

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

MASTER ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF WAKE

TOWN RIGHT OF WAY

THIS MASTER ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT, (“Agreement”) is made this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between **Google Fiber North Carolina, LLC**, hereinafter referred to as “Grantee,” and the Town of Apex, hereinafter referred to as the “Town.”

WHEREAS, Grantee desires to encroach on certain public street(s) and/or street right(s) of way (hereinafter collectively “ROW”) under Town’s jurisdiction for the purpose of constructing and installing a fiber-to-the-premises infrastructure network (hereinafter “FTTP Network”) and the parties wish to memorialize any such permission and conditions through this Agreement rather than individual permits or approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Town is willing to exercise its authority in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-296 to grant the Grantee non-exclusive, revocable (subject to applicable law) permission to encroach on the ROW in the locations approved by the Town pursuant to plans approved for the purposes described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Permission to Encroach. Upon the approval of specific construction plans by the Town, the Town hereby grants the Grantee permission to encroach at the locations described in construction plans in accordance with this Agreement. Encroachments are for the purpose of constructing and/or erecting, installing, maintaining, operating and if necessary removing an FTTP Network and related facilities. The FTTP Network may consist of aerial or underground fiber optic cables, lines, or strands; underground conduits, vaults, access manholes and handholes; electronic equipment; power generators; batteries; pedestals; boxes; cabinets; huts; and other similar facilities (hereinafter “Network Facilities”). A general route and proposed design of Grantee’s FTTP Network is attached as Exhibit A. Grantee understands and agrees that, notwithstanding any language in this Agreement to the contrary, the Town grants permission only to the extent authorized by law and the terms of the conveyance of the right-of-way, fee, easement, or other property interest to the Town in the ROW or public street. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or create an assignment to Grantee by the Town of any easement or license held by the Town or of any rights under any easement or license held by the Town. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer on Grantee an exclusive right to encroach on



ROW or public streets or confer any rights to any third party. This Agreement also does not grant usage of Town poles or conduits by the Grantee.

Construction plans that are approved by the Town and show an encroachment shall be added as exhibits to this Agreement and shall be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Each such approved plan shall have a sequential Exhibit number included on the plan. All such construction plans that show an encroachment shall reference this Agreement and provide that any such installation, operation, or maintenance shall be governed by and incorporated into this Agreement.

2. Pre-Existing Interests. This Agreement and the rights granted hereto are subordinate and subject to the Town's continuing right to use and control the ROW in accordance with North Carolina law. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to restrict, impair, or affect the Town's right to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, or remove roadways, sewers, water pipes, storm drains, gas pipes, utility poles, overhead and underground electric lines, and any other associated facilities or utility and municipal uses.

Grantee's rights are subject to all pre-existing easements, restrictions, conditions, covenants, claims of title and other property interests in the ROW. Grantee shall obtain any permission or rights necessary to accommodate such pre-existing property interests.

3. Grantee's Obligations. The Grantee, its contractors, employees, agents, successors, and assigns shall:

(a) take all necessary steps, including but not limited to, contacting North Carolina 811 at least three days prior to any digging or excavation to ensure that any activity or operation by Grantee will not interfere with, damage, disrupt, or interrupt any utility located in the ROW, above or below ground;

(b) notify the Town at least five (5) business days before commencing work at a Town ROW location and at least three (3) days before work begins, take reasonable steps to notify residents of buildings in the area of the affected ROW that work will be performed. Failure to provide the notifications outlined in this Agreement may, in the Town's discretion, result in suspension or termination of this Agreement. Grantee shall not begin work until approval to proceed has been provided by the Town. Approval may be provided through electronic mail and shall not be unreasonably withheld. Approvals will be provided by a representative designated by the Town;

(c) in the event Grantee will be placing Network Facilities in the ROW within the tolerance zone (as defined in Section 87-117 of the North Carolina Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act (hereafter "NC811 Law") of a town water or sewer line or any other town-owned utility line, Grantee shall follow NC811 Law requirements for excavating within that tolerance zone;

(d) provide proper traffic control devices in conformance with the latest Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (“MUTCD”), including but not limited to signs, signal lights, and flagmen for the protection of traffic and amendments or supplements thereto during any installation or maintenance of the Network Facilities pursuant to this Agreement; Grantee shall provide at least five (5) business days’ notice to the Town of any work which will require lane closure or traffic control measures lasting more than twenty-four hours; Grantee shall follow all federal, state, and local accessibility regulations, including the MUTCD and the Americans with Disabilities Act;

