

January 7, 2025

TO: THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RE: APPROVAL OF FIVE YEAR EXTENSION TO THE CURRENT COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE

Enclosed, please find for the council's review and approval the ordinance extending the city's current Comcast Cable Franchise for five years.

This ordinance preserves all of the provisions of the current franchise, as well as:

- The January 29, 1996, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- The 1997 Resolution Transferring Community Television Programming Responsibilities from Group W of the North Central Suburbs, d/b/a Meredith Cable to the North Central
- The Franchise Settlement Agreement dated December 17, 2014

The ordinance was drafted by Commission Attorney Mike Bradley. Comcast has already reviewed and approved this ordinance. Since the current cable franchise was granted by an ordinance, we are recommending that the extension also be granted by an ordinance. The City may amend the form of the ordinance to conform to the City's ordinance practice and the City should follow the City's normal ordinance process to adopt the ordinance. We do not anticipate any objections to the ordinance.

Recommendation:

That the City adopt the Ordinance as recommended by the Telecommunications Commission and the Operations Committee.

I want to thank the Commission directors, staff, and the Operations Committee for their efforts in securing this important and beneficial franchise extension. Please reach out to the NMTC Interim Co-Executive Directors if you have any questions about this ordinance or about the franchise in general.

Sincerely,

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