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ORDINANCE NO. 20252

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, granting a nonexclusive Contract franchise agreement to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas for the provision of telecommunications services in the City of Topeka, Kansas

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Ordinance the following words and phrases shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent within the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense and words in the single number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory, and not merely directory.

- a. "Access line" - shall mean and be limited to retail billed and collected residential lines; business lines; ISDN lines; PBX trunks and simulated exchange access lines provided by a central office based switching arrangement where all stations served by such simulated exchange access lines are used by a single customer of the provider of such arrangement. Access line may not be construed to include interoffice transport or other transmission media that do not terminate at an end user customer's premises, or to permit duplicate or multiple assessment of access line rates on the provision of a single service or on the multiple communications paths derived from a billed and collected access line. Access line shall not include the following: Wireless telecommunications services, the sale or lease of unbundled loop facilities, special access services, and lines providing only data services without voice services processed by a telecommunications local exchange service provider or private line service arrangements.
- b. "Access line count" - means the number of access lines serving consumers within the corporate boundaries of the City on the last day of each month.
- c. "Access line fee" - means a fee determined by the City, up to a maximum as set out in K.S.A. 12-2001(c)(2), and amendments thereto, to be used by Grantee in calculating the amount of Access line remittance.
- d. "Access line remittance" - means the amount to be paid by Grantee to City, the total of which is calculated by multiplying the Access line fee, as determined in the City, by the number of Access lines served by Grantee within the City for each month in that calendar quarter.
- e. "City" - means the City of Topeka, Kansas.
- f. "Contract franchise" - means this Ordinance granting the right, privilege and franchise to Grantee to provide telecommunications services within the City.
- g. "Facilities" - means telephone and telecommunications lines, conduits, manholes, ducts, wires, cables, pipes, poles, towers, vaults, appliances, optic fiber, and all equipment used to provide telecommunications services.

- h. "Grantee" - means Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, an electing carrier and telecommunications service provider providing local exchange service and/or operating Facilities within the City. References to Grantee shall also include, as appropriate, any and all successors and assigns.
- i. "Gross Receipts" - shall mean only those receipts collected from within the corporate boundaries of the City and that are derived from the following: (1) Recurring local exchange service for business and residence which includes basic exchange service, touch tone, optional calling features and measured local calls; (2) Recurring local exchange access line services for pay phone lines provided by Grantee to all pay phone service providers; (3) Local directory assistance revenue; (4) Line status verification/ busy interrupt revenue; (5) Local operator assistance revenue; (6) Nonrecurring local exchange service revenue which shall include customer service for installation of lines, reconnection of service and charge for duplicate bills; and (7) Revenue received by Grantee from resellers or others which use Grantee's Facilities. All other revenues, including, but not limited to, revenues from extended area service, the sale or lease of unbundled network elements, nonregulated services, carrier and end user access, long distance, wireless telecommunications services, lines providing only data service without voice services processed by a telecommunications local exchange service provider, private line service arrangements, internet, broadband and all other services not wholly local in nature are excluded from gross receipts. Gross receipts shall be reduced by bad debt expenses. Uncollectible and late charges shall not be included within gross receipts. If Grantee offers additional services of a wholly local nature which if in existence on or before July 1, 2002 would have been included with the definition of Gross Receipts, such services shall be included from the date of the offering of such services within the City.
- j. "Local exchange service" - means local switched telecommunications service within any local exchange service area approved by the State Corporation Commission, regardless of the medium by which the local telecommunications service is provided. The term local exchange service shall not include wireless communication services.
- k. "Public right-of-way" - means only the area of real property in which the City has a dedicated or acquired right-of-way interest in the real property. It shall include the area on, below or above the present and future streets, alleys, avenues, roads, highways, parkways or boulevards dedicated or acquired as right-of-way. The term does not include the airwaves above a right-of-way with regard to wireless telecommunications or other non-wire telecommunications or broadcast service, easements obtained by utilities or private easements in platted subdivisions or tracts.
- l. "Telecommunication local exchange services provider" – means a local exchange carrier as defined in subsection (h) of K.S.A. 66-1,187 and amendments thereto, and/or a telecommunications carrier as defined in subsection (m) of K.S.A. 66-1, 187 and amendments thereto, which does, or in good faith intends to, provide local exchange service. The term shall not include an interexchange carrier or competitive access provider that does not provide local exchange service, or any wireless communication services provider.
- m. "Telecommunications services" - means providing the means of transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

