

FRANCHISES AND OTHER SERVICES

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CHAPTER 110

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110.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED. There is hereby granted to MidAmerican Energy Company, an Iowa corporation, hereinafter called the "Company," its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City, a gas distribution system, to furnish natural gas along, under and upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places to serve customers within and without the City, and to furnish and sell natural gas to the City and its inhabitants. For the term of this franchise the Company is granted the right of eminent domain, the exercise of which is subject to Council approval upon application by the Company. This franchise shall be effective for a twenty-five (25) year period from and after the effective date of the ordinance codified by this chapter.

110.02 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. The rights and privileges hereby granted are subject to the restrictions and limitations of Chapter 364 of the Code of Iowa or as subsequently amended or changed.

110.03 PIPES AND MAINS. The Company shall have the right to excavate in any public street for the purpose of laying, re-laying, repairing or extending gas pipes, mains, conduits and other facilities provided that the same shall be so placed as not to interfere with the construction of any water pipes, drain or sewer or the flow of water therefrom, which have been or may hereafter be located by authority of the City.

110.04 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. The Company shall, at its cost and expense, locate and relocate its installations in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City in such manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City has a reasonable alternative route for the street, alley or public improvements, which alternative route would not cause the relocation of the Company installations, the City shall consider but is not obligated to select said alternative route. If relocation of the Company facilities could be avoided by relocating other franchisee's or

facility user's equipment and facilities, and said other franchisee's or user's cost of relocation is less than the Company's cost of relocation, the City shall consider but is not obligated to select the route which requires the other franchisees or users to relocate.

110.05 EXCAVATIONS. In making excavations in any streets, avenues, alleys and public places for the installation of gas pipes, conduits or apparatus, the Company shall not unreasonably obstruct the use of the streets, and shall replace the surface, restoring the original condition as nearly as practicable.

110.06 INDEMNIFICATION. The Company shall indemnify and save harmless the City from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, costs or expenses, on account of injury or damage to any person or property, caused or occasioned, or allegedly caused or occasioned, in whole or in part, by the Company's negligence in construction, reconstruction, excavation, operation or maintenance of the gas facilities authorized by this franchise; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to defend, indemnify and save harmless the City for any costs or damages arising from the negligence of the City, its officers, employees or agents.

110.07 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. The Company shall extend its mains and pipes and operate and maintain the system in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Iowa Utilities Board or its successors.

110.08 QUALITY AND QUANTITY. During the term of this franchise the Company shall furnish natural gas in the quantity and quality consistent with applicable Iowa laws and regulations.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ordinance No. 481 adopting a gas franchise for the City was passed and adopted on September 8, 2003.

CHAPTER 111

ELECTRIC FRANCHISE

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111.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED. There is hereby granted to MidAmerican Energy Company, an Iowa corporation, hereinafter called the "Company," and its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Colfax, Iowa, hereinafter called the "City," a system for the transmission and distribution of electric energy along, under, over and upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places to serve customers within and without the City, and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants. For the term of this franchise the Company is granted the right of eminent domain, the exercise of which is subject to City Council approval upon application by the Company. This franchise shall be effective for a twenty (20) year period from and after the effective date of the ordinance codified by this chapter and will expire on September 8, 2028.

111.02 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. The rights and privileges hereby granted are subject to the restrictions and limitations of Chapter 364 of the Code of Iowa or as subsequently amended or changed.

111.03 POLES AND WIRES. The Company shall have the right to erect all necessary poles and to place thereon the necessary wires, fixtures and accessories as well as excavate and bury conductors for the distribution of electric energy and communications signals in and through the City, but all said conduits and poles shall be placed as not to interfere with the construction of any water pipes, drain or sewer, or the flow of water therefrom, which have been or may hereafter be located by authority of the City. The Company is authorized and empowered to prune or remove at Company expense, any tree extending into any street, alley or public grounds to maintain electric reliability, safety, to restore utility service and to prevent limbs or branches from interfering with the wires and facilities of the Company. The pruning of trees shall be done to current nationally accepted safety and utility standards.