(e) install, operate, repair and maintain the Network Facilities at Grantee’s sole cost and expense and in accordance with federal, state, and local law, and the Town Standard Specifications and Standard Details, as may be amended from time to time. Construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of Network Facilities shall not endanger, inhibit, prevent, or interfere (i) with use of a ROW as a way of passage, (ii) with traffic on any ROW, (iii) with the maintenance of any ROW, (iv) with operation or maintenance of any Town-owned infrastructure located within or adjacent to the ROW, including but not limited to electric lines or poles, underground fiber, and water or sewer lines, or (v) with operation or maintenance of any other infrastructure or equipment lawfully located within the ROW;

(f) in the event Grantee damages any existing gas, electric, communications, water, sewer, or other utility facilities, Grantee shall immediately cease work and notify the Town and the affected utility company of the damage. Grantee will not resume work where damage has occurred until the Town determines that the danger to the public and the utility facilities has been eliminated;

(g) promptly repair any damage to the ROW, all Town-Owned infrastructure, and all other areas disturbed during installation, operation, repair and maintenance of the Network Facilities, including but not limited to pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter, drainage systems, signs, pavement markings, underground fiber, utility poles, electric lines, and water or sewer lines, and shall restore same to the condition existing prior to Grantee’s disturbance, re-establishing grass cover with seeding and spreading of straw for finishing, all to the Town’s satisfaction which shall be based on the industry standards for such activity;

(h) comply with all Town ordinances, rules, and regulations regarding stormwater discharge and soil erosion and sedimentation control as well as the Town’s Standard Specifications and Standard Details for roadway and utility construction;

(i) reimburse Town for any reasonable costs or expenses of Town for any repairs or maintenance to the ROW, any Town-owned infrastructure, or other Town-owned structures

resulting from or related to Grantee's negligence or willful misconduct in performing the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, or existence of the Network Facilities following receipt of invoices from the Town detailing those costs and/or expenses, including supporting documentation evidencing them, if requested and available;

(j) in the event that Town, its employees, agents, or contractors, in Town's sole discretion, need to conduct work in the ROW for a legitimate governmental purpose that will conflict with the Network Facilities, Grantee shall within a commercially reasonable time, remove or alter the Network Facilities at its cost, unless applicable law provides otherwise. In the event of a public emergency that creates an imminent threat to the health, safety, or property of the Town or its residents, the Town may remove or relocate any applicable Network Facilities without notice to Grantee, provided, however, that Town will make best efforts to provide prior notice to Grantee before making an emergency removal or relocation. Town will provide Grantee a detailed description of any emergency removals or relocations of Network Facilities. If Grantee abandons any portion of its Network Facilities, Grantee shall notify the Town and remove the Network Facilities at Grantee's expense, provided, however, that Town and Grantee shall discuss whether underground facilities may be abandoned in place or transferred to Town at the mutual agreement of Grantee and Town;

(k) understand and agree that damage or destruction may occur to Network Facilities and other property of Grantee in the course of Town's operations and that Town has no obligation to take extraordinary measures to protect Grantee, Grantee's property, or Network Facilities or to minimize, mitigate, or avoid any such damage; and release, waive, and discharge any legal rights or claims to seek payment or relief of any kind from the Town, its elected officials, boards, commissions, and employees, for any damages resulting from Town's operations, maintenance, or other use of the ROW under its prior and continuing right to use the ROW;

(l) understand and agree that permission provided by this Agreement is non-exclusive, that additional encroachments by others may currently exist and be permitted in the future in the ROW ("Third Party Encroachments"), and that Town is not liable for any damage to Network Facilities that arise from the installation, operation, maintenance, or existence of Third Party Encroachments; and that any recourse for such damage must be from the Third Party Encroacher;

(m) release, waive, and discharge any legal rights to seek payment or relief of any kind from the Town, its elected officials, boards, commissions, and employees, for any damages due to or resulting from Third Party Encroachments;