82 **SECTION 2. GRANT OF CONTRACT FRANCHISE.**

- 83 a. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, there is hereby granted to
84 Grantee this nonexclusive Contract franchise to provide telecommunications services to the
85 consumers or recipients of such service located within the corporate boundaries of the City, for
86 the term of this Contract franchise, subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract franchise.
- 87 b. The grant of this Contract franchise by the City shall not convey title, equitable or legal, in the
88 Public right-of-way. This Contract franchise does not:
- 89 (1) Grant the right to use Facilities or any other property, telecommunications related or
90 otherwise, owned or controlled by the City or a third-party, without the consent of such
91 party;
- 92 (2) Grant the authority to construct, maintain or operate any Facility or related appurtenance
93 on property owned by the City outside of the Public right-of-way; or,
- 94 (3) Excuse Grantee from obtaining appropriate access or attachment agreements before
95 locating its Facilities on property or facilities owned or controlled by the City or a third-
96 party.
- 97 c. As a condition of this grant, Grantee is required to obtain and is responsible for any necessary
98 permit, license, certification, grant, registration or any other authorization required by any
99 appropriate governmental entity, including, but not limited to, the City, the FCC or the Kansas
100 Corporation Commission (KCC). Grantee shall also comply with all applicable laws, statutes
101 and/or city regulations (including, but not limited to those relating to the construction and use of
102 the Public right-of-way or other public property).
- 103 d. Grantee shall not provide any additional services for which a franchise is required by the City
104 without first obtaining a separate franchise from the City or amending this Contract franchise, and
105 Grantee shall not knowingly allow the use of its Facilities by any third party in violation of any
106 federal, state or local law. This Contract franchise does not provide Grantee the right to provide
107 cable service as a cable operator (as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 522 (5)) within the City. Grantee
108 agrees that this franchise does not permit it to operate an open video system without payment of
109 fees permitted by 47 U.S.C. § 573(c)(2)(B) and without complying with FCC regulations
110 promulgated pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 573.
- 111 e. Access to the Public right-of-way shall be granted in a competitively neutral and
112 nondiscriminatory basis and not in conflict with state or federal law.

113 **SECTION 3. USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

- 114 a. Pursuant to K.S.A. 17-1902 and amendments thereto, and subject to the provisions of this
115 Contract franchise, Grantee has the right to construct, maintain and operate its Facilities along,
116 across, upon and under the Public right-of-way. Such Facilities shall be so constructed and
117 maintained as not to obstruct or hinder the usual travel or public safety on such public ways or
118 obstruct the legal use by other utilities.
- 119 b. Grantee's use of the Public right-of-way shall be subject and subordinate to the reasonable public
120 health, safety and welfare requirements and regulations of the City. The City may exercise its
121 home rule powers in its administration and regulation related to the management of the Public
122 right-of-way; provided that any such exercise must be competitively neutral and may not be

unreasonable or discriminatory. Grantee shall be subject to all applicable laws and statutes, and/or rules, regulations, policies, resolutions and ordinances adopted by the City, relating to the construction and use of the Public right-of-way.

c. City shall, pursuant to Section 12 of this Contract franchise, make a reasonable effort to provide advanced notice of the consideration and/or adoption of any rule, regulation, policies, resolutions and ordinances relating to the construction in or use of the Public right-of-way, inasmuch as such adoption affects Grantee's use of the Public right-of-way.