111.04 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. The Company shall, at its cost and expense, locate and relocate its installations in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City in such manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City has a reasonable alternative route for the street, alley or public improvements or

an alternative construction method, which alternative route would not cause the relocation of the Company installations, the City shall consider but is not required to select said alternative route or construction method. If relocation of the Company facilities could be avoided by relocating other franchisee's or facility user's equipment and facilities or by using a different method to perform the street and/or curbing construction, and said other cost of construction or relocation is less than the Company's, the City shall consider but is not required to select the route or method that is less expensive. The Company will notify the City if project funds from a source other than the City are available to pay for the relocation of utility facilities, the City shall attempt to secure said funds and provide them to the Company to compensate the Company for the costs of relocation.

111.05 EXCAVATIONS. In making excavations in any streets, avenues, alleys and public places for the excavation of conduits or the erection of poles and wires or other appliances, the Company shall not unreasonably obstruct the use of the streets, and shall replace the surface, restoring the original condition as nearly as practicable.

111.06 INDEMNIFICATION. The Company shall indemnify and save harmless the City from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, costs or expenses, on account of injury or damage to any person or property, caused or occasioned in whole or in part, by the Company's negligence in construction, reconstruction, excavation, operation or maintenance of the electric facilities authorized by this franchise; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to defend, indemnify and save harmless the City for any costs or damages arising from the negligence of the City, its officers, employees or agents.

111.07 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. The Company shall construct, operate and maintain its facilities in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Iowa Utilities Board or its successors.

111.08 QUANTITY AND QUALITY. During the term of this franchise the Company shall furnish electric energy in the quantity and quality consistent with applicable Iowa laws and regulations.

111.09 FRANCHISE FEE. The City reserves the right to impose a franchise fee pursuant to Iowa law. The City shall work with the Company to develop a methodology to implement the franchise fee. The City shall provide the Company with at least 90 days' advance notice of the effective date of any franchise fee put into effect by the City.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ordinance No. 531 adopting an electric franchise for the City was passed and adopted on August 11, 2008.

CHAPTER 112

TELEPHONE FRANCHISE

112.01 Franchise Granted
112.02 Police Power

112.03 Service to City

112.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED. Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, a corporation (the "Company"), its successors and assigns are hereby granted the right to use and occupy the streets, alleys and other public places of the City for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the effective date of the ordinance codified by this chapter, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a general telephone system within the City.

112.02 POLICE POWER. The rights herein granted are subject to the exercise of the police power as the same now is or may hereafter be conferred upon the City.

112.03 SERVICE TO CITY. The Company shall furnish the City without charge four (4) telephone stations to be furnished and maintained at such place as may be designated by the Council.

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CHAPTER 113

CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

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113.01 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Franchise, the following terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them below. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number:

1. "Basic Cable Service" is the lowest priced tier of Cable Service that includes the retransmission of local broadcast television signals.
2. "Cable Act" means Title VI of the Cable Act of 1934, as amended.
3. "Cable Services" shall mean (1) the one-way transmission to Subscribers of (a) video programming, or (b) other programming service, and (2) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.
4. "Cable System" shall mean the Grantee's facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within the Service Area.
5. "FCC" means Federal Communications Commission or successor governmental entity thereto.
6. "Franchising Authority" means the City of Colfax.
7. "Grantee" means MCC Iowa LLC, or the lawful successor, transferee, or assignee thereof.
8. "Gross Revenues" means revenues derived from the operation of the Cable System received by Grantee from Subscribers for Cable Services in the Service Area; provided, however, that Gross Revenues shall not include franchise fees, the FCC User Fee or any tax, fee or assessment of general applicability collected by the Grantee from Subscribers for pass-through to a government agency.

9. "Person" means an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.
10. "Public Way" shall mean the surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, parkway, way, lane, public way, drive, circle, or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority in the Service Area which shall entitle the Grantee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System.
11. "Service Area" means the present boundaries of the Franchising Authority, and shall include any additions thereto by annexation or other legal means, subject to the exceptions in Subsection 113.02(9).
12. "Standard Installation" is defined as 125 feet from the nearest tap to the Subscriber's terminal.
13. "Subscriber" means a Person who lawfully receives Cable Service of the Cable System with the Grantee's express permission.

