ORDINANCE NO. 2025-4535

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A "CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON AND COMCAST OF ILLINOIS/WEST VIRGINIA, LLC"

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois (the "Village") has heretofore approved and entered into a certain Franchise Agreement with TCI of West Virginia, Inc., which is the predecessor of Comcast of West Virginia, Inc. ("Comcast") to provide cable television and other related services to the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Comcast, as the franchisee, and as the successor in interest and assignee of TCI of West Virginia, Inc., has presented to the Village a certain "Cable Television Franchise Agreement By and Between the Village of Barrington and Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC" (the "Franchise Agreement") for the provision of cable television and other related services to the Village and its residents for a term of ten (10) years from the effective date of said Franchise Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents that said Franchise Agreement be approved, executed and in effect:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, in exercise of the authority of this Village as a Home Rule unit, that:

SECTION 1: The Corporate Authorities of the Village find that the recitals hereinabove set forth are true and correct and are incorporated into the text of this Ordinance as its findings of fact to the same extent as if such recitals had been set forth herein in their entirety.

SECTION 2: The Corporate Authorities of the Village hereby authorize, ratify, and approve the "Cable Television Franchise Agreement By and Between the Village of Barrington and Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC" (the "Franchise Agreement"), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and thereby made a part hereof, for the provision by Comcast of West Virginia, Inc. of cable television and other related services to the Village and its residents for a term of ten (10) years from the effective date of said Franchise Agreement.

SECTION 3: The Village President is hereby authorized to execute said Franchise Agreement and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to attest thereto and deliver an executed copy of said Franchise Agreement to Comcast of West Virginia, Inc., and to otherwise take all the necessary and appropriate actions, including but not limited to the execution and delivery of any other documents related thereto which are necessary or appropriate to implement the aforesaid Franchise Agreement.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 23 DAY OF JUNE, 2025 BY ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES Trustees Lohmeyer, Sholeen, Duncan, Prigge, Klaver and President Moran

NAYS NONE

ABSENT Trustee Wondrasek

ABSTAIN NONE

APPROVED THIS 23 DAY OF JUNE, 2025

Michael Moran, Village President

ATTESTED AND FILED THIS 23 DAY OF JUNE, 2025

James P. Dillon, Village Clerk

Village of Barrington CORPORATE SEAL Cook & Lake Counties, IL

EXHIBIT A

"CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON AND COMCAST OF ILLINOIS/WEST VIRGINIA, LLC"

CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
The
VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON
And
COMCAST OF ILLINOIS/WEST VIRGINIA, LLC

This Franchise Agreement (hereinafter, the "Agreement" or "Franchise Agreement") is made between the Village of Barrington, Illinois (hereinafter, the "Village") and Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC, (hereinafter, "Grantee") this 23 day of June, 2025 (the "Effective Date").

The Village, having determined that the financial, legal, and technical abilities of the Grantee are reasonably sufficient to provide the services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, desires to enter into this Franchise Agreement with the Grantee for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Cable System on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

This Agreement is entered into by and between the parties under the authority of the Cable Act, the Illinois Constitution of 1970, including the Village's home rule powers, and the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended from time to time, and shall be governed by the Cable Act and the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended from time to time; provided that any provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code that are inconsistent with the Cable Act shall be deemed to be preempted and superseded.

SECTION 1: Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this Franchise Agreement, capitalized terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Act, unless otherwise defined herein.

"Cable Act" or "Act" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended by the Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Cable Operator" means any Person or group of Persons who provides Cable Service over a Cable System and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such Cable System; or who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a Cable System.

"Cable Service" or "Service" means the one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or Other Programming Service and Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such Video Programming or Other Programming Service.

"Cable System" or "System," has the meaning set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522 of the Cable Act, and means Grantee's facilities, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated

signal generation, reception and control equipment, that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes Video Programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within the Franchise Area, but such term does not include (i) a facility that serves only to re-transmit the television signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (ii) a facility that serves Subscribers without using any public right-of-way, (iii) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, except that such a facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of section 621(c) of the Cable Act) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of Video Programming directly to Subscribers, unless the extent of such use is solely to provide Interactive On-Demand Services; (iv) an open video system that complies with section 653 of the Cable Act; or (v) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

"Channel" or "Cable Channel" means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum which is used in a Cable System and which is capable of delivering a television channel as a television channel is defined by the Federal Communications Commission by regulation.

"Customer" or "Subscriber" means a Person who lawfully receives and pays for Cable Service with the Grantee's express permission.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission or successor governmental entity thereto.

