# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2019-160 – authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission Service Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("MCImetro") for the purpose of MCImetro installing, maintaining, and operating facilities for communications related capabilities within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements of such use of City property.

**MEETING DATE**
December 2, 2019

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Public Works

**ATTACHMENTS**
CB2019-160 Ordinance; Rights-of-Way Use Agreement for Communications Facilities

**REVIEWED BY**
Dept. Head: David Hertzberg; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Interim City Manager: Dan Pekarek

**SUMMARY**
Council Bill 2019-160 authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with MCImetro for the purpose of MCImetro installing, maintaining, and operating facilities for communications related capabilities within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements of such use of City property.

**BACKGROUND**
The City adopted the Rights-of-Way Management Code on May 6, 2019. The City's Rights-of-Way Use Agreement for Communications Facilities with MCImetro is an agreement produced under the ROW Management Code. MCImetro will maintain 19,846 linear feet of underground facilities and pay a linear foot fee of $6,350.72 per month. The agreement is for a term of 10 years.

**FUNDING SOURCE**
N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an Ordinance dealing with a public improvement, within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

# Exhibit A
# MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Rights-of-Way Use Agreement

## RIGHTS-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

**THIS RIGHTS-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES** ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined in Section 11.1), by and between, **MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.**, a Delaware corporation, **d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services**, registered to do business in Missouri (the "Licensee"), and the **City of Joplin, Missouri**, a municipality of the State of Missouri (the "City"). Licensee and City may sometimes be referred to in this Agreement individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

**WHEREAS**, Licensee has requested consent from the City to authorize its use of the City's Rights-of-Way to construct, install, maintain, and operate facilities for communications or related capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri law provides conditions relating to the City's consent to, and authorizes the City to regulate the use and occupancy of its Rights-of-Way ("Rights-of-Way" or "ROW") for placement of various communications facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to and has established standards for occupancy of the Rights-of-Way by communications facilities and other uses that are consistent with and recognize the Public Service Commission's duties and jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Licensee desire to enter into this Agreement, to establish the terms of Licensee's use of the Rights-of-Way, and to incorporate the provisions and definitions of the ROW Code (as defined in Section 1.2); and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Licensee desire to compromise, resolve, and settle their disputes regarding unpaid ROW compensation amounts due and payment obligations of the Licensee for the 19,846 linear feet of Facilities represented by the Licensee as currently being within the City's ROW, and any tax credit or other credits Licensee claims as any offset to such amounts claimed owed for past use of the City's Rights-of-Way by Licensee and its predecessor entities (the "Dispute"), and a settlement and release relating to that the Dispute between the City and Licensee is contained within Licensee's ROW Use Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

### SECTION 1. GENERAL

**1.1 Preservation of Police Power Authority.** Any rights granted to Licensee pursuant to this Agreement are subject to the authority of the City to adopt and enforce ordinances necessary to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**1.2 Defined Terms.** For purposes of this Agreement, the capitalized terms shall have the meanings as set forth herein and in the Code of Ordinances, City of Joplin, Missouri, including specifically Article VI of Chapter 106, and as may be amended ("ROW Code"). Words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the single number include the plural number,

and words in the plural number include the singular. The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory, and "may" is permissive. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. The following additional capitalized terms shall also apply to this Agreement:

A. "**Communications**" The transmission via the Facilities, in whole or in part, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing (e.g., data, video, voice), without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received, regardless of the statutory or regulatory scheme to which such transmissions may be subject.

B. "**Communications Service**" The transmission of writing, signs, signals, pictures, sounds or other forms of intelligence through wire, wireless or other means, including, but not limited to, any "telecommunications service," "enhanced service," "information service," or "Internet Service," as such terms are now, or may in the future, be defined under applicable law, and including all instrumentalities, Facilities, apparatus (Communications Facilities), and services (among other things, the receipt, forwarding, and delivery of Telecommunications) incidental to such transmission or designed to directly or indirectly facilitate or accept such transmission and shall also include "video services" as defined in § 67.2677 RSMo. The term "Communications Service" does not include the rental of conduit or physical facilities, which if proposed must be expressly separately approved in Exhibit A below or sought directly by such third party from City. Any party seeking to provide cable television, video services, or use wireless communication facilities shall be subject to additional and separate requirements, limitations and/or approvals of federal, state and local law and shall have on file with the City such authorization to provide such services prior to commencement.