113.02 GRANT OF FRANCHISE.

1. Grant. The Franchising Authority hereby grants to the Grantee a nonexclusive Franchise which authorizes the Grantee to construct and operate a Cable System in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, under, or in any manner connected with Public Ways within the Service Area, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, or along any Public Way such facilities and equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System for the transmission and distribution of Cable Services, data services, information and other communications services or for any other lawful purposes.
2. Other Ordinances. The Grantee agrees to comply with the terms of any lawfully adopted generally applicable local ordinance, to the extent that the provisions of the ordinance do not have the effect of limiting the benefits or expanding the obligations of the Grantee that are granted by this Franchise. Neither party may unilaterally alter the material rights and obligations set forth in this Franchise. In the event of a conflict between any ordinance and this Franchise, the Franchise shall control.

3. Other Authorizations. The Franchising Authority shall not permit any person to provide services similar to those provided by the Grantee in the Service Area without first having secured a non-exclusive franchise from the Franchising Authority. The Franchising Authority agrees that any grant of additional franchises or other authorizations including Open Video System authorizations by the Franchising Authority to provide services similar to those provided by the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement to any other entity shall cover the entire Service Area and shall not be on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome to the Grantee of any such additional franchise or other authorization than those which are set forth herein. In any renewal of this Franchise, the Franchising Authority, should it seek to impose increased obligations upon the Grantee, must take into account any additional franchise(s) or authorizations previously granted and find that the proposed increased obligations in the renewal, are not more burdensome and/or less favorable than those contained in any such additional franchise(s) or authorizations.

113.03 STANDARDS OF SERVICE.

1. Conditions of Occupancy. The Cable System installed by the Grantee pursuant to the terms hereof shall be located so as to cause a minimum of interference with the proper use of Public Ways and with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who own property that adjoins any of such Public Ways.

2. Restoration of Public Ways. If during the course of the Grantee's construction, operation, or maintenance of the Cable System there occurs a disturbance of any Public Way by the Grantee, Grantee shall replace and restore such Public Way to a condition reasonably comparable to the condition of the Public Way existing immediately prior to such disturbance.

3. Relocation for the Franchising Authority. Upon its receipt of reasonable advance written notice, to be not less than ten (10) business days, the Grantee shall protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in or remove from the Public Way, any property of the Grantee when lawfully required by the Franchising Authority by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street abandonment, freeway and street construction, change or establishment of street grade, installation of sewers, drains, gas or water pipes, or any other type of public structures or improvements which are not used to compete with the Grantee's services. The Grantee shall in all cases have the right of abandonment of its property.

4. Relocation for a Third Party. The Grantee shall, on the request of any Person holding a lawful permit issued by the Franchising Authority, protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in or remove from the Public Way as necessary any property of the Grantee, provided: (A) the expense of such is paid by said Person benefiting from the relocation, including, if required by the Grantee, making such payment in advance; and (B) the Grantee is given reasonable advance written notice to prepare for such changes. For purposes of this subsection, "reasonable advance written notice" shall be no less than thirty (30) business days in the event of a temporary relocation, and no less than one hundred twenty (120) days for a permanent relocation.

5. Trimming of Trees and Shrubbery. The Grantee shall have the authority to trim trees or other natural growth in order to access and maintain the Cable System.

6. Safety Requirements. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Cable System shall be performed in an orderly and workmanlike manner. All such work shall be performed in substantial accordance with generally applicable federal, state, and local regulations and the National Electric Safety Code.

7. Underground Construction. In those areas of the Service Area where all of the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone communications and electric services are underground, the Grantee likewise shall construct, operate, and maintain its Cable System underground. Nothing contained in this subsection shall require the Grantee to construct, operate, and maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances.

8. Access to Open Trenches. The Franchising Authority agrees to include the Grantee in the platting process for any new subdivision. At a minimum, the Franchising Authority agrees to require as a condition of issuing a permit for open trenching to any utility or developer that (A) the utility or developer give the Grantee at least ten (10) days advance written notice of the availability of the open trench, and (B) that the utility or developer provide the Grantee with reasonable access to the open trench. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not be required to utilize any open trench.