"Franchise" means the initial authorization, or renewal thereof, issued by the Village, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, agreement, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, ordinance or otherwise, which authorizes the construction or operation of the Cable System.

"Franchise Agreement" or "Agreement" shall mean this Agreement and any amendments or modifications hereto.

"Franchise Area" means the present legal boundaries of the Village as of the Effective Date, and shall also include any additions thereto, by annexation or other legal means as provided in this Agreement.

"Grantee" shall mean Comcast of Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC.

"Gross Revenue" means the Cable Service revenue received by the Grantee from the operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Cable Service revenue includes monthly Basic Cable Service, cable programming service regardless of Service Tier, premium and pay-per-view video fees, advertising and home shopping revenue, installation fees and equipment rental fees. Gross revenues shall also include such other revenue sources from Cable Service delivered over the Cable System as may now exist or hereafter develop, provided that such revenues, fees, receipts, or charges may be lawfully included in the gross revenue base for purposes of computing the Village's permissible franchise fee under the Cable Act, as amended from time to time. Gross Revenue shall not include refundable deposits, bad debt, investment income, programming launch support payments, third party advertising sales commissions and agency fees, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any governmental authority. Gross

Revenues shall include amounts collected from Subscribers for Franchise Fees pursuant to *City of Dallas, Texas v. F.C.C.*, 118 F.3d 393 (5th Cir. 1997), and amounts collected from non-Subscriber revenues in accordance with the Court of Appeals decision resolving the case commonly known as the "Pasadena Decision," *City of Pasadena, California et. al., Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on Franchise Fee Pass Through Issues, CSR 5282-R, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd. 18192 (2001),* and *In re: Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues v. F.C.C.,* 324 F.3d 802 (5th Cir. 2003).

"Initial Franchise Service Area" means that portion of the Franchise Area served by the Grantee's Cable System as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement.

"Person" means any natural person or any association, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legally recognized entity, whether for-profit or not-for profit, but shall not mean the Village.

"Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access Channel" shall mean a video Channel designated for non-commercial use by the Village, the public, and/or educational institutions such as public or private schools, but not "home schools," community colleges, and universities.

"Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Programming" shall mean non-commercial programming produced by any Village residents or organizations, schools and government entities and the use of designated facilities, equipment and/or Channels of the Cable System in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 531 and this Agreement.

"Public Way" shall mean, pursuant and in addition to Title 7 of the Barrington Village Code, the surface of, and the space above and below, any street, alley, other land or waterway, dedicated or commonly used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic or other similar purposes, including, but not limited to, public utility easements and other easements dedicated for compatible uses, now or hereafter held by the Village in the Franchise Area, to the extent that the Village has the right and authority to authorize, regulate, or permit the location of facilities other than those of the Village. Public Way shall not include any real or personal Village property that is not specifically described in this definition and shall not include Village buildings, fixtures, and other structures and improvements, regardless of whether they are situated in the Public Way.

"Standard Installation" means those installations to Subscribers that are located up to one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from the existing distribution system (Cable System).

"Video Programming" or "Programming" means programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

"Village" means the Village of Barrington, Illinois or the lawful successor, transferee, designee, or assignee thereof.

SECTION 2: Grant of Authority

2.1. Pursuant to Section 621(a) of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 541 (a), 65 ILCS 5/11-42-11(a) of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Constitution, and Ordinance No. 2025-_____

approving and authorizing the execution of this Agreement, the Village hereby grants to the Grantee a nonexclusive Franchise authorizing the Grantee to construct and operate a Cable System in the Public Ways within the Franchise Area, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in any Public Way such poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, pedestals, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other related property or equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System, and to provide such services over the Cable System as may be lawfully allowed.

2.2. Term of Franchise. The term of the Franchise granted hereunder shall be ten (10) years from the Effective Date, unless the Franchise is renewed or is lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and/or applicable law. From and after the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that this Franchise Agreement is intended to be the sole and exclusive Franchise Agreement between the Parties pertaining to the Grantee's Franchise for the provision of Cable Service.

2.3. Renewal. Any renewal of this Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act, as amended, and any applicable State law which may exist at the time of renewal and which is not superseded by the Cable Act.

2.4. Police Powers. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as an abrogation by the Village of any of its police powers to adopt and enforce generally applicable ordinances deemed necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and the Grantee shall comply with all generally applicable laws and ordinances enacted by the Village pursuant to such police power.

2.5. Reservation of Authority. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall (A) abrogate the right of the Village to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the Village, including but not limited to Title 8, "Utilities and Communication Services", of the Barrington Village Code, and specifically Chapter 3, "Facilities Construction in Public Rights-of-Way", Chapter 4, "Cable Television Franchises" (except where such Chapter 4 is in express conflict with the terms of this Franchise Agreement), and Chapter 5, "Cable and Video Service Provider and PEG access, Fees and Consumer Protection", thereof, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the Village in and to the Public Ways.