d. If requested by the City, in order to accomplish construction and maintenance activities directly related to improvements for the health, safety and welfare of the public, Grantee shall, pursuant to K.S.A. 17-1902 and amendments thereto, promptly remove, relocate or adjust its Facilities within the Public right-of-way at no cost to the City, providing such request similarly binds all users of such public right-of-way. Such removal, relocation, or adjustment shall be completed as soon as reasonably possible within the time set forth in any written request by the City for such relocation or adjustment provided that the City shall provide Grantee with a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days advance written notice to comply with any such removal, relocation or adjustment. Grantee shall designate one (1) person within its organization by his/her employment position to whom relocation notices shall be sent and with whom rests the responsibility to facilitate all necessary communications within Grantee's various areas. If additional location, removal, relocation or adjustment is the result of inaccurate or mistaken information of the City, the City shall reimburse Grantee for any additional expense necessarily incurred by Grantee directly due to such inaccurate or mistaken information.

e. If relocation or adjustment is for private benefit, Grantee shall not bear the cost of the relocation or adjustment to the extent of such private benefit and Grantee shall not be obligated to commence the relocation or adjustment until receipt of funds for such relocation or adjustment. Grantee shall have no liability for any delays caused by a failure to receive funds for the cost of such relocation or adjustment and the City shall have no obligation to collect such funds.

f. Grantee shall participate in the Kansas One Call utility location program.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION TO THE CITY.

a. In consideration of this Contract franchise, Grantee agrees to remit to the City a franchise fee of 5% of Gross Receipts. To determine the franchise fee, Grantee shall calculate the Gross Receipts and multiply such receipts by 5%. Thereafter, subject to subsection (b) hereafter, compensation for each calendar year of the remaining term of this Contract franchise shall continue to be based on a sum equal to 5% of Gross Receipts, unless the City notifies Grantee prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year that it intends to switch to an Access line fee in the following calendar year; provided, such Access line fee shall not exceed the maximum Access line fee allowed by Kansas law. In the event the City elects to change its basis of compensation, nothing herein precludes the City from switching its basis of compensation back; provided the City notifies Grantee prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year.

b. Beginning January 1, 2020, and every 36 months thereafter, the City, subject to the public notification procedures set forth in K.S.A. 12-2001 (m) and amendments thereto, may elect to adopt an increased Access line fee or gross receipts fee subject to the provisions and maximum fee limitations contained in K.S.A. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, or may choose to decline all or any portion of any increase in the Access line fee.

- c. Grantee shall pay on a monthly basis without requirement for invoice or reminder from the City, and within 45 days of the last day of the month for which the payment applies franchise fees due and payable to the City. If any franchise fee, or any portion thereof, is not postmarked or delivered on or before the due date, interest thereon shall accrue from the due date until received, at the applicable statutory interest rate.
- d. Upon written request by the City, but no more than once per quarter, Grantee shall submit to the City a certified statement showing the manner in which the franchise fee was calculated.
- e. No acceptance by the City of any franchise fee shall be construed as an accord that the amount paid is in fact the correct amount, nor shall acceptance of any franchise fee payment be construed as a release of any claim of the City. Any dispute concerning the amount due under this Section shall be resolved in the manner set forth in K.S.A. 12-2001, and amendments thereto. Subject to any limitations of Kansas Statute, Grantee's payment obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract franchise.
- f. The City shall have the right to examine, upon written notice to Grantee no more often than once per calendar year, those records necessary to verify the correctness of the franchise fees paid by Grantee.
- g. Unless previously paid, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Contract franchise, Grantee shall pay to the City a one-time application fee of \$1000.00. The parties agree that such fee reimburses the City for its reasonable, actual and verifiable costs of reviewing and approving this Contract franchise.
- h. The franchise fee required herein pursuant to K.S.A. 12-2001(j), shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, all taxes, charges, assessments, licenses, fees and impositions otherwise applicable that are or may be imposed by the City under K.S.A. 12-2001 and K.S.A. 17-1902 and amendments thereto. The franchise fee shall in no way be deemed a tax of any kind.
- i. Grantee shall remit an access line (franchise) fee or a gross receipts (franchise) fee to the City on those access lines that have been resold to another telecommunications local exchange service provider, but in such case the City shall not collect a franchise fee from the reseller service provider and shall not require the reseller service provider to enter a contract franchise ordinance. Such Access line (franchise) fee or Gross Receipts (franchise) fee shall be in the same amount or percentage as the franchise fee set forth in subsection 4 a. hereinabove.