**1.3 Agreement Subject to Provisions of ROW Code.** This Agreement fully incorporates the provisions of the ROW Code as if fully set forth herein, and Licensee agrees as a part of this Agreement to abide by the provisions of the ROW Code and other applicable ordinances and law of the City as a ROW User, and to be subject to the enforcement by the City as provided therein and in this Agreement as a material term herein. This Agreement may establish Licensee obligations that are supplementary to the ROW Code, but nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive any obligation or requirement applicable to Licensee authorized or established by the ROW Code. The consent to use the Rights-of-Way authorized by this Agreement is subject to the continuing accuracy during the term of this Agreement of the application information provided by and maintained by Licensee for this authorization as provided to and on file with the City.

## SECTION 2. GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO USE THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

**2.1 Agreements Non-Exclusive.** This Agreement shall grant nonexclusive privileges to use the Rights-of-Way. The City specifically reserves the right to grant, at any time, such additional agreements or other rights to use the Rights-of-Way for any purpose and to any other person, including itself, as it deems appropriate, subject to applicable federal and state law. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Licensee from its obligations to apply for and obtain all necessary permits for installation of its Facilities including excavation, building, electrical, zoning, etc., before installation of its Facilities within the Rights-of-Way.

**2.2 Nature of Rights Granted by this Agreement.** This Agreement shall not convey title to Licensee, equitable or legal in the Rights-of-Way, and gives only the right to occupy the City's Rights-of-Way for the purposes and for the period stated in this Agreement and subject to the requirements of this Agreement. This Agreement also shall not grant the right to use Facilities owned or controlled by the City or a third-party, without the separate consent of the City or such third-party owning or controlling the Facilities, nor shall it excuse Licensee from obtaining appropriate access or pole attachment agreements before locating on Facilities controlled or owned by the City or a third-party.

**2.3 Grant.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the ROW Code, and the conditions set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Agreement, Licensee is hereby granted the nonexclusive right and privilege to construct, operate, and maintain Facilities in, through, over, above, and along the City's Rights-of-Way for the purposes of supplying **Communications Service** within the City, subject, however, to the terms and conditions herein set forth within this Agreement and the Row Code and all such special conditions as may be set forth in Exhibit A. Licensee agrees that this Rights-of-Way Use Agreement shall supersede any existing franchise or other rights-of-way use agreement between the Licensee and the City, if any. As a condition of this grant, Licensee is required to obtain and maintain any permit, license certification, grant, registration or any other authorization lawfully required by any appropriate governmental entity, including, but not limited to, the City, the Federal Communications Commission, or the Missouri Public Service Commission. Licensee shall not have the right to install wireless antennae or antennae support structures in the ROW pursuant to this Agreement, nor provide services not authorized herein, except as provided in Exhibit A, or such subsequent amendment as may be approved thereto. The size, location, and specifications of the underground and above-ground Facilities are subject to prior City approval and consent. In the event that the use of the Rights-of-Way is proposed to change or Licensee desires to provide services other than as described herein, Licensee shall be required to seek amendment hereto prior to commencing such service or changed use.

**2.4 Use of Rights-of-Way; Police Powers; Licensee's Use Subordinate.** The Licensee shall construct and maintain its Facilities in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and ordinances, including all permit requirements, and fee payments, in effect as of the Effective Date or adopted after the Effective Date, to the extent such are not in contravention of applicable law. The City makes no express or implied representation or warranty regarding its rights to authorize the installation or construction of Licensee's Facilities on any particular segment of Rights-of-Way. The burden and responsibility for making all such determinations in advance of construction or installation shall be entirely upon Licensee. The use of the Rights-of-Way authorized by this Agreement shall in all matters be subordinate to the City's use of, and rights to, the same and Licensee shall be limited to such uses as have been expressly granted to Licensee by the City. Licensee shall excavate in or install Facilities in the Rights-of-Way in locations and in a manner only as authorized by a permit granted by the City. Licensee shall further be subject to the City's exercise of its powers, including but not limited to its administration and regulation related to the management of the Rights-of-Way exercised in a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory reasonable manner.

**2.5 No Interference.** Licensee shall construct and maintain its Facilities to be so located, constructed, and maintained as to avoid interference with the proper use of all Rights-of-Ways and so as not to materially or without authority interfere with other users of the Rights-of-Way. Except as may otherwise be provided, the Licensee shall reasonably notify all residents and properties materially affected by the proposed work prior to commencement of such work. All construction and maintenance by Licensee or its subcontractors shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted industry standards and all standard specifications, drawings, and procedures required or approved by the City.

