

Ordinance Summary

Ordinance No. 147

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS (“MIDCONTINENT”) TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SCANDIA, MINNESOTA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.

On November 19, 2013, the City of Scandia, Minnesota (“City”) adopted an Ordinance granting a Cable Television Franchise to Midcontinent. The Ordinance serves two purposes. First, it is intended to provide for and specify the means to attain the best possible cable service for the public by providing requirements for cable with respect to technical standards, customer service obligations, and related matters. Second, it grants a non-exclusive cable franchise to Midcontinent to operate, construct and maintain a cable system within the City and contains specific requirements for Midcontinent to do so.

The Ordinance includes the following: 1) requires Midcontinent to maintain a 750 MHz capacity cable system; 2) imposes on Midcontinent a franchise fee of five percent (5%) of Midcontinent’s annual gross revenues; 3) establishes a franchise term of fifteen (15) years; 4) provides a list of public buildings entitled to receive complimentary cable service; 5) requires Midcontinent to dedicate channel capacity for public, educational and governmental programming and provides capital support of such channels; 6) mandates customer service standards regarding Midcontinent’s provision of cable services; and 7) requires a performance bond to enforce Midcontinent’s compliance with the Ordinance.

A printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at City Hall or by standard or electronic mail.