2.6. Competitive Equity.

2.6.1. In the event the Village grants an additional Franchise to use and occupy any Public Way for the purposes of operating a Cable System, the additional Franchise shall only be granted in accordance with the Illinois Level Playing Field Statute, 65 ILCS 5/11-42-11.

2.6.2. In the event an application for a new cable television franchise or other similar authorization is filed with the Village proposing to serve the Franchise Area, in whole or in part, the Village shall to the extent permitted by law promptly notify the Grantee, or require the Grantee to be notified, and include a copy of such application.

2.6.3. Provided that appropriate vehicle safety markings have been deployed, Grantee's vehicles shall be exempt from parking restrictions of the Village while used in the course of installation, repair and maintenance work on the Cable System.

SECTION 3: Construction and Maintenance of the Cable System

3.1. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Franchise Agreement, Grantee shall comply with all generally applicable provisions of the Barrington Village Code applicable to occupants and users of the Public Way, as may be amended from time to time.

3.2. Aerial and Underground Construction. At the time of Cable System construction, if all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all of the respective public or municipal utilities in any area of the Franchise Area are underground, the Grantee shall place its Cable Systems' transmission and distribution facilities underground, provided that such underground locations are actually capable of accommodating the Grantee's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's signal quality. In any region(s) of the Franchise Area where the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public or municipal utilities are both aerial and underground, the Grantee shall have the discretion to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities or any part thereof, aerially or underground. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the Grantee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

3.3. Undergrounding and Beautification Projects.

3.3.1. In the event the Village requires users of the Public Way who operate aerial facilities to relocate such aerial facilities underground, Grantee shall participate in the planning for relocation of its aerial facilities, if any, contemporaneously with such users. Grantee shall be reimbursed its relocation costs from public or private funds allocated for the project to the same extent as such funds are made available to other users of the Public Way, if any, provided that any utility's exercise of authority granted under its tariff to charge consumers for the said utility's cost of the project that are not reimbursed by the Village shall not be considered to be public or private funds.

3.3.2. The Grantee shall not be required to relocate its facilities unless it has been afforded at least sixty (60) days notice of the necessity to relocate its facilities. Upon adequate notice the Grantee shall provide a written estimate of the cost associated with the work necessary to relocate its facilities. In instances where a third party is seeking the relocation of the Grantee's facilities or where the Grantee is entitled to reimbursement pursuant to the preceding Section, the Grantee shall not be required to perform the relocation work until it has received payment for the relocation work.

SECTION 4: Service Obligations

4.1. Initial Service Obligations. As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, Grantee's Cable System has been designed to provide, and is capable of providing, Cable Service to residential Customers throughout the Initial Franchise Service Area. The Grantee shall continue

to make Cable Service available in the Initial Service Area throughout the term of this Agreement and Grantee shall extend its Cable System and provide service consistent with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement.

4.2. General Service Obligation. The Grantee shall make Cable Service available beyond the Initial Franchise Service Area to every residential dwelling unit within the Franchise Area where the minimum density is at least thirty (30) dwelling units per linear Cable System network mile as measured from the existing Cable System's technically feasible connection point. Subject to the density requirement, Grantee shall offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously unserved homes located within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of the Grantee's distribution cable (e.g., a Standard Installation).

4.2.1. The Grantee may elect to provide Cable Service to areas not meeting the above density and distance standards. The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop or line extension in excess of a Standard Installation. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis plus a reasonable rate of return.

4.3. Programming. The Grantee agrees to provide cable programming services in the following broad categories:

Children	General Entertainment	Family Oriented
Ethnic/Minority	Sports	Weather
Educational	Arts, Culture and Performing Arts	News & Information

Pursuant and subject to federal law, all Video Programming decisions, excluding PEG Access Programming, are at the sole discretion of the Grantee.

4.4. Annexations and New/Planned Developments. In cases of annexation the Village shall provide the Grantee written notice of such annexation. In cases of new construction, planned developments or property development where undergrounding or extension of the Cable System is required, the Village shall provide or cause the developer or property owner to provide notice of the same. Such notices shall be provided at the time of notice to all utilities or other like occupants of the Village's Public Way. If advance notice of such annexation, new construction, planned development or property development is not provided, the Grantee shall be allowed an adequate time to prepare, plan and provide a detailed report as to the timeframe for it to construct its facilities and provide the services required under this Franchise Agreement.