**2.6 Notification, Joint Installation, and Collocation Requirements.** Licensee shall, prior to any excavation or installation within the Rights-of-Way, provide sufficient notification and joint installation opportunity on a shared-cost basis to potential users of the Rights-of-Way under such generally applicable written policy or direction as may be established by the City. Licensee shall further make its installed Facilities available to other licensees on a nondiscriminatory competitively neutral basis as may be required by federal law codified at 47 U.S.C. § 224.

**2.7 Licensee Responsible for Costs.** The Licensee shall be responsible for all reasonable, lawfully reimbursable, documented costs incurred by the City that are directly associated with its installation, maintenance, repair, operation, use, and replacement of its Facilities within the Rights-of-Way, that are not otherwise accounted for as part of the permit fee established pursuant to the ROW Code and not contrary to any applicable requirements of Sections 67.1830 to 67.1846 RSMo. All such costs shall be itemized and the City's books and records related to these costs shall be made available upon request to the Licensee. Licensee shall be responsible for its own costs incurred removing or relocating its Facilities when required to do so by the City due to the City requirements relating to maintenance and use of the Rights-of-Way as set forth in Section 7.6, below.

## SECTION 3. TERM, COMPENSATION, AND SETTLEMENT

**3.1 Term.** This Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing for **Ten years from the Effective Date** and subject to earlier termination or forfeiture as provided for elsewhere in this Agreement.

**3.2 Compensation.** The Licensee agrees to pay the User Fees and such other compensation in the amount and under such additional regulations and provisions as are set forth in the City's policies and ordinances. Unless otherwise established by the City Council, Licensee shall pay to the City as monthly compensation for the use of the Rights-of-Way pursuant to this executed Agreement:

a. Linear Foot Fee: one thousand dollars ($1,000.00)/month for the first (1st) mile of linear Facilities, or part thereof, plus a monthly payment of $0.16 per linear foot for each additional linear foot of Facilities located in the Rights-of-Way, with the User Fee being capped at eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00)/month for each user; and

provided that all Right-of-Way Users shall be entitled to a credit against the User Fee due hereunder equal to the payment(s) from such Right-of-Way User in accordance with Section

67.1846 RSMo.; provided, however, such credit cannot exceed the amount due under this subsection and may not be carried forward or back to any other time period and a credit shall not apply to any taxes paid under protest or otherwise paid with qualification unless so required by law. Unless otherwise provided by law, including lawful action of the Council, the User Fee herein shall increase by two percent (2%) per year during the term of this Agreement (and annually thereafter if the term is extended without a change in this provision).

Licensee represents that it currently has 19,846 linear feet of Facilities and 0 antennas installed in City Rights-of-Way ("Existing Facilities"), as depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein. Licensee has also represented to the City that the Facilities described in the application submitted to the City on September 3, 2019 (the "Application") (19,846 linear feet) are the only Facilities that Licensee has within the City's Rights-of-Way, which Facilities are depicted on Exhibit B. If it is discovered that Licensee has underrepresented the total Facilities within the Rights-of-Way, or otherwise has additional Facilities therein, Licensee shall owe the City for such amount pursuant to the City's Code, including but not limited to § 106-142 on such additional Facilities from May 1, 2019 and thereafter, or such later date if installed after that date. The actual authorized installation shall be limited to that which has received approved permits from the City and the User Fee shall be paid based on the sum of the actual linear foot of Facilities installed and any additional linear foot approved by permit for installation. All User Fees shall be due and payable every month of each calendar year within thirty (30) days after the end of each such month for which the payment is owed. Each User Fee payment shall be accompanied by an affidavit, signed as true, which may be sent electronically in advance of payment, stating the greatest total linear feet of Facilities located in the Rights-of-Way during the preceding month, the total amount of antennas located in the Rights-of-Way, any credit taken for gross receipt taxes or business license fees paid to the City, and the payment of the User Fee made. If any fee statement is determined to understate the User Fee owed, then such additional amount owed shall be made with a corrected statement, including interest on said amount as provided herein. Any payments due to the City hereunder and not paid at the due date shall bear interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, unless such other maximum rate is established by law. On an annual basis by January 31, Licensee shall submit an affidavit certifying as true each statement submitted for the previous twelve (12) months, including the statement for the immediately preceding December. If any statement for the previous twelve (12) months was incorrect, a corrected statement shall be submitted with the affidavit. If an incorrect fee statement understated the User Fee owed, then such additional amount owed, including with interest on said amount as provided herein, shall be submitted with the affidavit. Licensee's credit to the User Fee as authorized above shall be calculated based upon gross receipt taxes paid and attributable to gross receipts received for the same months in which the User Fee is attributable. The User Fee required in this Section shall be paid by Licensee as required herein without offset, credit, refund, or deduction except for such credit as is expressly provided for above for gross receipts taxes paid. Licensee may make the User Fee and eligible tax payment that is subject to credit above all as a single combined payment or in separate payments, and may also send a combined statement or separate monthly statements meeting the applicable requirements.

