

ORDINANCE NO. 4153-A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PERMIT TO CLARITY TELECOM, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CABLE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City's role as manager of public rights-of-way and easements and as a regulator of cable service requires it to maintain a fair and level playing field for all such service providers; and

WHEREAS, City and Clarity have determined that it is in the best interest of all parties, including the citizens of City, that Clarity be granted the right to construct and operate a cable system to provide cable services within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Muskogee has relied on Clarity's representations and has considered all information presented to it by Clarity, by City staff, and the public, and has determined that Clarity has the technical, legal and financial ability to construct and operate a cable system and to provide cable services; and

WHEREAS, based upon such representations, the City Council of Muskogee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to grant Clarity a non-exclusive permit to construct, install, maintain and operate a cable system in the City, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and applicable federal, state, and municipal statutes, regulations and ordinances, is consistent with the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MUSKOGEE THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED:

SECTION 1: Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this ordinance (the "Ordinance"), the following terms, phrases, words and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them below. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number:

(A) "Affiliate" means an entity which owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with Clarity.

(B) "Basic Cable" means the tier of Cable Service regularly provided to all Subscribers that includes the retransmission of local broadcast television signals.

(C) "Cable Service" means (i) the one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or other programming service, and (ii) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such Video Programming or other programming service.

(D) "Cable System" means a facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment or other equipment that

is designed to provide Cable Service or other service to Subscribers. Clarity's cable system will be a fiber to the home/business network within the City utilizing the latest GPON/XGS PON infrastructure. Services available over the Cable System will include an Internet Protocol video service that includes the channels and programs commonly offered in the video marketplace in the City, as well as an integrated over-the-top (OTT) marketplace providing consumers access to content from providers like Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu, HBO max, etc. In addition, the Cable System will be capable of delivering high speed, symmetrical, bi-directional Internet to residential customers ranging from 1 to 2 Gbps and upwards of 10 Gbps for business customers.

(E) "City" means the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation.

(F) "Clarity" means Clarity Telecom, LLC, or the lawful successor, transferee, or assignee thereof.

(G) "FCC" means Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.

(H) "Permit" means the initial authorization, or renewal thereof, issued by the City, regardless of whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, or otherwise, which authorizes construction and operation of the Cable System for the purpose of offering Cable Service or other service to Subscribers.

(I) "Person" means an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust corporation, or governmental entity.

(J) "Public Way" means the surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, parkway, way, lane, public way, drive, circle, or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by City in the Service Area which shall entitle City and Clarity to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System. "Public Way" also means any easement now or hereafter held by City within the Service Area for the purpose of public travel, or for utility or public service use dedicated for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of-way as shall within their proper use and meaning entitle City and Clarity to the use thereof for the purposes of installing or transmitting Clarity's Cable Service or other service over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, pedestals, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other related property or equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System.

(K) "Service Area" means the present municipal boundaries of the City and all areas annexed into the City in the future.

(L) "Subscriber" means a user of the Cable System who lawfully receives Cable Service with Clarity's express permission.

(M) "Video Programming" means programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

SECTION 2: Grant of Permit

2.1 **Grant; Build-Out Requirements.** City hereby grants to Clarity a nonexclusive Permit which authorizes Clarity to construct and operate a Cable System and offer Cable Service and other service in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, under, or in any manner connected with Public Ways within the Service Area and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, or along any Public Way and all extensions thereof and additions thereto, such poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, pedestals, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other related property or equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System. Nothing in this Permit shall be construed to prohibit Clarity from offering any service over its Cable System that is not prohibited by applicable law. Clarity shall build out the Cable System over a reasonable period of time, and provided that the City timely issues permits and other owners and users of critical infrastructure (such as utility poles) do not cause delay, not less than 50% build-out in two years and 90% build-out in three years to every residence (provided that there is a request for Cable Service from Clarity in such area and excluding any home subscribing to any satellite service) within the Service Area where there is a minimum density of at least thirty (30) residences per linear strand mile of cable as measured from Clarity's closest commercially reasonable tie-in point that is actively delivering Cable Service as of the date of such request for service. If such residence is located within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of Clarity's feeder cable, the Cable Service will be provided at Clarity's published rate for standard installations. Cable Service offered to Subscribers pursuant to this Article shall be conditioned upon Clarity having legal access to any such Subscriber's dwelling unit or other units wherein such Cable Service is provided. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit Clarity's ability to offer or provide bulk rate discounts or promotions.