SECTION 5. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS.

- a. It shall be the responsibility of Grantee to take adequate measures to protect and defend its Facilities in the Public right-of-way from harm or damage. If Grantee fails to accurately or timely locate Facilities when requested, in accordance with the Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, K.S.A. 66-1801 et. seq., and amendments thereto, it has no claim for costs or damages against the City and its authorized contractors unless such parties are responsible for the harm or damage caused by their negligence or intentional conduct.

The City and its authorized contractors shall be responsible to take reasonable precautionary measures including calling for utility locations and observing marker posts when working near Grantee's Facilities.

- b. Grantee shall indemnify and hold the City and its officers and employees harmless against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, costs, liens, losses, expenses, fees (including reasonable

attorney fees and costs of defense), proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including personal or bodily injury (including death), property damage or other harm for which recovery of damages is sought, to the extent that it is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be caused by the negligence of Grantee, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, affiliate or subcontractor of Grantee, or their respective officers, agents, employees, directors or representatives, while installing, repairing or maintaining Facilities in the Public right-of-way.

c. The indemnity provided by this subsection does not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of the City, its officers, employees, contractors or subcontractors. If Grantee and the City are found jointly liable by a court of competent jurisdiction, liability shall be apportioned comparatively in accordance with the laws of this state without, however, waiving any governmental immunity available to the City under state law and without waiving any defenses of the parties under state or federal law. This section is solely for the benefit of the City and Grantee and does not create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall in any way obligate Grantee for the negligence of any other third party or any portion of any harm caused by the same.

d. Grantee or City shall promptly advise the other in writing of any known claim or demand against Grantee or the City related to or arising out of Grantee's or the City's activities in the Public right-of-way.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE REQUIREMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND

a. During the term of this Contract franchise, Grantee shall obtain and maintain insurance coverage at its sole expense, with insurers rated at least A-VII by AM Best and that are eligible or permitted to do business in the state of Kansas. Grantee shall provide the following insurance:

(1) Workers' compensation as provided for under any worker's compensation or similar law in the jurisdiction where any work is performed with an employers' liability limit for bodily injury of \$1,000,000 each accident, by disease policy limits and by disease each employee.

(2) Commercial general liability, written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) policy form CG 00 01 or its equivalent, including coverage for contractual liability and products completed operations liability on an occurrence basis and not a claim made basis, with a limit of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence and in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability. The City shall be included as an additional insured with respect to liability arising from Grantee's operations under this Contract franchise.

b. As an alternative to the requirements of subsection (a), Grantee may self-insure and, as such, Grantee has the ability to provide coverage in an amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in aggregate, to protect the City from and against all claims by any person for loss or damage from personal injury, bodily injury, death or property damage occasioned by Grantee, or alleged to so have been caused or occurred as respects this Contract franchise. In the event Grantee elects to self-insure its obligation to include City as an additional insured, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) City shall promptly and no later than thirty (30) days after notice thereof provide Grantee with written notice of any claim, demand, lawsuit or the like, for which it seeks coverage pursuant to the section and provide Grantee with copies of any demands, notices, summonses or legal papers received in connection with such claim, demand, lawsuit or the like;

(2) City shall not settle any such claim, demand, lawsuit or the like without the prior written consent of Grantee; and,

(3) City shall fully cooperate with Grantee in the defense of the claim, demand, lawsuit or the like.

c. Grantee shall, as a material condition of this Contract franchise, prior to the commencement of any work and prior to any renewal thereof, deliver to the City a certificate of insurance or evidence of self-insurance, satisfactory in form and content to the City, evidencing that the above insurance is in force. Grantee shall timely notify the City if the insurance is cancelled or non-renewed and not replaced.

