

**Introduced & 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: February 07, 2023**  
**Adopted: March 07, 2023**

**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND**  
Ordinance N0. 01-2023

Introduced by Mayor and City Council

**An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland  
Granting a Renewal of the Cable Franchise to Comcast of Maryland, LLC  
and Authorizing a Franchise Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of Mount Rainier (hereinafter, the “City”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Mount Rainier (the “Council”) has the power under §5-204(d) of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland to grant non-exclusive cable franchises; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council adopted a cable ordinance to govern cable franchises that are located within the City which is codified as Chapter 12A “Cable Television” of the Code of the City of Mount Rainier; and

**WHEREAS**, the City entered into a cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC which ended in 2015, but has been extended during the negotiation of the renewal of the franchise agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council authorized the negotiation of the renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC and a proposed agreement has been prepared and presented to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the cable franchise with Comcast of Maryland, LLC, within the corporate limits of the City, on condition that Comcast of Maryland, LLC. enter into a franchise agreement in substantially the form as attached to this Ordinance.

**Section 1.** **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland that the renewal of the non-exclusive right to construct and operate a cable television system along the public rights of way in the City of Mount Rainier is hereby granted to Comcast of Maryland, LLC, subject to the provisions of Chapter 12A “Cable Television” of the Code of the City of Mount Rainier and a Cable Franchise Agreement between the City and Comcast of Maryland, LLC in a form substantially similar to that attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier, that a Cable Franchise Agreement between the City and Comcast of Maryland, LLC in a form substantially similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit A is approved and the City Manager is authorized to endorse the franchise agreement on behalf of the City.

**Section 3.** **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after adoption, provided that it has been posted at City Hall immediately following introduction and until passed. A fair summary of this Ordinance shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, inclusive of the City’s newsletter mailed or otherwise delivered to every City household.

**Section 4.** If any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any

court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the City that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

**INTRODUCED** by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier at a regular meeting on the 07 day of February, 2023.

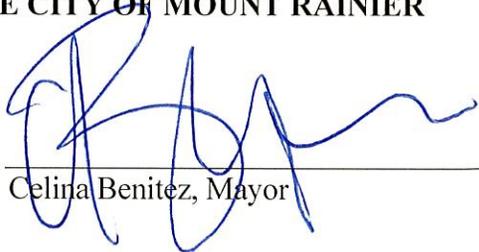
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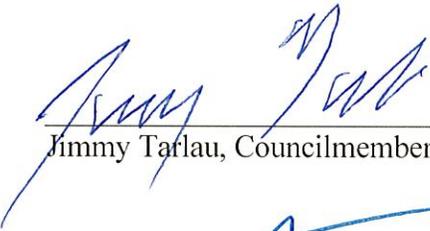
**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER**

By: M Sam  
Melissa Sam, City Clerk

By:   
Celina Benitez, Mayor

  
Luke Chesek, Councilmember, Ward 1

  
Jimmy Taflau, Councilmember, Ward 1

  
Jarrett Stoltzfus, Councilmember, Ward 2

  
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