2.2 **Term.** The Permit granted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be for a term of ten (10) years from the passed and adopted date of the Permit unless otherwise lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

2.3 **Acceptance.** Clarity shall accept the Permit granted pursuant hereto by signing this Ordinance and filing same with the City Clerk within sixty (60) days after the passage and final adoption of this Ordinance.

2.4 **Favored Nations.** In the event City enters into or has entered into a Permit of any kind with any Person other than Clarity to enter into the Public Ways for the purpose of constructing or operating a Cable System or providing Cable Service or video service to any part of the Service Area, the material provisions thereof shall be reasonably comparable to those contained herein, in order that one operator not be granted an unfair competitive advantage over another, and to provide all parties equal protection under the law.

If another provider of Cable Services, video services or other television services utilizing any system or technology requiring use of the Public Way in the Service Area, is lawfully authorized by any governmental entity or otherwise exempt from obtaining a permit as provided for in this Ordinance in order to provide such services, City hereby agrees that, upon a request from Clarity, as a matter of law, Clarity's Permit will be modified within thirty (30) days of the granting of such authorization or exemption for the purpose of establishing the same terms and

conditions as such person(s) on a competitively neutral basis. Except as specifically provided in this paragraph, neither City nor Clarity shall be permitted to take any unilateral action that materially changes the explicit mutual promises and covenants contained in this Permit, and any changes, modifications or amendments to this Permit must be made in writing, signed by City and Clarity.

2.5 **Change of Law.** In the event the federal, state or local law, rules or regulations are amended, modified or created that have the effect of modifying the terms and conditions of this Permit during the Term or any extension thereof, Clarity has the sole option to terminate this Permit upon ninety (90) days' notice to City. Nothing in this Permit shall impair the right of Clarity to terminate this Permit and, at Clarity's option, negotiate a renewal or replacement franchise, license, consent, certificate or other authorization with any appropriate government entity (such as the State of Oklahoma). To the extent that Clarity obtains an authorization to operate a network and serve customers under applicable laws in lieu of this Permit, Clarity shall have the right to terminate this Permit upon 90 days prior written notice to City.

2.6 **Renewal of Permit.** Prior to the end of the Permit term, City and Clarity agree to enter into good faith negotiations regarding the renewal, modification, and/or extension of this Permit.

SECTION 3: Standards of Service

3.1 **Conditions of Street Occupancy.** All transmission and distribution structures, poles, other lines, and equipment installed or erected by Clarity pursuant to the terms hereof shall be located so as to cause a minimum of interference with the proper use of Public Ways and with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who own property that adjoins any of such Public Ways. Clarity shall comply with all right-of-way and easement management ordinances and/or regulations enacted by City, including such ordinances and/or regulations enacted after the effective date of this Permit.

3.2 **Restoration of Public Ways.** If during the course of Clarity's construction, operation, or maintenance of the Cable System there occurs a disturbance of any Public Way by Clarity, it shall, at its expense, replace and restore such Public Way to a condition reasonably comparable to the condition of the Public Way existing immediately prior to such disturbance.

3.3 **Relocation at Request of Permitting Authority.** Upon its receipt of reasonable advance notice, Clarity shall, at its own expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the Public Way, or remove from the Public Way, any property of Clarity when lawfully required by City by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street abandonment, freeway and street construction, change or establishment of street grade, installation of sewers, drains, gas or water pipes, or any other type of structures or improvements by; City; but, Clarity shall in all cases have the right of abandonment of its property. If public funds are available to any company using such street, easement, or right of way for the purpose of defraying the cost of any of the foregoing, such funds shall also be made available to Clarity.