**3.3 User Fee Not a Tax.** The above required User Fee and other compensation required herein 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, except as may be provided for in the ROW Code, herein, and as set forth in § 67.1846. Licensee acknowledges that

the User Fee is compensation for use of the Rights-of-Way, both underground and above ground, and shall in no way be deemed a tax of any kind.

**3.4 Settlement Payment and Release For Past Right-of-Way User Fees.** Licensee will pay to the City on or before December 20, 2019, the amount of $43,238.53 as payment ("Settlement Payment") in full for its and its predecessor entities' use of the Rights-of-Way for the linear footage represented by Licensee in the Application up to and including November 30, 2019. The Settlement Payment shall be non-refundable and shall not be subject to credit or offset. Licensee's agreement to make this payment and City's agreement to accept this payment to settle the Dispute shall not constitute or be considered an admission of liability or wrongdoing (including, without limitation, noncompliance with permitting requirements), or an agreement as to the validity of any of the positions advanced by the other regarding the Dispute. Each Party agrees, on behalf of itself and its past, present, and future employees, officers, directors, attorneys, shareholders, representatives, predecessors, successors, permitted assigns, subsidiaries, parents, and partners absolutely, unconditionally, completely, and without reservation, to release, acquit, irrevocably remise, and forever discharge the other Party and its respective past, present, and future employees, officers, directors, attorneys, shareholders, representatives, predecessors, successors, permitted assigns, parents, and partners of and from any and all manner of claims, counterclaims, costs, expenses, demands, rights, liabilities, damages, potential actions, causes of action, suits, judgments, decrees, retroactive adjustments or refunds, interest, late payment charges, fines, bonds, bills, and controversies of any kind and nature whatsoever, at law, in equity, or otherwise including, without limitation, claims based on specific or punitive damages, whether known or unknown, arising from the Dispute, provided nothing herein shall be deemed to release any claim to enforce this Agreement, and any other lawful obligation of Licensee to City or City to Licensee not released herein, including but not limited to such obligations of taxes or regulatory compliance to City as a governmental entity. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, although they may hereafter discover law or facts in addition to or different from those which they know or believe to be true as of the Effective Date related to the Dispute, it is their intention with respect to each other, to settle and release the Dispute fully, finally, and forever; and, in furtherance of such intention, the releases shall be and remain in effect notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different facts or law; provided nothing herein shall release Licensee from any obligations relating to payment or otherwise for linear feet of Facilities beyond those disclosed in Paragraph 3.2 (the "Existing Facilities" disclosed in 3.2). The Parties may have other disputes between them, known or unknown, that are not settled or released herein. Nothing in this Agreement binds or can bind any entity other than those named above, except as to any predecessor entities pursuant to which the Dispute has arisen. Each Party warrants and represents that it has not assigned, transferred, or conveyed all or any portion of the claims covered by this Agreement and that this warranty and representation is an essential and material term of this Agreement, without which it would not have entered into it.

## SECTION 4. TAXES

**4.1 Taxes.** The Licensee agrees to pay all legally applicable taxes including license taxes, business taxes, utility taxes, video services provider fees, and other applicable taxes of the City and failure to pay such taxes shall be considered a breach of this Agreement. Nothing herein is intended to alter, amend, modify or expand the taxes that may be lawfully assessed on Licensee's business activities under applicable law. Licensee shall be subject to audit and shall itemize by

category of service the amount received and taxes paid for services provided by Facilities in the Rights-of-Way. Such taxes shall be in addition to compensation, if any, required by the City by ordinance or otherwise subject to any limitations herein and of applicable state or federal law.

## SECTION 5. TRANSFER OF AGREEMENT OR FACILITIES

**5.1 Transfer of Agreement.** Unless otherwise prohibited by law, Licensee shall not sell, transfer, lease, or assign this Agreement or its rights under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without obtaining the City's prior consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Licensee may sell, transfer, lease or assign this Agreement or its rights under this Agreement, in whole or in part, with prior thirty (30) days' written notice to the City if to: (a) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with Licensee; (b) any surviving successor entity or newly created successor entity in the event of a merger, reorganization or consolidation involving Licensee. The City reserves the right to be reimbursed for its reasonable costs relating to a transfer of ownership or this Agreement. Licensee shall not change its name under which it does business with the public without providing at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the City.

