

# Village of Lake Isabella - Codified Ordinances

## Article X – Utilities & Construction Chapter 1012 – METRO Act

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### **1012.01 PURPOSE**

The Purpose of this Chapter is to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers for their telecommunications facilities while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare and exercising reasonable control of the public rights-of-way in compliance with the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Ways Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002) (“Act”) and other applicable law, and to ensure that the Village qualifies for distributions under the Act by modifying the fees charged to providers and complying with the Act. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with the Act or other applicable law.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.03 TERMS DEFINED**

For the purposes of Chapter 1012 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Lake Isabella the following definitions shall apply;

Act means the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002), as amended from time to time.

Authority means the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Authority created pursuant to Section 3 of the Act.

MPSC means the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, and shall have the same meaning as the term “Commission” in the Act.

Permit means a non-exclusive permit issued pursuant to the Act and this chapter to a telecommunications provider to use the public rights-of-way in the Village for its telecommunications facilities.

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Person means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, governmental entity, or any other legal entity.

Public Right-of-Way means the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, alley, easement or waterway. Public right-of-way does not include a federal, state, or private right-of-way.

Telecommunication Facilities or Facilities means the equipment or personal property, such as copper and fiber cables, lines, wires, switches, conduits, pipes, and sheaths, which are used to or can generate, receive, transmit, carry, amplify, or provide telecommunication services or signals. Telecommunications facilities or facilities do not include antennas, supporting structures of antennas, equipment shelters or houses, and any ancillary equipment and miscellaneous hardware used to provide federally licensed commercial mobile service as defined in section 332 (d) of part I of title III of the communications act of 1934, chapter 652, 48 Stat. 1064, 47 U.S.C. 332 and further defined as commercial mobile radio service in 47 CFR 20.3, and service provided by any wireless, two-way communication device.

Telecommunications Provider, Provider and Telecommunications Services mean those terms as defined in Section 102 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2102. Telecommunication Provider does not include a person or an affiliate of that person when providing a federally licensed commercial mobile radio service as defined in Section 332 (d) of part I of the communications act of 1934, chapter 652, 48 Stat. 1064, 47 U.S.C. 332 and further defined as commercial mobile radio service in 47 CFR 20.3, or service provided by any wireless, two-way communication device. For the purpose of the Act and this ordinance only, a Provider also includes all of the following:

1. A cable television operator that provides a telecommunications service.
2. Except as otherwise provided by the Act, a person who owns telecommunication facilities located within a public right-of-way.
3. A person providing broadband Internet transport access service.

Village means the Village of Lake Isabella.

Village Council means the Village Council of the Village of Lake Isabella or its designee. This Section does not authorize delegation of any decision or function that is required by law to be made by the Village Council.

Village Manager means the Village Manager or his/her designee.  
**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.05 ISSUANCE OF PERMITS**

Permit Required. Except as otherwise provided in the Act, telecommunications provider using or seeking to use public rights-of-way in the Village for its telecommunications facilities shall apply for and obtain a permit pursuant to this chapter.

A. Application. Telecommunications providers shall apply for a permit on an application form approved by the MPSC in accordance with Section 6(1) of the Act. A

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telecommunications provider shall file one copy of the application with the Village Clerk, one copy with the Village Manager, and one copy with the Village Attorney. Upon receipt, the Village Clerk shall make 7 copies of the application and distribute a copy to the Planning Commission. Applications shall be complete and include all information required by the Act, including without limitation a route map showing the location of the provider's existing and proposed facilities in accordance with Section 6 (5) of the Act.