3.4 **Relocation at Request of Third Party.** Clarity shall, on the request of any Person holding a building or other structure moving permit issued by City, temporarily raise or lower its

wires to permit the moving of such building or other structure, provided: (a) the expense of such temporary raising or lowering of wires is paid by such Person, including, if required by Clarity, making such payment in advance; and (b) Clarity is given not fewer than ten (10) business days' advance written notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

3.5 **Trimming of Trees and Shrubbery.** Clarity shall have the authority to trim trees or other natural growth overhanging any of its Cable System in the Service Area so as to prevent branches from coming in contact with Clarity wires, cables, or other equipment. Clarity shall provide reasonable notice to the City and property owner prior to trimming trees or other natural growth overhanging any of its Cable System, and reasonably compensate City or property owner for any damages caused by such trimming.

3.6 **Safety Requirements.** Construction, installation, and maintenance of the Cable System shall be performed in an orderly and workmanlike manner. All such work shall be performed in substantial accordance with applicable FCC or other federal, state, and local regulations. The Cable System shall not unreasonably endanger or interfere with the safety of persons or property in the Service Area.

3.7 **Aerial and Underground Construction.** In those areas of the Service Area where all of the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone communications and electric services are underground, Clarity likewise shall construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities underground; provided that such facilities are actually capable of receiving Clarity's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's signal quality. In those areas of the Service Area where the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone communications and electric services are both aerial and underground, Clarity shall have the sole discretion to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities, or any part thereof, aerially or underground. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall require Clarity to construct, operate, and maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as subscriber taps, line extenders, system passive devices (splitters, directional couplers), amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this paragraph, in the event that all of the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone communications and electric services are placed underground after the effective date of this Ordinance, Clarity shall only be required to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities underground if it is given reasonable notice and access to the public utilities' facilities at the time that such are placed underground.

3.8 All construction, operation and placement of communication cables, wires, conduits, fiber optics, optical data and pipeline installation must comply with relevant ordinances in the Muskogee Code of Ordinances, including but not limited to those ordinances referencing application requirements, fees and permits, building codes and regulations, inspections, poles, wire and cables, towers and zoning unless otherwise directly excepted or otherwise regulated herein.

3.9 **Subscriber Charges for Extensions of Service.** No Subscriber shall be refused service arbitrarily. However, if an area does not meet the density requirements of this Ordinance, Clarity shall only be required to extend the Cable System to Subscribers in that area if the

Subscribers are willing to pay the capital costs of extending the Cable System. Clarity may require that such Subscribers pay the capital contribution for construction in advance. Subscribers also shall be responsible for any standard/non-standard installation charges to extend the Cable System from the tap to the residence.

3.10 **Pole Attachments.** Utility poles owned by City or an affiliated entity shall be available for use by Clarity. Clarity shall pay City the maximum cable services pole rental rate as determined by the rules of the FCC for the use of poles owned by City or its affiliate, but not to exceed the amount paid by any other Cable Service provider attaching to such poles pursuant to a current and effective pole agreement.

SECTION 4: Regulation by Permitting Authority

4.1 **Permit Fee.** During the term of this Permit, Clarity shall pay to City a fee equal to five percent (5%) of the gross revenues that Clarity and its affiliates collected from each subscriber to Clarity's Cable Services, and five percent (5%) of the portion of gross revenues from advertising which are defined below the fee ("Permit Fee"). The Permit Fee may be identified and passed through on any subscriber bill by Clarity, and all such fees collected will be forwarded to City quarterly and shall be due forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter.