**5.2 Agreement Binding.** In the event of a sale, transfer, assignment or any other transaction Licensee may enter into that involves transfer of Licensee's rights, duties, and privileges under this Agreement, all provisions of this Agreement that are obligatory upon, or that inure to the benefit of Licensee, shall also be obligatory upon and shall inure to the benefit of any and all successors and assigns of Licensee. Further, all obligations, duties, liabilities, limitations, prohibitions, amendments and forfeitures by this Agreement created or imposed upon Licensee shall be binding upon and be assumed, kept and performed by its legal and bona fide assigns and successors in interest, according to the true intent and purpose of this Agreement, whether expressly so stated or not.

**5.3 Sale or Lease of Facilities.** Except as otherwise may be provided by law, Licensee shall not lease, sell, sublet or otherwise transfer possession or control or use of the Facilities, or any portion thereof, for any purpose to any person that has not obtained a duly issued Agreement, or other grant by the City to use the Rights-of-Way and which includes the authority to use or maintain such leased or transferred Facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Licensee may use and maintain Licensee's installed Facilities for the benefit of its customers of its Communications Services provided that any such customer shall have no right of physical access to the Facilities in the ROW without a separate agreement with the City.

## SECTION 6. FORFEITURE OF LICENSE AND PRIVILEGE.

**6.1 Forfeiture.** In case of material failure on the part of the Licensee, its successors and assigns, to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of any applicable law, or if the Licensee, its successors and assigns, should do or cause to be done any act or thing prohibited by or in violation of the terms of this Agreement, including the provisions of the ROW Code, or if the Licensee loses authority to provide its Communication Services or do business within the City under applicable law, or if the Licensee, its successors and assigns, shall forfeit all rights and privileges permitted herein, and all rights hereunder shall cease, terminate, and become null and void, provided that said forfeiture shall not take effect until the

City shall carry out the following proceedings: before the City proceeds to forfeit this Agreement, it shall first serve a written notice upon the Licensee, setting forth in detail the neglect or failure complained of, and the Licensee shall have thirty (30) days thereafter in which to cure the default by complying with the conditions of this Agreement. If at the end of such thirty (30) day period the City determines that the conditions have not been complied with, unless said material default could not have been cured within said thirty (30) day period by Licensee exercising reasonable diligence and Licensee is exercising diligence to cure said default, the City shall take action by an affirmative vote of the City Council present at the meeting and voting, at which Licensee may appear and be heard, to terminate the Agreement; setting out the grounds upon which said Agreement is to be canceled or terminated. Nothing herein shall prevent the City from taking any other action or remedy as may be set forth in the City's ordinances, or as may otherwise exist at law. All remedies described in this Section are cumulative and in addition to any other rights and remedies to which City may be entitled at law, in equity or under this Agreement.

## SECTION 7. GENERAL CONDITIONS

**7.1 Compliance With Laws.** In performing activities and exercising its rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Licensee shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, all laws, ordinances, zoning, and other regulations and policies relating to construction, bonding, insurance, and use of public property.

**7.2 Insurance.** In addition to the requirements of Section 106-148 of the ROW Code, except as may be prohibited by law, Licensee shall provide, at its sole expense, and maintain during the term of this Agreement commercial general liability insurance with a reputable, qualified, and financially sound company licensed to do business in the State of Missouri, and unless otherwise approved by the City, with a rating by Best of not less than "A," that shall protect the Licensee, the City, and the City's officials, officers, and employees from claims which may arise from operations under this Agreement, whether such operations are by the Licensee, its officers, directors, employees and agents, or any subcontractors of Licensee. This liability insurance shall include, but shall not be limited to, protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury and damage to property, resulting from all Licensee operations, products, services or use of automobiles, or construction equipment. The amount of insurance for Single Limit Coverage applying to Bodily and Personal Injury and Property Damage shall be at least $2,804,046, but in no event less than the individual and combined sovereign immunity limits established by § 537.610 RSMo., or its successor, for political subdivisions; provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to waive the City's sovereign immunity. An endorsement shall be provided which states that the City is named as an additional insured with full and equivalent coverage as the insured under the insured's policy and stating that the policy shall not be cancelled or materially modified so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this Section, or not renewed without thirty (30) days' advance written notice of such event being given to the Director. The City's additional insured coverage shall have no deductible. **The insurance requirements in this Section or otherwise shall not apply to Licensee to the extent and for such period during this Agreement as Licensee is exempted from such requirements pursuant to § 67.1830(6)(a) RSMo. and has on file with the City Clerk an affidavit certifying that Licensee has twenty-five million dollars in net assets and the facts otherwise establishing that Licensee is therefore so exempted and**

