

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE amending Section 5.17.575 of the Lincoln Municipal Code
2 relating to the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board to provide that the City Council
3 shall appoint a City Council member to serve as one of the eleven board members; and repealing
4 Section 5.17.575 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

5 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

6 Section 1. That Section 5.17.575 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to read
7 as follows:

8 **5.17.575 Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board.**

9 (a) The City may establish a Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board,
10 which shall consist of eleven members; ~~including a chairperson,~~ appointed by the Mayor, subject to
11 confirmation by majority vote of the City Council, for staggered three-year terms. ~~Present members~~
12 ~~of the Cable Advisory Board shall be deemed to be members of the initial Telecommunication/Cable~~
13 ~~Television Advisory Board established hereunder and shall serve until their present terms expire.~~
14 Board members shall be broadly representative of the City's population with diverse backgrounds
15 and a reasonable knowledge of telecommunications. The City Council shall appoint a City Council
16 member to serve as one of the eleven board members. No board member shall be employed by or
17 affiliated with a local telecommunication company in any way.

18 (b) The board's powers and functions shall include the following:

19 (1) Consider unresolved complaints and disagreements between franchisees, and
20 subscribers and/or users of a franchised communication facility subject to Lincoln Municipal Code
21 Chapter 5.15.

1 (2) Advise the City Council and Mayor regarding general policy issues of
2 community-wide interest relating to telecommunications and technology, including issues related
3 to cable television franchises, technology access, broadband availability, internet, Universal Service
4 Fund topics, wireless technologies, and appropriate regulation within the City’s authority regarding
5 telecommunication systems;

6 (3) At the request of the City Council or Mayor, make recommendations
7 regarding City initiatives that have an impact on cable television service, telecommunication
8 services, communication services and associated activities. Such initiatives may include, but are not
9 limited to, revenue, business incentives, cell towers managed by municipal providers, conduit policy,
10 fiber sharing policy, franchise requirements and services to low income and wireless services.

11 (4) Perform such other duties as the City Council and Mayor may from time to
12 time assign to the board.

13 Section 2. That Section 5.17.575 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing
14 be and the same is hereby repealed.

15 Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage
16 and publication in one issue of a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the City,
17 according to law.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2015: _____ Mayor
