

Introduced: Mayor Jordan
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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1387

OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITY OF GREENBELT GRANTING
A RENEWAL OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF MARYLAND, LLC AND
AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of Greenbelt (hereinafter, the “City”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have the power under §5-204(d) of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland to grant non-exclusive cable franchises; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have adopted a cable ordinance to govern cable franchises that are located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC which ended in 2015, but has been extended during the negotiation of the renewal of the franchise agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorized the negotiation of the renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC and said proposed agreement has been prepared and presented to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to renew the cable franchise with Comcast of Maryland, LLC, within the corporate limits of the City,

on condition that Comcast of Maryland, LLC. enter into a franchise agreement in substantially the form as attached to this Ordinance.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Greenbelt the renewal of the non-exclusive right to construct and operate a cable television system along the public rights of way in the City of Greenbelt is hereby granted to Comcast of Maryland, LLC, subject to the provisions of Chapter 5 of the Greenbelt Code and a franchise agreement between the City and Comcast Cable, LLC in a form substantially similar to that attached to this Ordinance. The City of Greenbelt is authorized to endorse the franchise agreement on behalf of the City.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Greenbelt that upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the City Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and shall post at City Hall, to the official City website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, and on the City cable channel, and if time permits, in any City newsletter, the proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council.

The public hearing, hereby set for the City of Greenbelt on 12th day of December 2022, shall follow the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the Council may adopt the proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. That this Ordinance shall become effective twenty days after adoption provided that, as soon as practicable after adoption, the City Clerk shall post a fair

summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption at City Hall, to the official City website, to the City-maintained e-mail LISTSERV, on the City cable channel, and in any City newsletter.

If any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the City that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

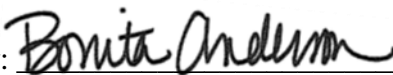
INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Greenbelt at a regular meeting on the 28th day of November 2022.

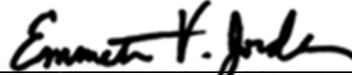
ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Greenbelt at a regular meeting on the 12th day of December 2022.

EFFECTIVE the 12th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY OF GREENBELT

By: 
Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

By: 
Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Jason DeLoach, City Solicitor

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