d. Grantee shall, as a material condition of this Contract franchise, prior to the commencement of any work and prior to any renewal thereof, deliver to the City a performance bond in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), payable to the City to ensure the appropriate and timely performance in the construction and maintenance of Facilities located in the Public right-of-way. The required performance bond must be, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in the state of Kansas, and satisfactory to the City Attorney in form and substance.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION AND TERMINATION.

a. In case of failure on the part of Grantee to comply with any of the provisions of this Contract franchise, or if Grantee should do or cause to be done any act or thing prohibited by or in violation of the terms of this Contract franchise, Grantee shall forfeit all rights, privileges and franchise granted herein, and all such rights, privileges and franchise hereunder shall cease, terminate and become null and void, and this Contract franchise shall be deemed revoked or terminated, provided that said revocation or termination, shall not take effect until the City has completed the following procedures:

(1) Before the City proceeds to revoke and terminate this Contract franchise, it shall first serve a written notice, pursuant to Section 12 of the Contract franchise, upon Grantee, setting forth in detail the neglect or failure complained of, and Grantee shall have sixty (60) days thereafter in which to comply with the conditions and requirements of this Contract franchise;

(2) If at the end of such sixty (60) day period the City deems that the conditions have not been complied with, the City shall take action to revoke and terminate this Contract franchise by an affirmative vote of at least six members of the governing body, setting

out the grounds upon which this Contract franchise is to be revoked and terminated; provided, to afford Grantee due process, Grantee shall first be provided, pursuant to Section 12 of this Contract franchise, reasonable notice of the date, time and location of the governing body's consideration, and shall have the right to address the governing body regarding such matter.

- (3) Upon any determination by the governing body to revoke and terminate this Contract franchise, Grantee shall have thirty (30) days to appeal such decision to the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas. This Contract franchise shall be deemed revoked and terminated at the end of this thirty (30) day period, unless Grantee has instituted such an appeal. If Grantee does timely institute such an appeal, such revocation and termination shall remain pending and subject to the court's final judgment. Provided, however, that, except for failure to pay compensation pursuant to Section 4, the failure of Grantee to comply with any of the other provisions of this Contract franchise or the doing or causing to be done by Grantee of anything prohibited by or in violation of the terms of this Contract franchise shall not be a ground for the revocation or termination thereof when such act or omission on the part of Grantee is due to any cause or delay beyond the control of Grantee or to bona fide legal proceedings.

- b. Nothing herein shall prevent the City or Grantee from invoking any other remedy that may otherwise exist at law.

SECTION 8. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

- a. The City and Grantee hereby acknowledge that the City, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 253, may not prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide interstate or intrastate telecommunication service. To the extent permitted by law, the City specifically reserves its right and authority as a public entity with responsibilities towards its citizens, to participate to the full allowed by law in proceedings concerning Grantee's rates and services to ensure the rendering of efficient Telecommunications service and any other services at reasonable rates, and the maintenance of Grantee's property in good repair.
- b. In granting its consent hereunder, the City does not in any manner waive its regulatory or other rights and powers under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas as the same may be amended, its Home Rule powers and other authority established pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Kansas, nor any of its rights and powers under or by virtue of present or future ordinances of the City.
- c. In granting its consent hereunder, Grantee does not in any manner waive its regulatory or other rights and powers under and by virtue of: the laws of the State of Kansas or applicable federal laws and regulations as the same may be amended; under the Constitution of the State of Kansas; nor, any of its rights and powers under or by virtue of present or future ordinances of the City.
- d. In entering into this Contract franchise, neither the City's nor Grantee's present or future legal rights, positions, claims, assertions or arguments before any administrative agency or court of law are in any way prejudiced or waived. By entering into the Contract franchise, neither the City nor Grantee waive any rights, but instead expressly reserve any and all rights, remedies, and arguments the City or Grantee may have at law or equity, without limitation, to argue, assert, and/or take any position as to the legality or appropriateness of the Contract franchise or any present or future laws, non-franchise ordinances and/or rulings that may be the basis for parties entering into this Contract franchise.