(A) For purposes of this Permit, gross revenues are limited to the following:

- (1) recurring charges for Cable Services;
- (2) event-based charges for Cable Services, including but not limited to pay-per-view and video-on-demand charges;
- (3) rental of set top boxes and other Cable Services equipment;
- (4) service charges related to the provision of Cable Services, including, but not limited to, activation, installation, and repair;
- (5) administrative charges related to the provision of Cable Services, including, but not limited to, service order and service termination charges; and
- (6) amounts billed to Cable Services subscribers to recover the Permit Fee authorized by this section.

(B) For purposes of this Permit, gross revenues do not include:

- (1) uncollectible fees, provided that all or part of uncollectible fees which is written off as bad debt but subsequently collected, less expenses of collection, shall be included in gross revenues in the period collected;
- (2) late payment fees;
- (3) revenues from contracts for in-home maintenance service unless they relate solely to maintenance on equipment used only for the provisioning of Cable

Services and not for the provisioning of any other service provided by Clarity or its affiliates;

(4) amounts billed to Cable Services subscribers to recover taxes, fees or surcharges imposed upon Cable Services subscribers in connection with the provision of Cable Services, other than the Permit Fee authorized by this section;

(5) revenue from the sale of capital assets or surplus equipment; or

(6) charges, other than those described in subsection (A), that are aggregated or bundled with amounts billed to Cable Services subscribers.

(C) Gross revenues which are subject to the Permit Fee paid by Clarity additionally include a pro rata portion of all revenue collected by Clarity pursuant to compensation arrangements for advertising (less any commissions Clarity receives from any third parties for advertising) and home-shopping sales derived from the operation of Clarity's Cable System within the Service Area. Advertising commissions paid to third parties (excluding any refunds, rebates, or discounts the Company may make to advertisers) shall not be deducted from advertising revenue included in gross revenue. The allocation of advertising and home-shopping revenue referred to above shall be based on the number of subscribers in City divided by the total number of subscribers in relation to the relevant regional or national compensation arrangement.

(D) Bundling discounts shall be apportioned fairly among video and other services. Clarity shall not apportion revenue in such a manner as to avoid the Permit Fee.

(E) The Permit Fee shall not apply to Internet access or Internet-based telephone services offered by Clarity. If the FCC or any other federal or state governmental authority with jurisdiction to do so authorizes the collection of such a fee during the term of this Permit, then Clarity shall, upon reasonable notice of the imposition of such a fee by City that applies equally to all Internet access or Internet-based telephone service providers within the Service Area, commence remittance of a fee in the amount of not more than five percent (5%) of the gross revenues collected from the sale of such Internet access or Internet-based telephone services during the remaining term of this Permit; provided that City and Clarity agree to the specific amount in an amendment to this Ordinance/Permit. *This exclusion shall not apply to the payment of statutory "911" fees; such fees shall be collected and remitted by Clarity beginning the effective date of this Permit as required by applicable law.*

(F) In the event that any other video services provider, including but not limited to a cable operator or open video service provider, enters into any agreement or makes any arrangement with City during the term of this Permit whereby it is required or allowed to pay a fee to City that is similar to the Permit Fee described herein, this Permit shall be amended to allow Clarity to substitute the definition of "gross revenue" set forth in that agreement or arrangement for the definition of "gross revenue" set forth in this Permit immediately upon request of Clarity.

Clarity and City agree that the Permit Fee shall be in lieu of all other concessions, charges, excises, franchise, license, privilege, permit fees, taxes, or assessments except sales taxes, personal or real property taxes, and act valorem taxes.

4.2 **Rates and Charges.** City may not regulate the rates for the provision of Cable Service or other service, including, but not limited to, ancillary charges relating thereto, except as expressly provided herein and except as may be authorized pursuant to federal and state law. From time to time, and at any time, Clarity has the right to modify its rates and charges, at its discretion and without consent of City, including, but not limited to, the implementation of additional charges and rates; provided, however, that Clarity shall give notice to City of any such modifications or additional charges thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof.

4.3 **Conditions of Sale.** Except to the extent expressly required by federal or state law, if a renewal or extension of the Permit is denied or the Permit is lawfully terminated, and City either lawfully acquires ownership of the Cable System or by its actions lawfully effects a transfer of ownership of the Cable System to another party, any such acquisition or transfer shall be at a fair market value, determined on the basis of the Cable System valued as a going concern.

