

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CABLEVISION OF THE MIDWEST, INC. SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Richfield's cable television franchise with Cablevision of the Midwest, Inc. ("Cablevision") expired on March 31, 1998; and

WHEREAS, as part of the federal franchise renewal process pursuant to Section 626 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. § 546), the Village made an assessment of the community's future cable television-related needs and interests, which assessment included significant public input; and

WHEREAS, the Village, with special counsel, has negotiated extensively with Cablevision for the renewal of its cable television franchise, which negotiations have culminated in a proposed franchise agreement currently on file with the Clerk of Council (the "Agreement") and incorporated into this Ordinance by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the terms of the proposed Agreement will meet the Village's cable television needs for a period of ten (10) years commencing on or about April 15, 2000 and that it would be in the Village's best interests to grant a non-exclusive franchise renewal to Cablevision to operate a cable television system in the Village and to enter into a cable television franchise agreement with Cablevision, substantially in accordance with the proposed Agreement on file with the Clerk of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a cable television franchise renewal with Cablevision of the Midwest, Inc., substantially in accordance with the proposed Agreement referenced above and currently on file with the Clerk of Council, which Agreement is incorporated into this Ordinance by reference. The final Agreement, properly executed by the parties, shall become effective on or about April 15, 2000 and shall be for a term of ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees or subcommittees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 7, 2000

Michael Lyons
President of Council

Ronald H. Larsen
Mayor

Dated: 3/13/2000

ATTEST:

Carole Gibson
Clerk of Council