incomplete, the Village must specifically identify the missing information. An application shall be deemed complete if the Village fails to provide notification to the applicant within **thirty (30) days** after all documents, information and fees specifically enumerated in the Village’s permit application form are submitted by the applicant to the Village. Processing deadlines are tolled from the time the Village 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 Village; 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village makes a finding that the small wireless facilities or the new or modified utility pole do not comply with the applicable Village 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 Village 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 Village by personal delivery at the Village’s designated place of business, by regular mail postmarked on the date due or by any other commonly used means, including electronic mail.

(C) **Collocation Requirements and Conditions.**

- (1) **Public Safety Space Reservation.** The Village may reserve space on municipal utility poles for future public safety uses, for the Village’s electric utility uses, or both, but a reservation of space may not preclude

the collocation of a small wireless facility unless the Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village ordinance, written policy adopted by the Village, 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 Village 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 Village, 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 Village, 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 Village, provided the Village 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 Variance in conformance with procedures, terms and conditions set forth in **Section 40-12-4** of the Village Zoning Code.
- (10) **Contractual Design Requirements.** The wireless provider shall comply with requirements that are imposed by a contract between the Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 Village 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 string between existing utility poles in compliance with applicable safety codes.
- (5) Wireless providers shall secure a permit from the Village 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 Village 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 Village and wireless providers that relate to the collection of small wireless facilities in the right-of-way, including the collocation of small wireless facilities on Village utility poles, that are in effect on **June 1, 2018**, remain in effect for all small wireless facilities collocated on the Village's utility poles pursuant to applications submitted to the Village 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 village on the effective date of the Act may accept the rates, fees and terms that the Village 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 to an application submitted **two (2) or more years** after the effective date of the Act by notifying the Village 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 Village's utility poles pursuant to applications submitted to the Village 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 Village an annual recurring rate to collocate a small wireless facility on a Village 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 Village utility pole.

If the Village 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 Village notifying the wireless provider of the abandonment.

The notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, by the Village 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 Village 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 Village if it sells or transfers small wireless facilities within the jurisdiction of the Village. Such notice shall include the name and contact information of the new wireless provider.

10-4-4 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Circuit Court of Madison 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 Village 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.

10-4-5 **INDEMNIFICATION.** A wireless provider shall indemnify and hold the Village 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 Village 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 Article 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 Village or its employees or agents. A wireless provider shall further waive any claims that they may have against the Village with respect to consequential, incidental, or special damages, however caused, based on the theory of liability.

10-4-6 **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 Village improvements or rights-of-way to afford minimum protection limits consistent with its requirements of other users of Village improvements or rights-of-way, including coverage for bodily injury and property damage.

The wireless provider shall include the Village as an additional insured on the commercial general liability policy and provide certification and documentation of inclusion of the Village 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 Village. 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 Village evidence sufficient to demonstrate its financial ability to self-insure the insurance coverage limits required by the Village.

10-4-7 **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Article or application thereof to any person or circumstances is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Article that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Article is severable.

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