Clarity and City agree that in the case of a lawful revocation of the Permit, at Clarity's request, which shall be made in its sole discretion, Clarity shall be given a reasonable opportunity to effectuate a transfer of its Cable System to a qualified third party. City further agrees that during such a period of time, it shall authorize Clarity to continue to operate pursuant to the terms of its prior Permit; however, in no event shall such authorization exceed a period of time greater than six (6) months from the effective date of such revocation. If, at the end of that time, Clarity is unsuccessful in procuring a qualified transferee or assignee of its Cable System which is reasonably acceptable to City, Clarity and City may avail themselves of any rights they may have pursuant to federal or state law; it being further agreed that City's continued operation of its Cable System during the six (6)-month period shall not be deemed to be a waiver, nor an extinguishment of; any rights of either City or Clarity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this paragraph, neither City nor Clarity shall be required to violate federal or state law.

4.4 **Transfer of Permit.** All of the rights and privileges and all of the obligations, duties and liabilities created by this Permit shall pass to and be binding upon the successors of City and the successors and assigns of Clarity and the same shall not be assigned or transferred without the written approval of the City Council, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; provided, however, that this Section shall not prevent the assignment or hypothecation of the Permit by Clarity as security for debt without such approval; and provided further that transfers or assignments of this Permit between any parent and subsidiary corporation or between entities of which at least fifty percent (50%) of the beneficial ownership is held by the same person, persons, or entities which are controlled or managed by the same person, persons, or entities, shall be permitted without the prior approval of City ("intracompany transfers"). Clarity shall notify City in writing within thirty (30) days of the closing of such intracompany transfer.

SECTION 5: Compliance and Monitoring

5.1 **Books and Records.** Clarity agrees that City may review such of Clarity's books and records, during normal business hours and on a nondisruptive basis, as are reasonably necessary to monitor compliance with the financial terms hereof. Clarity's books and records shall be made available for such review by City within five (5) business days of City's request for review. Such records include, but are not limited to, any public records required to be kept by

Clarity pursuant to the rules and regulations of the FCC. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, Clarity shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. City agrees to treat any information disclosed to it by Clarity as confidential, to the extent not prohibited by law, and to disclose it only to employees, representatives, and agents of City that have a need to know, or in order to enforce the provisions hereof.

SECTION 6: Insurance, Indemnification, and Bonds or Other Surety

6.1 **Insurance Requirements.** Clarity shall maintain in full force and effect during the term of the Permit, at its own cost and expense, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000. Such insurance shall designate City as an additional insured to the liability limits imposed by the Oklahoma Governmental Tort Claims Act, 51 O.S. §151, *et seq.*

6.2 **Indemnification.** Clarity agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend City, its officers, boards and employees, from and against any liability for damages and for any liability or claims, in each case resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death) which arise out of Clarity's construction, operation or maintenance of its Cable System, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

6.3 **Bonds and other Surety.** Except as expressly provided herein, Clarity shall not be required to obtain or maintain bonds or other surety as a condition of being awarded the Permit or continuing its existence. City acknowledges that the legal, financial, and technical qualifications of Clarity are sufficient to afford compliance with the terms of the Permit and the enforcement thereof. Clarity and City recognize that the costs associated with bonds and other surety may ultimately be borne by the Subscribers in the form of increased rates for Cable Service or other service. In order to minimize such costs, City agrees to require bonds and other surety only in such amounts and during such times as there is a reasonably demonstrated need therefor. City agrees that in no event, however, shall it require a bond or other related surety in an aggregate amount greater than \$100,000 conditioned upon the substantial performance of the material terms, covenants, and conditions of the Permit. Initially, no bond or other surety shall be required. In the event that one is required in the future, City agrees to give Clarity at least sixty (60) days' prior written notice thereof stating the exact reason for the requirement. Such reason must demonstrate a change in Clarity's legal, financial, or technical qualifications which would materially prohibit or impair its ability to comply with the terms of the Permit or afford compliance therewith.