**provided that this exemption shall not apply if Licensee uses or obtains the right to use any City poles or other facilities.**

7.3 **Construction Guarantee and Maintenance.** Licensee agrees that it shall be responsible to guarantee for a period of four years the restoration of the Rights-of-Way in the area where such Licensee conducted excavation and performed the restoration minimally as required by § 67.1834 RSMo. A bond, letter of credit or other surety (collectively "Surety") in the form approved by the City shall be posted if required by the City to guarantee construction performance. **Surety shall not be required to the extent and for such period during this Agreement as Licensee is exempted from such requirements pursuant to § 67.1830(6)(a) RSMo. and has on file with the City Clerk an affidavit certifying that Licensee has twenty-five million dollars in net assets and the facts otherwise establishing that Licensee is therefore so exempted and provided that this exemption shall not apply if Licensee uses or obtains the right to use any City poles or other facilities.** Licensee shall also be responsible for maintenance of its Facilities and any and all damage caused to the Rights-of-Way, equipment within the Rights-of-Way, or otherwise by Licensee's use of the Rights-of-Way.

7.4 **Enforcement; Attorneys' Fees.** The City shall be entitled to enforce this Agreement through all remedies lawfully available, and Licensee shall pay the City its costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in the event that Licensee is determined judicially to have violated the terms of this Agreement.

7.5 **Relationship of the Parties.** Under no circumstances shall this Agreement be construed as one of agency, partnership, joint venture, or employment between the Parties.

7.6 **Relocation or Removal of Facilities.**

7.6.1 In addition to the requirements of Section 106-147 of the ROW Code, the City may in its exercise of the public interest require that Licensee, at Licensee's sole cost and expense, relocate, adjust, or reinstall any of its Licensee's Facilities. The City shall give reasonable notice of such requirement to Licensee, including the location of Facilities to be relocated and a reasonable time to relocate such Facilities. Licensee shall forthwith remove, adjust, or relocate such Facilities within the reasonable time provided by the City in its written notice. The cost of such relocation, removal, or reinstallation of the Facilities shall be the exclusive obligation of said Licensee without expense to the City. If any Facilities are not relocated in accordance with this Section and within the reasonable time frames required by the City, the City or its contractors may relocate the Facilities and the Licensee and its surety shall be jointly and severally liable to the City for any and all costs incurred by the City, including but not limited to any liquidated delay damages. Any time period during which Licensee is unable to relocate its Facilities due to the actions or inactions of a third party, which is unaffiliated to Licensee and not under contract with or control of Licensee, including, without limitation, the City, will not be counted against the reasonable time frame allowed to Licensee to relocate its Facilities.

7.6.2 Licensee shall upon request of any person other than the City requesting relocation of Facilities and holding a validly issued building or moving permit and within a reasonable period as may be established by the City, temporarily raise, lower, adjust, or relocate its Facilities as may be reasonably necessary for such permit-holder to exercise its rights under the

permit. Except where good cause is approved by the City, a permit-holder must make its request at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date it intends to exercise its rights under the permit. If applicable, Licensee will, within seven (7) days of its receipt of such a request, deliver to the permit-holder an invoice for the services. However, Licensee will not be required to honor any such request unless and until the permit-holder makes payment in advance for any expenses incurred by said Licensee pursuant to said person's request. If any Facilities are not relocated in accordance with this Section and within the reasonable time frames required by the City, the City or its contractors may relocate the Facilities and the Licensee and its surety shall be jointly and severally liable to the City for any and all costs incurred by the City, including but not limited to any liquidated delay damages. Any time period during which Licensee is unable to relocate its facilities due to the actions or inactions of a third party, which is unaffiliated to Licensee and not under contract with or control of Licensee, including, without limitation, the City, will not be counted against the reasonable time frame allowed to Licensee to relocate its Facilities.

**7.7 No Cause of Action Against the City.** The Licensee shall have no remedy or recourse whatsoever against the City for any loss, cost, expense, or damage arising from any of the provisions or requirements of this Agreement, or because of the enforcement thereof by said City, or for the failure of the City to have the authority to grant, all, or any part, of the rights herein granted; provided that said Licensee expressly acknowledges that it accepted the rights herein granted under this Agreement in reliance upon its independent and personal investigation and understanding of the power or authority of the City to enter into the Agreement herein with Licensee; provided further that the Licensee acknowledges by its acceptance of said Agreement that it has not been induced to enter into this Agreement upon any understanding, or promise, whether given verbally or in writing by or on behalf of any Party, or by any other person concerning any term or condition of this Agreement not expressed herein; provided further that the Licensee acknowledges by the acceptance of this Agreement that it has carefully read the provisions, terms, and conditions hereof and all incorporated provisions and is willing to, and does accept, all of the risk attendant to said provisions, terms, and conditions of this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive the City's sovereign immunity.