- B. *Confidential Information.* If a telecommunications provider claims that any portion of the route maps submitted by it as part of its application contain trade secret, proprietary, or confidential information, which is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, pursuant to Section 6 (5) of the Act, the telecommunications provider shall prominently so indicate on the face of each map.
- C. *Application Fee.* Except as otherwise provided by the Act, the application shall be accompanied by a one-time non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$500.00.
- D. *Additional Information.* The Village Manager may request an applicant to submit such additional information which the Village Manager deems reasonably necessary or relevant. The applicant shall comply with all such requests in compliance with the reasonable deadlines for such additional information established by the Village Manager. If the Village and the applicant cannot agree on the requirement of additional information requested by the Village, the Village or the applicant shall notify the MPSC as provided in Section 6 (2) of the Act.
- E. *Previously Issued Permits.* Pursuant to Section 5 (1) of the Act, authorizations or permits previously issued by the Village under Section 251 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2251 and authorizations or permits issued by the Village to telecommunications providers prior to the 1995 enactment of Section 251 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act but after 1985 shall satisfy the permit requirements of this chapter.
- F. *Existing Providers.* Pursuant to Section 5 (3) of the Act, within 180 days from November 1, 2002, the effective date of the Act, a telecommunications provider with facilities located in a public right-of-way in the Village as of such date, that has not previously obtained authorization or a permit under Section 251 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2251, shall submit to the Village an application for a permit in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. Pursuant to Section 5 (3) of the Act, a telecommunications provider submitting an application under this subsection is not required to pay the \$500.00 application fee required under subsection (c) above. A provider under this subsection shall be given up to an additional 180 days to submit the permit application if allowed by the Authority, as provided in Section 5 (4) of the Act.
- G. *Approval or Denial.* The authority to approve or deny an application for a permit is hereby delegated to the Village Manager. Pursuant to Section 15 (3) of the Act, the Village Manager shall approve or deny an application for a permit within forty-five days from the date a telecommunications provider files an application for a permit under Section 4 (b) of this ordinance for access to a public right-of-way within the Village. Pursuant to Section 6 (6) of the Act, the Village Manager shall notify the MPSC when the Village Manager has granted or denied a permit, including information regarding the date

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on which the application was filed and the date on which permit was granted or denied. The Village Manager shall not unreasonably deny an application for a permit.

- H. Form of Permit. If an application for permit is approved, the Village Manager shall issue a permit in the form approved by the MPSC, with or without additional or different permit terms, in accordance with Section 6 (1), 6 (2), and 15 of the Act.
- I. Conditions. Pursuant to Section 15 (4) of the Act, the Village Manager may impose conditions on the issuance of a permit, which conditions shall be limited to the telecommunications provider's access and usage of the public right-of-way.
- J. Bond Requirements. Pursuant to Section 15 (3) of the Act, and without limitation on subsection (c) above, the Village Manager may require that a bond be posted by the telecommunications provider as a condition of the permit. If a bond is required, it shall not exceed the reasonable cost to ensure that the public right-of-way is returned to its original condition during and after the telecommunications provider's access and use.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.07 CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ENGINEERING PERMIT**

A telecommunications provider shall not commence construction upon, over, across, or under the public rights-of-way in the Village without first obtaining a construction or engineering permit as required under this chapter, as amended, for construction within the public rights-of-way. No fee shall be charged for such a construction or engineering permit.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.09 CONDUIT OR UTILITY POLE**

Pursuant to Section 4 (3) of the Act, obtaining a permit or paying the fees required under the Act or under this chapter does not give a telecommunications provider a right to use conduit or utility poles.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.11 ROUTE MAPS**

Pursuant to Section 6 (7) of the Act, a telecommunications provider shall, within 90 days after the substantial completion of construction of new telecommunications facilities in the Village, submit route maps showing the location of the telecommunications facilities to both the MPSC and to the Village. The route maps should be in paper format unless and until the Commission determines otherwise, in accordance with Section 6 (8) of the Act.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.13 REPAIR OR DAMAGE**

Pursuant to Section 15 (5) of the Act, a telecommunications provider undertaking an excavation or construction or installing telecommunications facilities within a public right-of-way or temporarily obstructing a public right-of-way in the Village, as authorized by a permit, shall promptly repair all damage done to the street surface and all installations under, over, below, or within public right-of-way and shall promptly restore the public right-of-way to its preexisting condition.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

**1012.15 MAINTENANCE FEE**

In addition to the non-refundable application fee paid to the Village set forth in subsection 4 (d) above, a telecommunications provider with telecommunications facilities in the Village's public right-of-way shall pay an annual maintenance fee to the Authority pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

**1012.17 MODIFICATION OF EXISTING FEES**

In compliance with the requirements of Section 13 (1) of the Act, the Village hereby modifies, to the extent necessary, any fees charged to telecommunications providers after November 1, 2002, the effective date of the Act, relating to access and usage of the public rights-of-way, to an amount not exceeding the amounts of fees and charges required under the Act, which shall be paid to the Authority. In compliance with the requirements of Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Village also hereby approves modification of the fees of providers with telecommunication facilities in public rights-of-way within the village's boundaries, so that those providers pay only those fees required under Section 8 of the Act. The Village shall provide each telecommunications provider affected by the fee with a copy of this ordinance, in compliance with the requirement of Section 13 (4) of the Act. To the extent any fees are charged telecommunications providers in excess of the amounts permitted under the Act, or which are otherwise inconsistent with the Act, such imposition is hereby declared to be contrary to the Village's policy and intent, and upon application by a provider or discovery by the Village, shall be promptly refunded as having been charged in error.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