4.5. Service to School Buildings and Governmental Facilities.

4.5.1. The Village may request that Grantee provide Cable Service and the corresponding equipment to the location(s) specified in Attachment A and shall specify the requested level of services and number of outlets for each location. Upon written notice to Grantee, the Village may unilaterally amend Attachment A to add or remove locations provided any additional locations are "eligible" under 220 ILCS. 5/22 501(f). The Village shall notify Grantee in writing whether it wishes to be invoiced at standard rates as disclosed by Grantee for these services and equipment or to have the charges deducted from the franchise fee payment due

pursuant to this franchise. Eligible buildings shall not include buildings leased to non-governmental third parties or buildings such as storage facilities at which government employees are not regularly stationed.

4.5.2. Long Drops. The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop or line extension in excess of a Standard Installation. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis to be calculated on that portion of the installation that exceeds a Standard Installation.

4.6. Customer Service Obligations. The Village and Grantee acknowledge that the customer service standards and customer privacy protections are set forth in the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, 220 ILCS 5/22-501 *et seq.*, and enforcement provisions are included in Title 8-5-8 of the Barrington Village Code. Enforcement of such requirements and standards and the penalties for non-compliance with such standards shall be consistent with the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, 220 ILCS 5/22-501 *et seq.*

SECTION 5: Oversight and Regulation by Village

5.1. Franchise Fees. The Grantee shall pay to the Village a Franchise Fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenues received from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Franchise Area; provided, however, that Grantee shall not be compelled to pay any higher percentage of fees than any other video service provider, under state authorization or otherwise, providing service in the Franchise Area. The payment of Franchise Fees shall be made on a quarterly basis and shall be due forty-five (45) days after the close of each calendar quarter. If mailed, the Franchise Fee shall be considered paid on the date it is postmarked. Each Franchise Fee payment shall be accompanied by a report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation of the franchise fees paid during that period. Any undisputed Franchise Fee payment which remains unpaid in whole or in part, after the date specified herein shall be delinquent. For any delinquent Franchise Fee payments, Grantee shall make such payments including interest at the prime lending rate as quoted by JP Morgan Chase & Company or its successor, computed from time due until paid. Any undisputed overpayments made by the Grantee to the Village shall be credited upon discovery of such overpayment until such time when the full value of such credit has been applied to the Franchise Fee liability otherwise accruing under this Section.

5.1.1. The Parties acknowledge that, at present, the Cable Act limits the Village to collection of a maximum permissible Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues. In the event that a change in the Cable Act would allow the Village to increase the Franchise Fee above five percent (5%), and the Village actually proposes to increase the Franchise Fee in exercise of such authority, the Village may amend the Franchise Fee percentage. Following the determination to increase the Franchise Fee and enactment of an ordinance enabling the same, the Village shall notify the Grantee of its intent to collect the increased Franchise Fee, and Grantee shall have a reasonable time (not to be less than ninety (90) days from receipt of notice from the Village) to effectuate any changes necessary to begin the collection of such increased Franchise Fee. In the event that the Village increases said Franchise Fee, the Grantee shall notify its

Subscribers of the Village's decision to increase said fee prior to the implementation of the collection of said fee from Subscribers as required by law.

5.1.2. In the event a change in state or federal law requires the Village to reduce the franchise fee percentage that may be collected, the parties agree the Grantee shall reduce the percentage of franchise fees collected to the lower of: i) the maximum permissible franchise fee percentage; or ii) the lowest franchise fee percentage paid by any other Cable Operator granted a Cable Franchise by the Village pursuant to the Cable Act, and Section 11-42-11 of the Illinois Municipal Code; provided that: (a) such amendment is in compliance with the change in state or federal law; (b) the Village approves the amendment by ordinance; and (c) the Village notifies Grantee at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of such an amendment.

5.1.3. Taxes Not Included. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the term "Franchise Fee" does not include any tax, fee, or assessment of general applicability (including any such tax, fee, or assessment imposed on both utilities and Cable Operators on their services but not including a tax, fee, or assessment which is unduly discriminatory against Cable Operators or Cable Subscribers).

5.2. Franchise Fees Subject to Audit. The Village and Grantee acknowledge that the audit standards are set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code at 65 ILCS 5/11-42-11.05 (Municipal Franchise Fee Review; Requests For Information). Any audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally applicable auditing standards.

5.2.1 In accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-42-11.05 (k), the Village shall provide on an annual basis, a complete list of addresses within the corporate limits of the Village. If an address is not included in the list or if no list is provided, the Grantee shall be held harmless for any franchise fee underpayments (including penalty and interest) from situsing errors.

5.3. Proprietary Information. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, with the exception of the information directly related to an audit of Franchise Fees as set forth in Section 5.2. The Village agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the Village that have a need to know in order to enforce this Franchise Agreement and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. For purposes of this Section, the terms "proprietary or confidential" include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of Franchise Fees or rates pursuant to FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by the Grantee to be competitively sensitive. Grantee may make proprietary or confidential information available for inspection but not copying or removal by the Franchise Authority's representative. In the event that the Village has in its possession and receives a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*), or similar law for the disclosure of information the Grantee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the Village shall notify Grantee of such request and cooperate with Grantee in opposing such request. Grantee shall indemnify and defend the Village from and against any claims arising from the Village's opposition to disclosure of any information Grantee designates as proprietary or confidential. Compliance by the Village with an opinion or directive from the Illinois Public

Access Counselor or the Illinois Attorney General under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, or with a decision or order of a court with jurisdiction over the Village, shall not be a violation of this Section.

SECTION 6: Transfer of Cable System or Franchise or Control of Grantee

6.1. Neither the Grantee nor any other Person may transfer the Cable System or the Franchise without the prior written consent of the Village, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

6.2. No transfer of control of the Grantee, defined as an acquisition of fifty-one percent (51%) or greater ownership interest in Grantee, shall take place without the prior written consent of the Village, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

6.3. No consent shall be required, however, for (i) a transfer in trust, by mortgage, hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or in the Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or (ii) a transfer to an entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by Comcast Corporation.

6.4. The Grantee, and any proposed transferee under this Section 6, shall submit a written application to the Village containing or accompanied by such information as is required in accordance with applicable law and FCC regulations, specifically including a completed Form 394 or its successor, and in compliance with the processes established for transfers under FCC rules and regulations, including Section 617 of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. §537. Within thirty (30) days after receiving a request for consent, the Village shall, in accordance with FCC rules and regulations, notify the Grantee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial and technical qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the Village has not taken final action on the Grantee's request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed granted. As a condition to granting of any consent, the Village may require the transferee to agree in writing to assume the obligations of the Grantee under this Franchise Agreement.

6.5. Any transfer of control resulting from or after the appointment of a receiver or receivers or trustee or trustees, however denominated, designated to take over and conduct the business of the grantee, whether in a receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless such receivership or trusteeship shall have been vacated prior to the expiration of a one hundred twenty (120) day period, shall be treated as a transfer of control pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §537 and require the Village's consent thereto in the manner described in Section 6 above.

SECTION 7: Insurance and Indemnity

7.1. Throughout the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance and provide the Village certificates of insurance designating the Village and its officers, boards, commissions, councils, elected officials, agents and employees as additional insureds and demonstrating that the Grantee has obtained the insurance required in this Section. Such policy or policies shall be in the minimum amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death to any one person, and

three million dollars ($3,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death of any two or more persons resulting from one occurrence, and one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) for property damage resulting from any one accident. Such policy or policies shall be non-cancelable except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Village. The Grantee shall provide workers' compensation coverage in accordance with applicable law. The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Village from any workers compensation claims to which the Grantee may become subject during the term of this Franchise Agreement.

7.2. Indemnification. The Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Village, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnitees") from and against any injuries, claims, demands, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit or defense (the "Indemnification Events"), arising in the course of the Grantee constructing and operating its Cable System within the Village. The Grantee's obligation with respect to the Indemnitees shall apply to Indemnification Events which may occur during the term of this Agreement, provided that the claim or action is initiated within the applicable statute of limitations, notwithstanding that the claim may be made or action filed subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement. The Village shall give the Grantee timely written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the Village after the Village's receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Section. For purposes of this Section, the word "timely" shall mean within a time period that does not cause prejudice to the respective positions of the Grantee and/or the Village. If the Village elects in its own discretion to employ additional counsel, the costs for such additional counsel for the Village shall be the responsibility of the Village.

7.2.1. The Grantee shall not indemnify the Village for any liabilities, damages, costs or expense resulting from any conduct for which the Village, its officers, employees and agents may be liable under the laws of the State of Illinois.

7.2.2. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Grantee's duty to indemnify the Village by reference to the limits of insurance coverage described in this Agreement.

SECTION 8: Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access

8.1. PEG Capacity. The Grantee shall provide capacity for the Village's noncommercial Public, Educational and Governmental Access ("PEG") Programming through two (2) Channels (the "Channels") on the Grantee's Cable System, one channel for the Village's exclusive use (presently Channel 4), and one channel for the exclusive use of Barrington Community Unit School District 220 ("CUSD 220") (presently Channel 97), as the Village's designated operator of the Channel.