SECTION 9. FAILURE TO ENFORCE.

The failure of either the City or Grantee to insist in any one or more instances upon the strict performance of any one or more of the terms or provisions of this Contract franchise shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of any such term or provision, and the same shall continue in full force and effect. No waiver or relinquishment shall be deemed to have been made by the City or Grantee unless said waiver or relinquishment is in writing and signed by both the City and Grantee.

SECTION 10. TERM AND TERMINATION DATE.

- a. This Contract franchise shall be effective for a term beginning on the effective date of this Contract franchise as established by Section 16 herein, and ending on December 31, 2021. Thereafter, this Contract franchise will automatically renew for up to eight (8) additional two (2) year terms, unless either party notifies the other party of its intent to terminate the Contract franchise at least ninety (90) days before the termination of the then current term. The additional term shall be deemed a continuation of this Contract franchise and not as a new franchise or amendment.
- b. Upon written request of either the City or Grantee, this Contract franchise shall be renegotiated at any time in accordance with the requirements of state law upon any of the following events: changes in federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or orders that materially affect any rights or obligations of either the City or Grantee, including but not limited to the scope of the Contract franchise granted to Grantee or the compensation to be received by the City hereunder.
- c. If any clause, sentence, section, or provision of K.S.A. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, shall be held to be invalid by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, provided such order is not stayed, either the City or Grantee may elect to terminate the entire Contract franchise. In the event of such invalidity, if Grantee is required by law to enter into a Contract franchise with the City, the parties agree to act in good faith in promptly negotiating a new Contract franchise.
- d. Amendments under this Section, if any, shall be made by contract franchise ordinance as prescribed by statute. This Contract franchise shall remain in effect according to its terms, pending completion of any review or renegotiation provided by this section.
- e. In the event the parties are actively negotiating in good faith a new contract franchise ordinance or an amendment to this Contract franchise upon the termination date of this Contract franchise, the parties by written mutual agreement may extend the termination date of this Contract franchise to allow for further negotiations. Such extension period shall be deemed a continuation of this Contract franchise and not as a new contract franchise ordinance or amendment.

SECTION 11. COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY

Pursuant to K.S.A 12-2001 and K.S.A. 17-1902 and amendments thereto, City represents and warrants that all benefits, terms and conditions in this Contract franchise and relative to Grantee's deployment of network Facilities and services in the City shall be no less favorable to Grantee in the same or similar circumstances than those offered to other local exchange providers that, after the effective date of this Contract franchise, enter into franchise agreements with the City pursuant to K.S.A. 12-2001 and amendments thereto.

SECTION 12. POINT OF CONTACT AND NOTICES

Grantee shall at all times maintain with the City a point of contact who shall be available to act on behalf of Grantee in the event of an emergency. Grantee shall provide the City with said contact's name, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. All other notices between the parties shall be in writing and shall be made by personal delivery, depositing such notice in the U.S. Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, Certified Mail, return receipt requested; or overnight delivery by a nationally recognized courier. All written notices shall be deemed delivered upon actual receipt or refusal of delivery.

The City:

The City of Topeka
215 SE 7th Ave
Topeka, Kansas 66603
Attn: City Clerk

Grantee:

Office of the President
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
d/b/a AT&T Kansas
220 SE 6th St.
Topeka, KS. 66603

or to replacement addresses that may be later designated in writing.

SECTION 13. TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT.

This Contract franchise is granted solely to Grantee and shall not be transferred or assigned without the prior written approval of the City; provided that such transfer or assignment may occur without written consent of the City to: a wholly owned parent or subsidiary; between wholly owned subsidiaries; or, to an entity with which Grantee is under common ownership or control, upon written notice to the City. City and Grantee acknowledge that said City consent shall only be with regard to the transfer or assignment of this Contract franchise and that, in accordance with Kansas law, the City does not have the authority to require City approval of transfers of ownership or control of the business or assets of Grantee. In the event of any transfer or assignment of either this Contract franchise or Grantee's business or assets, Grantee shall: timely notify the City of the successor entity; provide a point of contact for the successor entity; and advise the City of the effective date of the transfer or assignment.