## SECTION 8. INDEMNIFICATION

**8.1 Indemnification.** Licensee at its sole cost and expense, hereby agrees to indemnify, protect, release, defend (with counsel acceptable to the City) and hold harmless the City, its municipal officials, elected officials, councils, boards, commissions, officers, employees, attorneys, and agents, from and against any and all causes of action, claims, demands, all contractual damages and losses, economic damages and losses, all other damages and losses, liabilities, fines, charges, penalties, administrative and judicial proceedings and orders, judgments, remedial actions of any kind, and all costs and expenses of any kind, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of defense arising, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from the action or inaction of Licensee, its agents, representatives, employees, contractors, subcontractors or any other person for whose acts Licensee may be liable, in constructing, operating, using, maintaining, repairing, restoring or removing Facilities, or in carrying on Licensee's business or operations in the City, or out of the fact that the City entered into this Agreement with Licensee, the rights granted to Licensee, or the activities performed, or failed to be performed, by Licensee under this Agreement, or otherwise, except to the extent arising from or caused by the sole or gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City, its elected officials,

officers, employees, agents or contractors, or as otherwise may be limited by law. This indemnity shall apply, without limitation, to any claim or cause of action for invasion of privacy, defamation, antitrust, negligence, theft, fire, violation or infringement of any copyright, trademark, trade name, service mark or patent or intellectual property right of any person, whether or not any act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed or prohibited by this Agreement. The indemnification, duty to defend, and hold harmless obligations set forth in this Section shall survive for a period of five (5) years after the date of expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any payments required by Licensee to City pursuant to this indemnification paragraph or otherwise required under this Agreement shall accrue interest from the date due at one and one-half percent (1.5%) interest per month until fully paid.

## SECTION 9. NOTICE

**9.1** Any notice, demand, consent, approval, request or other communication required or permitted to be given to either Party under or with respect to this Agreement (collectively, "Notice") must be in writing and must be delivered in person, by a reputable overnight delivery service or by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the appropriate address(es) set forth below:

If Notice to Licensee:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.
d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services
600 Hidden Ridge Drive, E02E85
Irving, TX 75038
Attn: Manuj Devdas, Franchise Group

If Notice to City:

City of Joplin, Missouri
602 South Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801
Attn: City Manager

City of Joplin, Missouri
602 South Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801
Attn: Legal Department

**9.2** If notice is given by personal delivery, a receipt indicating that personal delivery was made must be obtained. Notice will be deemed effective on the date of receipt by the addressee as shown on the receipt if given by personal delivery, on the return receipt if notice is given by certified mail or the confirmation of delivery form if notice is given by overnight delivery service. Rejection or refusal to accept or the inability to deliver because of a changed address of which no proper notice was given will be deemed to be receipt of the notice as of the date of rejection, refusal or inability to deliver. Either Party may change its address for notice by giving notice of address change to the other Party in the manner for giving notice prescribed in Section 9.1.

## SECTION 10. MISCELLANEOUS

**10.1** This Agreement and all Exhibits constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties as to the subject matter of this Agreement, and no negotiations or discussions prior to the Effective Date shall be of any effect.

**10.2** The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

**10.3** No term or condition of this Agreement will be deemed to have been waived by a Party unless the waiver is made in writing and is signed by the Party against whom the waiver is claimed. No waiver of default or breach of this Agreement or consent to the default or breach will be deemed to have been waived or consented to unless the waiver or consent is made in writing and signed by the Party against whom the waiver or consent is claimed. The waiver of or consent to a breach or default of this Agreement will not be deemed to be a waiver of or consent to any other breach or default of this Agreement, or to or any subsequent breach or default of the same term, or condition of this Agreement. No course of dealing or conduct or failure of a Party to strictly enforce any term, right or condition of this Agreement constitutes a general waiver or relinquishment of the term, right or condition.

**10.4** The rights and remedies of the Parties shall be cumulative and in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity. The laws of the State of Missouri shall govern this Agreement.

**10.5** This Agreement is for the benefit of the Parties and not for any other person or entity. This Agreement creates no third-party beneficiary rights.

## SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE AND ACCEPTANCE

**11.1** This Agreement shall be effective on the date this Agreement is last signed by both Parties ("Effective Date"). The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is a lawful contract between them, that they entered into this Agreement voluntarily, and have full authority to sign this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Agreement is entered into as of the Effective Date.

**CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI**

_____
Gary Shaw, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

_____
Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk

**MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORP. d/b/a VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES**

By: Robert J. Hayes

Print Name: Robert J. Hayes

Title: Sr. Manager Network Engineering

Date: 11/19/2019

STATE OF TEXAS )
) ss.
COUNTY OF DALLAS )

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this November 19, 2019, by Robert J. Hayes, Sr. Manager, Network Engineering, on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services. This person is personally known to me or has produced Drivers License as identification.

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(Signature of Notary taking Acknowledgment)

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 3/29/2023

JOHN BRADLEY DUHE
Notary ID #131952939
My Commission Expires
March 29, 2023

## EXHIBIT A

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The following special conditions shall be a condition of this Agreement and shall supplement and limit any provision in this Agreement to the contrary:

1. All new Licensee Facilities shall be installed underground, except where good cause is shown to authorize use of existing above-ground Licensee Facilities, including (1) when and where nearby similar facilities exist above ground or (2) when conditions are such that underground construction is impossible, impracticable or economically unfeasible, as determined by the City. Above-ground Facilities authorized for good cause shall, in the City's reasonable judgment be limited to construction and Facilities having minimal detrimental impact on the area where construction is proposed. Ground-mounted pedestals customarily installed for underground Facilities shall be authorized subject to applicable permit requirements and design, location, appearance and other reasonable requirements of the City, provided that such pedestals or equipment that are larger than 3 feet in height or otherwise not customarily found within the City limits shall not be deemed authorized by this Agreement without specific separate written authorization of the City.

2. Licensee acknowledges and agrees that pursuant to its obligation to pay all applicable taxes it shall pay the City's license tax as an entity authorized to furnish exchange telephone service, if applicable, and shall remit to the City such tax on gross receipts of its business as required by Division 3 of Article III of Chapter 30 of the City Code of Ordinances, or as may be amended, regardless of technology or nomenclature used by Licensee to provide such services, including but not limited to wire, wireless, internet-based transmissions, and switched or unswitched, to the extent permitted by law.

3. Licensee represents and agrees that it (including its duly licensed contractors acting on its behalf identified on the right-of-way permit application or otherwise to the City) shall not authorize third-parties without a valid license, Right-of-Way Use Agreement, or other lawful authorization in writing from the City to be within the City's Rights-of-Way to install or perform maintenance on its Facilities or have physical access thereto in the Rights-of-Way.

4. For purposes of clarification only, a document providing Communication Service to a third party as authorized herein but nominated or referred to as lease authorizing a service or use to a third-party shall not be deemed to violate Section 5.3, or constitute rent outside the scope of providing a Communication Service, solely because of such nomenclature or reference provided it otherwise complies with the requirements of this Agreement and meets the following conditions:

    - Does not provide the third-party with an ownership or property interest in or any form or type of title in the ROW, ROW Agreement, or any facilities in the ROW, whether temporary or otherwise, and the lessee does not acquire the right to own,

control, maintain, modify, physical access, or revise the facilities in the ROW, whether specific facilities or not; and

- Does not grant any rights or remedies as against the City and any such rights or remedies are limited to those as may be granted herein to be directly exercised by Licensee.

5. Wireless Facility locations or wireless Facilities requested or approved: None.

## EXHIBIT B

## Map of MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services's Existing Facilities



COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-160 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("MCImetro") for the purpose of MCImetro installing, maintaining, and operating facilities for communications related capabilities within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements of such use of City property; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, as follows:

Section 1. That the agreement by and between the City of Joplin and MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services for the purpose of MCImetro installing, maintaining, and operating facilities for communications related capabilities within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements of such use of City property, a true and accurate copy of said agreement being attached hereto and incorporated as "Exhibit A," be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the City and MCImetro also desire to compromise, resolve, and settle their disputes regarding unpaid Rights-of-Way compensation amounts due and payment obligations of MCImetro for the 19,846 linear feet of Facilities represented by MCImetro as currently being within the City's Rights-of-Way, and any tax credit or other credits MCImetro claims as any offset to such amounts claimed owed for past use of the City's Rights-of-Way by MCImetro and its predecessor entities (the "Dispute"), and a settlement and release relating to that Dispute between the City and MCImetro is contained within MCImetro's Rights-of-Way Use Agreement.

Section 3. That the City Manager of the City of Joplin, Missouri, is hereby authorized to execute said agreement, or agreement in substantially similar form, by and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Section 4. That the City hereby declares that this Ordinance, being an Ordinance relating to any public improvement, is considered an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of December, 2019, by a vote of _____.

_____
Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney