

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LATROBE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COMCAST OF PENNSYLVANIA II, L.P.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and Pennsylvania law, the City of Latrobe (hereinafter the “City”) is authorized to grant franchises to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing public rights-of-way and properties within the City’s jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Comcast of Pennsylvania II, L.P. (“Comcast”) currently holds a cable franchise from the City which expired on April 13, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Comcast has requested that the City renew Comcast’s franchise to maintain, construct, operate, and maintain its Cable System over, under and along the aforesaid rights-of-ways for use by the City’s residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid Public Rights-of-Way used by Comcast are public properties acquired and maintained by the City on behalf of the citizens of the City, and the right to use said rights-of-way is a valuable property right; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to protect and manage the aforesaid rights-of-way, establish standards of Subscriber service, maintain a technologically advanced Cable System, receive Franchise Fees for Comcast’s use of the City’s public rights-of-ways as provided by federal law, obtain the use of an educational and governmental channel, establish certain reporting requirements, obtain certain community services, provide legal protections for the City, and meet the current and future cable-related needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City held a public hearing on the subject of cable franchise renewal, including reviewing the cable operator’s past performance and identifying the City’s future cable-related community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that this Agreement and the process for consideration of this Agreement complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, after affording the public notice and opportunity for comment, has determined that the public interest would be served by renewing Comcast’s franchise according to the terms and conditions contained herein;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council does hereby approve the cable franchise agreement negotiated with Comcast, including all of the terms and conditions contained therein, and does hereby authorize the execution of such agreement.

**RESOLVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LATROBE:

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Janina Hall, Council Secretary

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Eric Bartels, Mayor