SECTION 14. CONFIDENTIALITY.

Information provided to the City pursuant to the terms of this Contract Franchise and/or K.S.A. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, shall be governed by confidentiality procedures in compliance with K.S.A. 45-215 and K.S.A. 66-1220a, et seq., and amendments thereto. Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all penalties or costs, including attorney's fees, arising from the actions of Grantee, or of the City at the written request of Grantee, in seeking to safeguard the confidentiality of information provided by Grantee to the City under this Contract franchise.

SECTION 15. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS.

Grantee shall have sixty (60) days after the final passage and approval of this Contract franchise to file with the City Clerk its acceptance in writing of the provisions, terms and conditions of this Contract franchise, which acceptance shall be duly acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths; and when so accepted, this Contract franchise and acceptance shall constitute a contract between the City and Grantee subject to the provisions of the laws of the State of Kansas.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Contract franchise and Ordinance shall take effect on the first day of the month after all of the following events have occurred: (1) approval by the governing body; (2) publication in the official City newspaper; and (3) acceptance by Grantee.

SECTION 17. PAYMENT OF PUBLICATION COSTS.

In accordance with Kansas Statute, Grantee shall be responsible for payment of all costs and expense of publishing this Contract franchise, and any amendments thereof.

SECTION 18. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, or section of this Contract franchise, or any portion thereof, shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder, as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part declared invalid; provided, however, the City or Grantee may elect to declare the entire Contract franchise is invalidated if the portion declared invalid is, in the judgment of the City or Grantee, an essential part of the Contract franchise.

SECTION 19. FORCE MAJEURE.

Each and every provision hereof shall be reasonably subject to acts of God, fires, strikes, riots, floods, war, terrorism and other disasters beyond Grantee's or the City's control.

SECTION 20. REPEAL.

City Ordinance No.15535, a contract franchise issued to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the term of which was extended by Ordinance Nos. 18547, 18791, 18929, 19027, 19118 and 19275 are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body on August 11, 2020.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk

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494 **ACCEPTANCE OF FRANCHISE ORDINANCE**
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496 To the Governing Body of the City of Topeka, Kansas
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498 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a/ AT&T Kansas, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby
499 accepts in writing the Ordinance and all rights and privileges therein granted, passed by the Governing
500 Body of the City of Topeka, Kansas, on the 11th day of August, 2020 entitled:
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502 AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, granting a nonexclusive contract franchise
503 agreement to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas for the provision of
504 telecommunications services in the City of Topeka, Kansas
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506 This acceptance is executed and filed as provided in Section 15 of this Ordinance, and Southwestern Bell
507 Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas, hereby agrees to all the terms and conditions of said
508 Ordinance.
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510 Dated this 17th day of August, 2020.
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513 By: [Signature]
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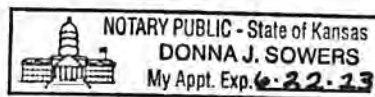
520 STATE OF Kansas
521 COUNTY OF Shawnee
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523 BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 17th day of August, 2020 before me a Notary Public in
524 and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared who is personally known and being by duly
525 sworn, did say that he/she executed the foregoing Acceptance, and acknowledged that execution was
526 his/her free and voluntary act.
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528 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my notarial seal the day and year
529 last above mentioned.
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531 [Signature]
532 Notary Public
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534 My Commission Expires: 6-22-23
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I, Brenda Younger, City Clerk of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of acceptance of Ordinance No. 20252 of which acceptance was filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 17th day of August, 2020, and is now recorded among the original records thereof, and that I am the keeper of the same.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said City, this 17th day of August, 2020.

Brenda Younger, City Clerk