8.1.1. Access Channel Position. As of the Effective Date and for informational purposes, the Village's PEG Access Programming is on Channel 4 and CUSD 220's PEG Access Programming is on Channel 97. In the event Grantee plans to change the numeric Channel position of the Governmental or Educational Access Channels from that available as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, the Grantee shall use reasonable efforts to notify the Village of the new Channel position(s): (1) as soon as practicable, and (2) at least ninety (90) days before such change, to permit the Village to prepare for any such change, and to work with the Grantee on notification of

affected Subscribers. The Grantee shall notify the affected Subscribers of the change in writing not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the change(s).

8.1.2 Part of Basic Digital Service Tier: Unless otherwise agreed to by the Village and the Grantee or to the extent required by applicable law, both PEG Channels shall be carried on the Grantee's basic digital service tier. The Village's PEG Access Programming shall be provided consistent with Section 611 of the Cable Act, as amended from time to time.

8.1.3 Relocation of PEG Access Channel Position(s): Grantee shall use its best efforts to reserve those specific channels for these PEG access uses, and Grantee will use reasonable efforts to avoid changing these access channel positions, except when such changes are beyond the Grantee's control, such as but not limited to a television station requires carriage on a PEG channel pursuant to a mandate of federal or state law, or when competition within the cable-video market makes such a change reasonably necessary.

8.2. Rules and Procedures for Use of the PEG Access Channels. The Village shall be responsible for establishing, and thereafter enforcing, rules for the non-commercial use of the PEG Access Channels and to promote the use and viewership of the Channels.

8.3. Allocation and Use of the PEG Access Channel. The Grantee does not relinquish its ownership of a Channel by designating it for PEG use. However, one (1) PEG Access Channel is, and shall be, operated by the Village, and one (1) PEG Access Channel may continue to be operated by CUSD 220, as the Village's designee. The Village shall adopt rules and procedures under which Grantee may use the PEG Access Channel for the provision of Video Programming if the PEG Access Channel is not being used for its designated purpose(s) pursuant to Section 611(d) of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. §531.

8.4. Editorial Control. Grantee shall not exercise any editorial control over any use of the PEG Access Channel except as permitted by 47 U.S.C. §531(e).

8.5. Origination Point. At such time that the Village determines that it wants to establish capacity to allow its residents who subscribe to Grantee's Cable Service to receive PEG Access Programming originated from Schools and/or Village facilities (other than those having a signal point of origination at the time of the execution of this Agreement); or at such time that the Village determines that it wants to change or upgrade a location from which PEG Access Programming is originated; the Village will give the Grantee written notice detailing the point of origination and the capability sought by the Village. The Grantee agrees to submit a cost estimate to implement the Village's plan within a reasonable period of time. After an agreement to reimburse the Grantee for its expenditure within a reasonable period of time, the Grantee will implement any necessary system changes within a reasonable period of time.

8.6. PEG Signal Quality. Provided the PEG signal feed is delivered by the Village to the designated signal input point without material degradation, the PEG Channel delivery system from the designated signal input point shall meet the same FCC technical standards as the remainder of the Cable System set forth in this Agreement.

8.7. PEG Capital Support. At its sole discretion, the Village may designate a PEG access capital project to be funded by the Village as set forth herein. The Village shall send written notice of the Village's desire for Grantee to collect as an external charge a PEG Capital Fee of up to thirty-five cents ($0.35) per customer per month charge to be passed on to each Subscriber pursuant Section 622(g)(2)(C) of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. §542(g)(2)(C)). The Grantee shall collect the external charge over a period of time as is mutually agreed upon in writing, and shall make the PEG capital payments from such sums at the same time and in the same manner as Franchise Fee payments. The notice shall include a detailed and itemized description of the intended utilization of the PEG Capital Fee for PEG Access Channel facilities and/or equipment and the Grantee shall have the opportunity to review and make recommendations upon the Village's plan prior to agreeing to collect and pay to the Village the requested amount. The capital payments shall be expended for capital costs associated with PEG access. Consistent with the description of the intended utilization of the PEG Capital Fee, the Village shall be permitted to hold all or a portion of the PEG Capital Fee from year to year as a designated fund to permit the Village to make large capital expenditures, if necessary, as long as any finds remaining at the end of the term of this Agreement shall be credited to PEG Capital obligations in the subsequent Franchise. Moreover, if the Village chooses to borrow from itself or a financial institution, revenue for large PEG capital purchases or capital expenditures, the Village shall be permitted to make periodic repayments using the PEG Capital Fee. Said PEG Capital Fee shall be imposed within one hundred twenty days (120) of the Village's written request. On an annual basis, the Village shall provide the Grantee with a report detailing how the prior year's funding was spent or confirming it is being held in a capital reserve account for future PEG capital needs.

