

CITY OF WATERVILLE

LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 510.02

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE FEE FOR  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES IN THE CITY OF WATERVILLE, LE  
SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA.**

The City Council for the City of Waterville, Minnesota, (“City”), hereby Ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to impose a 5% gross revenue franchise fee on those telecommunications companies that provide telecommunication services within the City’s corporate limits. Currently those companies are Midcontinent Communications Investor, LLC, a/k/a Midcontinent Communications; CMN-RUS, Inc., a/k/a Metro-Net; and Frontier. This Ordinance shall apply to these Companies and any telecommunications operating within the corporate limits of the City of Waterville now and hereafter.

**SECTION 2. FRANCHISE FEE STATEMENT.** A franchise fee of 5% of the Company’s gross revenues on internet, cable, television, telephone, and any other service provided, is hereby imposed on any telecommunications, cable, internet, or telephone companies operating within the City’s corporate limits.

**SECTION 3. PAYMENT AND FEE DESIGN.** The 5% gross revenue franchise fee shall be payable to the City pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement with the respective Company. In the event that there is no formal Franchise Agreement in place it shall be paid monthly. This fee is an account based fee on each premise. In the event that an entity covered by this Ordinance has more than one account at a premise, the fee will be assessed to each account.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF FRANCHISE FEE.** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be after its publication as required by law and ninety (90) days after sending written notice to the Company enclosing a copy of this Ordinance.

Passed this 12th day of March, 2024.

William P. Conlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa K. Hill, City Administrator