9. Required Extensions of the Cable System. Grantee agrees to provide Cable Service to all residences in the Service Area subject to the density requirements specified in this subsection. Whenever the Grantee receives a request for Cable Service from a potential Subscriber in an unserved area contiguous to Grantee's existing distribution facilities

where there are at least ten (10) residences within 1320 cable-bearing strand feet (one-quarter cable mile) from the portion of the Grantee's trunk or distribution cable which is to be extended, it shall extend its Cable System to such Subscribers at no cost to said Subscribers for the Cable System extension, other than the published Standard/non-Standard Installation fees charged to all Subscribers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to extend the Cable System into any portion of the Service Area where another operator is providing Cable Service, into any annexed area which is not contiguous to the present Service Area of the Grantee, or into any area which is financially or technically infeasible due to extraordinary circumstances, such as a runway or freeway crossing.

10. Subscriber Charges for Extensions of the Cable System. No Subscriber shall be refused service arbitrarily. However, if an area does not meet the density requirements of subsection 9 above, the Grantee shall only be required to extend the Cable System to Subscriber(s) in that area if the Subscriber(s) are willing to share the capital costs of extending the Cable System. Specifically, the Grantee shall contribute a capital amount equal to the construction cost per mile, multiplied by a fraction whose numerator equals the actual number of residences per 1320 cable-bearing strand feet from the Grantee's trunk or distribution cable, and whose denominator equals ten (10). Subscribers who request service hereunder shall bear the remaining cost to extend the Cable System on a pro rata basis. The Grantee may require that payment of the capital contribution in aid of construction borne by such potential Subscribers be paid in advance. Subscribers shall also be responsible for any Standard/non-Standard Installation charges to extend the Cable System from the tap to the residence.

11. Cable Service to Public Buildings. The Grantee, upon request, shall provide without charge, a Standard Installation and one outlet of Basic Cable Service to those administrative buildings owned and occupied by the Franchising Authority, fire station(s), police station(s), and K-12 public schools that are passed by its Cable System. The Cable Service provided shall not be distributed beyond the originally installed outlet without authorization from the Grantee. The Cable Service provided shall not be used for commercial purposes, and such outlets shall not be located in areas open to the public. The Franchising Authority shall take reasonable precautions to prevent any inappropriate use of the Grantee's Cable System or any loss or damage to Grantee's Cable System. The Franchising Authority shall hold the Grantee harmless from any and all liability or claims arising out of the provision

and use of Cable Service required by this subsection. The Grantee shall not be required to provide an outlet to such buildings where a non-Standard Installation is required, unless the Franchising Authority or building owner/occupant agrees to pay the incremental cost of any necessary Cable System extension and/or non-Standard Installation. If additional outlets of Basic Cable Service are provided to such buildings, the building owner/occupant shall pay the usual installation and service fees associated therewith.

12. Emergency Alert. Any Emergency Alert System ("EAS") provided by Grantee shall be operated in accordance with FCC regulations. Any use of such EAS by the Franchising Authority will be only in accordance with the applicable state and local plans as approved in accordance with such FCC regulations. Except to the extent expressly prohibited by law, the Franchising Authority will hold the Grantee, its employees, officers and assigns harmless from any claims arising out of use of the EAS, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

13. Reimbursement of Costs. If funds are available to any Person using the Public Way for the purpose of defraying the cost of any of the foregoing, the Franchising Authority shall reimburse the Grantee in the same manner in which other Persons affected by the requirement are reimbursed. If the funds are controlled by another governmental entity, the Franchising Authority shall make application for such funds on behalf of the Grantee.

113.04 REGULATION BY THE FRANCHISING AUTHORITY.

1. Franchise Fee.

A. The Grantee shall pay to the Franchising Authority a franchise fee of three percent (3%) of annual Gross Revenues (as defined in Section 113.01 of this Franchise). In accordance with the Cable Act, the twelve (12) month period applicable under the Franchise for the computation of the franchise fee shall be a calendar year. The franchise fee payment shall be due annually and payable within 90 days after the close of the preceding calendar year. Each payment shall be accompanied by a brief report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation.

B. Limitation on Franchise Fee Actions. The period of limitation for recovery by the Franchising Authority of any franchise fee payable hereunder shall be three (3) years from the

date on which payment by the Grantee is due to the Franchising Authority.

2. Rates and Charges. The Franchising Authority may regulate rates for the provision of Basic Cable Service and equipment as expressly permitted by federal law.

3. Renewal of Franchise.

A. The Franchising Authority and the Grantee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the Franchising Authority that relate to the renewal of the Grantee's Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the renewal provisions of federal law.