**1012.19 SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Pursuant to Section 13 (5) of the Act, if Section 8 of the Act is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the modification of fees under Section 11 above shall be void from the date the modification was made.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

**1012.21 USE OF FUNDS**

Pursuant Section 9 (4) of the Act, all amounts received by the Village from the Authority shall be used by the Village solely for rights-of-way related purposes. In conformance with the requirement, all funds received by the Village from the Authority shall be deposited into the Major Street Fund and/or the Local Street Fund maintained by the Village under Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

**1012.23 ANNUAL REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 10 (5) of the Act, the Village Manager shall file an annual report with the Authority on the use and disposition of funds annually distributed by the Authority.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

**1012.25 CABLE TELEVISION OPERATORS**

Pursuant to Section 13 (6) of the Act, the Village shall not hold a cable television operator in default or seek any remedy for its failure to satisfy an obligation, if any, to pay

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after November 1, 2002, the effective date of this Act, a franchise fee or similar fee on that portion of gross revenues from charges the cable operator received for cable modem services provided through broadband internet transport access services.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.27 EXISTING RIGHTS**

Pursuant to Section 4 (2) of the Act, except as expressly provided herein with respect to fees, this ordinance shall not affect any existing rights that a telecommunications provider or the Village may have under a permit issued by the village or under a contract between the Village and a telecommunications provider related to the use of the public rights-of-way.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.29 CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Village hereby declares that its policy and intent in adopting this ordinance is to fully comply with the requirements of the Act, and the provisions hereof should be construed in such a manner as to achieve that purpose. The Village shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the Act, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Exempting certain route maps from the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231,215.246, as provided in Section 4(c) of this ordinance;
- B. Allowing certain previously issued permits to satisfy the permit requirements of this chapter, in accordance with Section 4 (f) of this ordinance;
- C. Allowing existing providers additional time in which to submit an application for a permit, and excusing such providers from the \$500 application fee, in accordance with Section 4 (g) of this ordinance;
- D. Approving or denying an application for a permit within forty-five (45) days from the date a telecommunications provider files an application for a permit for access to and usage of a public rights-of-way within the Village, in accordance with Section 5 (a) of this ordinance;
- E. Notifying the MPSC when the Village has granted or denied a permit, in accordance with Section 5 (a) of this ordinance;
- F. Not unreasonably denying an application for a permit, in accordance with Section 5 (a) of this ordinance;
- G. Issuing a permit in the form approved by the MPSC, with or without additional or different permit terms, as provided in Section 5 (b) of this chapter;
- H. Limiting the conditions imposed on the issuance of a permit to the telecommunications provider's access and usage of the public right-of-way, in accordance with Section 5 (c) of this ordinance;
- I. Not requiring a bond of a telecommunications provider which exceeds the reasonable cost to ensure that the public right-of-way is returned to its original condition during and after the telecommunication provider's access and use, in accordance with Section 5 (d) of this ordinance;

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- J. Not charging any telecommunication providers any additional fees for construction permits, in accordance with Section 6 of this ordinance;
- K. Providing each telecommunications provider affected by the Village's right-of-way fees with a copy of this ordinance, in accordance with Section 11 of this ordinance;
- L. Submitting an annual report to the Authority, in accordance with chapter 1012.23 of this chapter; and not holding a cable television operator in default for a failure to pay certain franchise fees, in accordance with chapter 1012.25 of this chapter.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**

### **1012.31 RESERVATION OF POWERS AND VIOLATIONS**

Pursuant to Section 15 (2) of the Act, this chapter shall not limit the Village's right to review and approve a telecommunication provider's access to an ongoing use of a public right-of-way or limit the Village's authority to ensure and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

A person who violates any provision of this chapter or the terms or conditions of a permit is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and shall be subject to the fee schedule set forth by chapter 222 of the Village of Lake Isabella Codified Ordinances. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Village in the event of a violation by a person of this chapter or a permit.

**(Ord. 2002-01, Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002)**