(n) hold the Town, its officers, employees, and elected officials harmless from any and all liability arising out of the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or existence of the Network Facilities and associated restoration activities in the ROW; that it will defend the Town, its officers, employees, and elected officials, and pay reasonable attorney fees in any and all actions brought as a result of such; and that it will indemnify the Town, its officers, employees, and elected officials against any and all loss sustained by reason of negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful conduct of Grantee arising out of the installation, maintenance, operation, repair, removal, location, or existence of Network Facilities, provided, however, that indemnification relating to personal injury of employees will not apply to any claims made by Town's employees that are covered under applicable workers' compensation laws, and provided, further, that Grantee's indemnification obligations shall not extend to liability to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of any indemnitee;

(o) comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Grantee, and all subcontractors, shall comply with Article 2, Chapter 64, of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

(p) maintain valid general liability insurance in the combined single limit (bodily injury and property damage) amount of \$5,000,000 general aggregate, commercial automobile liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$2,000,000, and provide certificates of such insurance naming the Town of Apex as an additional insured by endorsement to the policies. Grantee shall maintain an umbrella excess policy in the minimum amount of \$3,000,000 over primary insurance. Additionally, Grantee shall maintain and show proof of workers' compensation within the NC statutory limits and employer's liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000. Grantee shall provide notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage to the Town of Apex within 10 days of their receipt of notice from the insurance company. All required certificates of insurance, endorsements, and blanket additional insured policy provisions are attached and considered part of this document.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the requirement of Grantee to have sufficient insurance nor the requirement that the Town is named as an additional insured, shall constitute waiver of the Town's governmental immunity in any respect, under North Carolina law. All insurance certificates, endorsements, coverage verifications and any other items required pursuant to this Agreement will be mailed directly to:

Town of Apex
Attn: Mark Willing
PO Box 250
Apex, NC 27502

4. Microtrenching. Installation of Network Facilities through the use of microtrenching (installing conduits within the edges of sidewalk or roads) that in any way impacts any Town-Owned street, road, sidewalk, curb, gutter, or infrastructure of any kind is prohibited under this Agreement unless first approved in writing by the Town. Approval may be provided through electronic mail.

5. As-Built Maps. Grantee will maintain accurate as-built drawings and maps of its Network Facilities located in the Town and provide them to the Town upon request and subject to applicable confidentiality protections under North Carolina law.

6. Required Relocation. In the event Grantee's Network Facilities would interfere with the Town's use of the ROW for a legitimate governmental purpose, including but not limited to, construction or installation of water, sewer, or electric lines, or construction/relocation of a public road, Grantee will, upon written notice from the Town, relocate its Network Facilities at Grantee's expense to another location in the public ROW as may be agreed upon by the Parties. Relocation shall occur within a commercially reasonable time period after receiving notice from the Town, taking into account the urgency of the need for relocation, the difficulty of the relocation, and other relevant facts and circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Town may not require Licensee to relocate or remove its Network Facilities with less than one hundred and eighty (180) days' notice except in the event of an emergency as described in this Agreement.

7. Contractors and Subcontractors. Grantee may retain contractors and subcontractors to perform the work contemplated by this Agreement on behalf of Grantee. Grantee will notify the Town in writing of the identity of and contact information for each contractor and subcontractor performing any work for the Grantee in the Town prior to commencement of the work by the contractor or subcontractor. The contact information to be provided to the Town shall include the contractor's state license information and the name and telephone number of the contractor/subcontractor representative with supervisory authority of the work.

8. Term. This Agreement is effective on the date the last party to sign executes this Agreement ("Effective Date"). The initial term will be twenty (20) years from the Effective Date. At the end of the initial term, the Agreement shall automatically renew for successive five-year terms unless terminated by either party in accordance with this Agreement or unless superseded by a new or amended agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon one hundred eighty (180) days written notice to the other party. In the event of termination of this Agreement, the Agreement will nevertheless continue to govern any construction plans approved by the Town and that are Exhibits to this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a grant of

permission to encroach shall become void, and this Agreement terminated, as to any individual Town-approved construction plans if the Grantee does not begin installation of the Facilities covered by that permit application in the relevant ROW within one (1) year of the date the plans are approved, unless the approval is updated in writing by the Town, and thereafter diligently pursue installation to completion.