B. In addition to the procedures set forth in the Cable Act, the Franchising Authority agrees to notify the Grantee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of the Grantee under the then current Franchise term. The Franchising Authority further agrees that such assessments shall be provided to the Grantee promptly so that the Grantee has adequate time to submit a proposal pursuant to the Cable Act and complete renewal of the Franchise prior to expiration of its term.

C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this subsection 3, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority agree that at any time during the term of the then current Franchise, while affording the public appropriate notice and opportunity to comment in accordance with the provisions of federal law the Franchising Authority and the Grantee may agree to undertake and finalize informal negotiations regarding renewal of the then current Franchise and the Franchising Authority may grant a renewal thereof.

D. The Grantee and the Franchising Authority consider the terms set forth in this subsection 3 to be consistent with the express renewal provisions of the Cable Act.

4. Conditions of Sale. If a renewal or extension of the Grantee's Franchise is denied or the Franchise is lawfully terminated, and the Franchising Authority either lawfully acquires ownership of the Cable System or by its actions lawfully effects a transfer of ownership of the Cable System to another party, any such acquisition or transfer shall be at the price determined pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 627 of the Cable Act.

The Grantee and the Franchising Authority agree that in the case of a final determination of a lawful revocation of the Franchise, the Grantee shall be given at least twelve (12) months to effectuate a transfer of its Cable System to a qualified third party. Furthermore, the Grantee shall be authorized to continue to operate pursuant to the terms of its prior Franchise during this period. If, at the end of that time, the Grantee is unsuccessful in procuring a qualified transferee or assignee of its Cable System which is reasonably acceptable to the Franchising Authority, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority may avail themselves of any rights they may have pursuant to federal or state law. It is further agreed that the Grantee's continued operation of the Cable System during the twelve (12) month period shall not be deemed to be a waiver, nor an extinguishment of, any rights of either the Franchising Authority or the Grantee.

5. Transfer of Franchise. The Grantee's right, title, or interest in the Franchise shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, or otherwise encumbered, other than to an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Grantee, without prior written notice to the Franchising Authority. No such notice shall be required, however, for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or Cable System in order to secure indebtedness.

113.05 BOOKS AND RECORDS. The Grantee agrees that the Franchising Authority, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Grantee and no more than once annually may review such of its books and records at the Grantee's business office, during normal business hours and on a nondisruptive basis, as is reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Franchise. Such notice shall specifically reference the subsection of the Franchise that is under review so that the Grantee may organize the necessary books and records for easy access by the Franchising Authority. Alternatively, if the books and records are not easily accessible at the local office of the Grantee, the Grantee may, at its sole option, choose to pay the reasonable travel costs of the Franchising Authority's representative to view the books and records at the appropriate location. The Grantee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for Franchise compliance purposes longer than three (3) years. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information that it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, nor disclose books and records of any affiliate which is not providing Cable Service in the Service Area. The Franchising Authority agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to employees, representatives, and agents thereof that have a need

to know, or in order to enforce the provisions hereof. The Grantee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of Section 631 of the Cable Act.

113.06 INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

1. Insurance Requirements. The Grantee shall maintain insurance in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, during the term of the Franchise. The Franchising Authority shall be designated as an additional insured and such insurance shall be noncancellable except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Franchising Authority. Upon written request, the Grantee shall provide a Certificate of Insurance showing evidence of the coverage required by this subsection.

2. Indemnification. The Grantee agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the Franchising Authority, its officers, boards and employees, from and against any liability for damages and for any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death), which arise out of the Grantee's construction, operation, or maintenance of its Cable System in the Service Area provided that the Franchising Authority shall give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify the Franchising Authority within ten (10) days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not indemnify the Franchising Authority for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the Franchising Authority.

113.07 ENFORCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF FRANCHISE.

1. Notice of Violation. In the event that the Franchising Authority believes that the Grantee has not complied with the any material term of the Franchise, the Franchising Authority shall informally discuss the matter with Grantee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem, the Franchising Authority shall notify the Grantee in writing of the exact nature of such alleged noncompliance.

2. The Grantee's Right to Cure or Respond. The Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice described in subsection 1: (A) to respond to the Franchising Authority, contesting the assertion of such noncompliance, or (B) to cure such default, or (C) in the event that, by the nature of such default, it cannot be cured within the thirty (30) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the Franchising Authority of the steps being taken and the projected date that they will be completed.