SECTION 7: Internet Access Service for Public Buildings; Emergency Alert

7.1 **Internet Access for Public Buildings.** In lieu of any public, educational or governmental video channels (PEG channels), during the term of this Permit, Clarity shall provide to City, at no charge, its fiber-based, bi-directional, symmetrical Internet service with speeds of up to 1 Gbps x 1 Gbps upload (without deprioritization or throttling) to one municipal public building location designated by the City in writing to Clarity (the "Public Building Service"). Installation costs and equipment charges relating to the Public Building Service shall be paid by Clarity up to a maximum of \$25,000. The Public Building Service shall be used solely for Internet access and not for any business or commercial use, any emergency system use, or any mission critical use. Accordingly, while Clarity shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the Public

Building Service is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, consistent with its own network availability, Clarity shall have no liability whatsoever to the City or otherwise under this Permit for any failure or unavailability of the Public Building Service. Buildout and availability of the Public Building Service shall occur concurrently with Clarity's planned buildout of the Cable System, but in any event as quickly as commercially practicable once the Cable System has been constructed in the immediate vicinity of such locations.

7.2 **Emergency Alert.** Clarity shall comply with the federal Emergency Alert System regulations (47 C.F.R. Part 11).

SECTION 8: Miscellaneous Provisions

8.1 **Preemption.** If the FCC or any other federal or state body or agency shall now or hereafter exercise any paramount jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Permit, then, to the extent such jurisdiction shall preempt and supersede or preclude the exercise of the like jurisdiction by City, the jurisdiction of City shall cease and no longer exist.

8.2 **Employment Requirements.** Clarity shall afford equal opportunity in employment to all qualified persons. No person shall be discriminated against in employment because of race, color, sex, religion, gender, national origin, age, familial status or disability. Clarity shall maintain and carry out a continuing program of specific practices designed to assure equal opportunity in every aspect of its employment policies and practices.

8.3 **Notice.** Unless otherwise provided by federal, state or local law, all notices, reports or demands pursuant to this Ordinance/Permit shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given upon delivery to a Person at the address set forth below, or by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, or by nationally or internationally recognized courier service (such as Federal Express). If questioned, the party sending a notice shall have the burden to prove receipt or rejection. Rejected notices shall be deemed delivered. The parties may designate such other address or addresses from time to time by giving notice to the other in the manner provided for in this section.

If to City: City Clerk
City of Muskogee
P.O. Box 1927
229 W. Okmulgee
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402

If to Clarity: Clarity Telecom, LLC
5100 S. Broadband Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Attn: Legal Notices

Copy to: Clarity Telecom, LLC
c/o Holland & Hart LLP
555 17th Street, Suite 3200
Denver, CO 80202

Attn: Susan Oakes, Esq.

8.4 **Descriptive Headings.** The captions to Sections contained herein are intended solely to facilitate the reading thereof. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the text herein.

8.5 **Severability.** If any Section, sentence, paragraph, term, or provision hereof is determined to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other Section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the Permit or any renewal or renewals thereof.

8.6 **Force Majeure.** Clarity shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the Permit, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by circumstances reasonably beyond the ability of Clarity to control. This provision includes, but is not limited to, severe or unusual weather conditions, fire, flood, or other acts of God, strikes, work delays caused by failure of utility providers to service, maintain or monitor their utility poles to which Clarity’s Cable System is attached, as well as unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MUSKOGEE CITY COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

By: _____
MARLON J. COLEMAN, MAYOR

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

TAMMY L. TRACY, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
2022.

By: _____
ROY TUCKER, City Attorney

ACCEPTANCE BY PERMIT HOLDER

Accepted this _____ day of _____, 2022, subject to applicable federal, state and local law.

CLARITY TELECOM, LLC

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____