9. Notice. Notices related to this Agreement shall be sent to Grantee at the following email addresses and fax numbers: googlefibernotices@google.com, with a copy to legal-notices@google.com, and fax number for notice is 650-618-1806. Mailed notices, if required, will be sent to Grantee at:

Google Fiber of North Carolina, LLC
Attention: Google Fiber Legal Department
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043

Notices to the Town shall be sent to:

Town of Apex
Attn: Assistant Town Manager
PO Box 250
Apex, NC 27502

Notices are effective when delivered in person, upon confirmation of receipt when sent by facsimile or electronic mail, on the next business day if transmitted by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid (with confirmation of delivery), on the next business day if transmitted by overnight courier (with confirmation of delivery), or three (3) days after the date of mailing, whichever is earlier.

10. Recitals. The Recitals are incorporated herein.

11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the parties agree that the proper venue for all suits or actions related to Agreement shall be in Wake County, North Carolina.

12. Miscellaneous.

(a) Neither party waives any rights it may have under applicable law with respect to the subject matter in this Agreement and no breach or non-performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be waived by either party unless said breach or non-performance is waived in writing and signed by the parties.

(b) There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

(c) The individual signing this Agreement warrants that he/she has the authority to do so and binds the Grantee to the obligations set forth herein.

(d) Grantee acknowledges that records in the custody of Town are public records and subject to public records requests unless such records are exempt from disclosures under North Carolina law. The burden of claiming an exemption from disclosure shall rest solely with Grantee and Grantee shall comply with North Carolina law in asserting any such exemption. Town shall make reasonable efforts to notify Grantee of any requests made for disclosure of documents submitted under any claim of exemption from public records requests, and Grantee may take any appropriate actions, at its own expense, to prevent disclosure of such material.

(e) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed so as to restrict or inhibit the Town's police powers or regulatory authority.

(f) No elected official, agent, or employee of the Town shall be subject to any personal liability by reason of the execution of this Agreement. Such elected officials, agents, or employees shall be deemed to execute this Agreement in their official capacities only, and not in their individual capacities.

(g) Should any portion of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, it is agreed that the Court or Tribunal construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against any one party by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be more strictly construed against the party who prepared the documents.

(h) This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, and may only be amended only by written amendment in a writing signed by the both parties.

(i) In the event of conflict between the requirements of this Agreement, the Town's ordinances, or the terms of any applicable construction plans, the more restrictive requirement shall apply.

(j) The Encroachment shall not be enlarged or increased beyond that shown in any individual approved construction plans.

(k) Grantee binds itself, its successors, permitted assigns and legal representatives to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Town. In the event Grantee retains subcontractors to perform any activities covered by this Agreement, Grantee shall be and remain responsible for all activities and all required insurance. All entities performing the work must be North Carolina licensed and bonded contractors.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties to this Agreement has caused the same to be executed in the day and year first above written.

GRANTEE: Google Fiber North Carolina, LLC

By: Rocco Laurenzano
(signature)

Name: Rocco Laurenzano

Title: VP Operations

STATE OF Virginia

COUNTY OF Newport News

I, Jonathan Edouard, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Rocco S Laurenzano personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is VP Operations of Google Fiber North Carolina, LLC, and that, by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by him/her as its Rocco S Laurenzano.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 27th day of September, 2021.

Jonathan Edouard

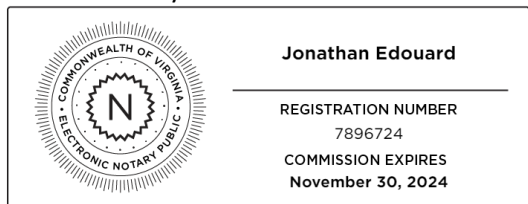
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Notary Public

Jonathan Edouard

Printed name of Notary Public

My Commission expires: 11/30/2024



Notarized online using audio-video communication



TOWN OF APEX

(Corporate Seal)

Catherine Crosby
Town Manager

ATTEST:

Donna B. Hosch, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____
County, North Carolina, certify that Donna B. Hosch personally came before me this day and
acknowledged that she is Town Clerk of the Town of Apex, a North Carolina Municipal
Corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing
instrument was signed in its name by its Town Manager, sealed with its corporate seal and
attested by her as its Town Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

[Signature of Notary Public]

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: _____

