

ORDINANCE NO. 620

**ORDINANCE OF HATFIELD TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND
COMCAST OF SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA, LLC**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and Pennsylvania law, Hatfield Township (hereinafter the “Township”) is authorized to grant franchises to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing public rights-of-way and properties within the Township’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC (“Comcast”) currently holds a cable franchise from the Township originally granted to Suburban Cable TV Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid cable franchise authorizes Comcast to maintain, construct, operate, and upgrade its cable system over, under and along the public rights-of-way for use by the Township’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid rights-of-way used by Comcast are public properties acquired and maintained by the Township and held in trust on behalf of citizens of the Township and the right to use said rights-of-way is a valuable property right; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to protect and manage the aforesaid rights-of-way, require high standards of customer service, ensure future technical improvements to maintain a technologically-advanced cable system, establish certain reporting requirements, obtain certain complimentary services, receive franchise fees for Comcast’s use of the Township’s rights-of-way as provided by federal law, establish certain reporting requirements and provide for the current and future cable-related needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that Comcast has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide cable services to subscribers located in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township, after affording the public notice and opportunity for comment, has determined that the public interest would be served by renewing Comcast’s franchise according to the terms and conditions contained in the cable franchise agreement negotiated between the Township and Comcast.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Township Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the cable franchise agreement negotiated with Comcast, including all of the terms and conditions contained therein, and does hereby authorize the execution of such agreement.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 9th day of February 2011.

ATTEST:

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP

Andrew S. Haines, Manager

Scott Brown, President