8.7.1. For any payments owed by Grantee in accordance with this Section 8.7 which are not made on or before the due dates, Grantee shall make such payments including interest at an annual rate of the prime lending rate as quoted by JP Morgan Chase & Company or its successor, computed from time due until paid. Any undisputed overpayments made by the Grantee to the Village shall be credited upon discovery of such overpayment until such time when the full value of such credit has been applied to the Franchise Fee liability otherwise accruing under this section, provided said overpayment has been reported to the Village.

8.7.2. Grantee and Village agree that the capital obligations set forth in this Section are not "Franchise Fees" within the meaning of 47 U.S.C. § 542.

SECTION 9: Technical Standards and Emergency Alerts

9.1. Technical Standards. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable technical standards of the FCC as published in 47 C.F.R., Part 76, Subpart K, as amended from time to time. The Grantee shall cooperate with the Village in conducting inspections related to these standards upon reasonable prior written request from the Village based on a significant number of Subscriber complaints.

9.2. Emergency Alerts. At all times during the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall provide and maintain an "Emergency Alert System" ("EAS") consistent with applicable Federal law and regulation – including 47 C.F.R., Part 11 and the "State of Illinois Emergency Alert System State Plan" – as may be amended from time to time. The Village must become qualified and authorized to activate the EAS, through the authorized State EAS plan. The

Village agrees to indemnify and hold the Grantee harmless from any damages or penalties arising out of the negligence of the Village, its employees or agents in using such system.

SECTION 10: Enforcement of Franchise

10.1. Notice of Violation or Default. In the event the Village believes that the Grantee has not complied with a material term of the Franchise, it shall notify the Grantee in writing with specific details regarding the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance or default.

10.2. Grantee's Right to Cure or Respond. The Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Village's written notice: (A) to respond to the Village, contesting the assertion of noncompliance or default; or (B) to cure such default; or (C) in the event that, by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within the thirty (30) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the Village of the steps being taken and the projected date that the cure will be completed.

10.3. Enforcement. Subject to applicable federal and state law, and following notice and an opportunity to cure and respond pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.2 above, in the event the Village determines that the Grantee is in default of any material provision of the Franchise, the Village may:

10.3.1. seek specific performance of any provision that reasonably lends itself to such remedy or seek other relief available at law, including declaratory or injunctive relief; or

10.3.2. in the case of a substantial or frequent default of a material provision of the Franchise, declare the Franchise Agreement to be revoked in accordance with the following:

(i) The Village 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. The notice shall set forth with specificity the exact nature of the noncompliance. The Grantee shall have ninety (90) days from the receipt of such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the Village has not received a response from the Grantee or upon receipt of the response does not agree with the Grantee's proposed remedy or in the event that the Grantee has not taken action to cure the default, it may then seek termination of the Franchise at a public hearing. The Village shall cause to be served upon the Grantee, at least ten (10) days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to request termination of the Franchise.

(ii) At the designated hearing, the Village shall give the Grantee an opportunity to state its position on the matter, present evidence and question witnesses, after which the Village shall determine whether or not the Franchise shall be terminated. The public hearing shall be on the record. A copy of the transcript shall be made available to the Grantee at its sole expense. The decision of the Village shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grantee in a manner authorized by Section 11.2. The Grantee may appeal such determination to any court with jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Village's decision.

10.4. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to the other remedies set forth in this Agreement, the Grantee acknowledges the Village's ability pursuant to Section 4.6 of this Franchise Agreement to enforce the requirements and standards, and the penalties for non-compliance with such standards, consistent with the Illinois Cable and Video Customer Protection Law as enacted by Section 8-5-8 of the Barrington Village Code; and, pursuant to Sections 2.5 and 3.1 of this Franchise Agreement, to enforce the Grantee's compliance with any codes or ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the Village, including but not limited to Title 8, "Utilities and Communication Services", of the Barrington Village Code, and specifically Chapter 3, "Facilities Construction in Public Rights-of-Way", Chapter 4, "Cable Television Franchises" (except where such Chapter 4 is in express conflict with the terms of this Franchise Agreement), and Chapter 5, "Cable and Video Service Provider and PEG Access, Fees and Consumer Protection". Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit the Village to exercise such rights and remedies in a manner that permits duplicative recovery from, or payments by, the Grantee. Such remedies may be exercised from time to time and as often and in such order as may be deemed expedient by the Village.

SECTION 11: Miscellaneous Provisions

11.1. 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 (including termination, cancellation or revocation of the Franchise), where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by strike, riot, war, earthquake, flood, tidal wave, unusually severe rain or snow storm, hurricane, tornado or other catastrophic act of nature, labor disputes, failure of utility service necessary to operate the Cable System, governmental, administrative or judicial order or regulation or other event that is reasonably beyond the Grantee's ability to anticipate or control. This provision also covers work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their own utility poles on which the Grantee's cable or equipment is attached, as well as unavailability of materials or qualified labor to perform the work necessary. Non-compliance or default shall be corrected within a reasonable amount of time after force majeure has ceased.

11.2. Notice. Any notification that requires a response or action from a party to this franchise within a specific time-frame, or that would trigger a timeline that would affect one or both parties' rights under this franchise, shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and served upon the other party by hand delivery, first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by reputable overnight courier service and addressed as follows:

To the Village:	To the Grantee:
Village of Barrington	Comcast
200 S. Hough Street	2001 York Road
Barrington, Illinois 60010	Oak Brook, IL 60523
ATTN: Village President	ATTN: Director of Government Affairs

Recognizing the widespread usage and acceptance of electronic forms of communication, emails and faxes will be acceptable as formal notification related to the conduct of general business amongst the parties to this contract, including but not limited to programming and price adjustment

communications. Such communication should be addressed and directed to the person of record as specified above. Either party may change its address and addressee for notice by notice to the other party under this Section.

11.3. Entire Agreement. This Franchise Agreement and the applicable state and federal laws, and the applicable provisions of the Barrington Village Code, including but not limited to Title 8, "Utilities and Communication Services", of the Barrington Village Code, and specifically Chapter 3, "Facilities Construction in Public Rights-of-Way", Chapter 4, "Cable Television Franchises" (except where such Chapter 4 is in express conflict with the terms of this Franchise Agreement), and Chapter 5, "Cable and Video Service Provider and PEG access, Fees and Consumer Protection", thereof, embodies the entire understanding and agreement of the Village and the Grantee with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, negotiations and communications, whether written or oral. Except for ordinances adopted pursuant to Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of this Agreement, all ordinances or parts of ordinances related to the provision of Cable Service that are in conflict with or otherwise impose obligations different from the provisions of this Franchise Agreement are superseded by this Franchise Agreement.

11.3.1. The Village may adopt a cable television/video service provider regulatory ordinance that complies with applicable law, provided the provisions of any such ordinance adopted subsequent to the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement shall not apply to the Grantee during the term of this Franchise Agreement.

11.4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Franchise Agreement is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect. If any material provision of this Agreement is made or found to be unenforceable by such a binding and final decision, either party may notify the other in writing that the Franchise has been materially altered by the change and of the election to begin negotiations to amend the Franchise in a manner consistent with said proceeding or enactment; provided, however, that any such negotiated modification shall be competitively neutral, and the parties shall be given sufficient time to implement any changes necessitated by the agreed-upon modification.

11.5. Governing Law. This Franchise Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the State of Illinois, and shall be governed in all respects, including validity, interpretation and effect, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois and/or Federal law, as applicable.

11.6. Venue. Except as to any matter within the jurisdiction of the federal courts or the FCC, all judicial actions relating to any interpretation, enforcement, dispute resolution or any other aspect of this Agreement shall be brought in the Circuit Court of the State of Illinois, Cook County, Illinois. Any matter brought pursuant to the jurisdiction of the federal court shall be brought in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois.

11.7. Modification. Except as provided in Sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, no provision of this Franchise Agreement shall be amended or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, except by an

instrument, in writing, duly executed by the Village and the Grantee, which amendment shall be authorized on behalf of the Village through the adoption of an appropriate ordinance or resolution by the Village, as required by applicable law.

11.8. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any person, individual, corporation or member of the public to enforce the terms of this Franchise Agreement.

11.9. No Waiver of Rights. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any rights, substantive or procedural, Grantee may have under Federal or state law unless such waiver is expressly stated herein.

11.10. Validity of Franchise Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree in good faith on the validity of the provisions, terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement, in their entirety, and that the Parties have the power and authority to enter into the provisions, terms, and conditions of this Agreement.

11.11. Authority to Sign Agreement. Grantee warrants to the Village that it is authorized to execute, deliver and perform this Franchise Agreement. The individual signing this Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Grantee warrants to the Village that s/he is authorized to execute this Franchise Agreement in the name of the Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Franchise Agreement has been executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties as set forth below, as of the date set forth below:

For the Village of Barrington:

By: _____

Name: Mike Moran

Title: President

Date: 6.23.25

For Comcast of Illinois/West Virginia, LLC:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____