3. Public Hearing. In the event that the Grantee fails to respond to the notice described in subsection 1 pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection 2, or in the event that the alleged default is not remedied within thirty (30) days or the date projected pursuant to subsection 2(C) above, if it intends to continue its investigation into the default, then the Franchising Authority shall schedule a public hearing. The Franchising Authority shall provide the Grantee at least ten (10) days prior written notice of such hearing, which specifies the time, place and purpose of such hearing, and provide the Grantee the opportunity to be heard.

4. Enforcement. Subject to applicable federal and state law, in the event the Franchising Authority, after the hearing set forth in subsection 3, determines that the Grantee is in material default of any provision of the Franchise, the Franchising Authority may:

A. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief; or

B. In the case of repeated or ongoing substantial non-compliance with a material term or terms of the Franchise, seek to revoke the Franchise in accordance with subsection 5.

5. Revocation. Should the Franchising Authority seek to revoke the Franchise after following the procedures set forth in subsections 1-4 above, the Franchising Authority shall give written notice to the Grantee of its intent. The notice shall set forth the exact nature of the repeated or ongoing substantial noncompliance with a material term or terms of the franchise. The Grantee shall have ninety (90) days from such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the Franchising Authority has not received a satisfactory response from the Grantee, it may then seek termination of the Franchise at a public hearing. The Franchising Authority shall cause to be served upon the Grantee, at least thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke the Franchise.

At the designated hearing, Grantee shall be provided a fair opportunity for full participation, including the right to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce relevant evidence, to require the production of evidence, to compel the relevant testimony of the officials, agents, employees or consultants of the Franchising Authority, to compel the testimony of other persons as permitted by law, and to question witnesses. A complete verbatim record and transcript shall be made of such hearing.

Following the hearing, the Franchising Authority shall determine whether or not the Franchise shall be revoked. If the Franchising Authority determines that the Franchise shall be revoked, the Franchising Authority shall promptly provide Grantee with its decision in writing. The Grantee may appeal such determination of the Franchising Authority to an appropriate court which shall have the power to review the decision of the Franchising Authority *de novo*. Grantee shall be entitled to such relief as the court finds appropriate. Such appeal must be taken within sixty (60) days of Grantee's receipt of the determination of the Franchising Authority.

The Franchising Authority may, at its sole discretion, take any lawful action which it deems appropriate to enforce the Franchising Authority's rights under the Franchise in lieu of revocation of the Franchise.

6. Force Majeure. The Grantee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the Franchise, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by circumstances reasonably beyond the ability of the Grantee to anticipate and control. This provision includes work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their utility poles to which the Grantee's Cable System is attached, as well as unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.

Furthermore, the parties hereby agree that it is not the Franchising Authority's intention to subject the Grantee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of the Franchise for violations of the Franchise where the violation was a good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on the Subscribers within the Service Area, or where strict performance would result in practical difficulties and hardship to the Grantee which outweigh the benefit to be derived by the Franchising Authority and/or Subscribers.

113.08 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

1. Actions of Parties. In any action by the Franchising Authority or the Grantee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

2. Entire Agreement. This Franchise constitutes the entire agreement between the Grantee and the Franchising Authority and

supersedes all other prior understandings and agreements oral or written. Any amendments to this Franchise shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

3. Reservation of Rights. Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this franchise will not constitute, or be deemed to constitute, a waiver, either expressly or impliedly, by Grantee of any constitutional or legal right which it may have or may be determined to have, either by subsequent legislation or court decisions. The Franchising Authority acknowledges that Grantee reserves all of its rights under applicable Federal and State Constitutions and laws.

If at any time during the term of this franchise, federal, state or local law permits any provider of video programming to provide services such as those provided pursuant to this franchise either without obtaining a franchise from the Franchising Authority or on terms or conditions more favorable than those applicable to the Franchisee (Grantee), then this franchise shall at the sole discretion of the Franchisee (Grantee): (1) cease to be in effect; or (2) be deemed to expire at a date prior to the original expiration date selected by the Franchisee (Grantee); or (3) will be automatically reformed to grant to the Franchisee (Grantee) the more favorable terms, benefits and conditions available to the other provider.

4. Notice. Unless expressly otherwise agreed between the parties, every notice or response required by this Franchise to be served upon the Franchising Authority or the Grantee shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given to the required party when placed in a properly sealed and correctly addressed envelope: a) upon receipt when hand delivered with receipt/acknowledgment, b) upon receipt when sent certified, registered mail, c) within five (5) business days after having been posted in the regular mail or d) or the next business day if sent by express mail or overnight air courier.

The notices or responses to the Franchising Authority shall be addressed as follows:

City of Colfax
15 East Howard
Colfax, IA 50054

The notices or responses to the Grantee shall be addressed as follows:

MCC Iowa LLC
Attn: Government Relations
2195 Ingersoll Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50312-5289

With a copy to:

MCC Iowa LLC
Attn: Legal Department
100 Crystal Run Road
Middletown, NY 10941

The Franchising Authority and the Grantee may designate such other address or addresses from time to time by giving notice to the other in the manner provided for in this subsection.

5. Term and Effective Date. The Effective Date of this Franchise is the date of final adoption by the Franchising Authority as set forth below subject to Grantee's acceptance by countersigning. This Franchise shall be for a term of fifteen (15) years from such Effective Date.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ordinance No. 504 adopting a cable television franchise for the City was passed and adopted on March 12, 2007.

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CHAPTER 115

CEMETERY

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115.01 DEFINITION. The term "cemetery" means the Colfax Cemetery, which is a municipal cemetery under the provisions of Chapter 523I of the Code of Iowa and which shall be operated under the provisions of Chapter 523I of the Code of Iowa and this chapter. Pursuant to Section 523I.502 of the Code of Iowa, the City Council hereby states its willingness and intention to act as the trustee for the perpetual maintenance of the cemetery properties.

(Ord. 497 – Jan. 06 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 523I.501 and Sec. 523I.502)

115.02 CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED. The City Clerk shall be the cemetery superintendent and shall operate the cemetery in accordance with the rules and regulations therefor and under the direction of the Council.

(Ord. 485 – Oct. 04 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])

115.03 DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT. The duties of the cemetery superintendent are as follows:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])

1. Supervise Openings. Supervise the opening of all graves and be present at every interment in the cemetery;
2. Maintenance. Be responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery buildings, grounds and equipment and make a monthly report of the cemetery operation to the Council.

115.04 RECORDS. It is the duty of the Clerk to make and keep complete records identifying the owners of all interment rights sold by the cemetery and historical information regarding any transfers of ownership. The records shall include all of the following:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 523I.311)

1. Sales or Transfers of Interment Rights.
 - A. The name and last known address of each owner or previous owner of interment rights.
 - B. The date of each purchase or transfer of interment rights.
 - C. A unique numeric or alphanumeric identifier that identifies the location of each interment space sold by the cemetery.
2. Interments.
 - A. The date the remains are interred.
 - B. The name, date of birth and date of death of the decedent interred, if those facts can be conveniently obtained.
 - C. A unique numeric or alphanumeric identifier that identifies the location of each interment space where the remains are interred.

(Ord. 497 – Jan. 06 Supp.)

115.05 SALE OF INTERMENT RIGHTS. The sale or transfer of interment rights in the cemetery shall be evidenced by a certificate of interment rights or other instrument, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, evidencing the conveyance of exclusive rights of interment upon payment in full of the purchase price. The agreement for interment rights shall disclose all information required by Chapter 523I of the Code of Iowa. The payment of all fees and charges shall be made at the office of the cemetery superintendent where receipts will be issued for all amounts paid. Said fees and charges shall be based upon the charges as established by the Council.

(Ord. 497 – Jan. 06 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 523I.310)

115.06 PERPETUAL CARE. The Council, by resolution, shall accept, receive and expend all moneys and property donated or left to them by bequest for perpetual care, and that portion of interment space sales or permanent charges made against interment spaces which has been set aside in a perpetual care fund. The assets of the perpetual care fund shall be invested in accordance with State law. The Council, by resolution, shall provide for the payment of interest annually to the General Fund to be used in caring for or maintaining the individual property of the donor in the cemetery, or interment spaces which have been sold with provisions for perpetual care, all in accordance with the terms of the donation or bequest, or the terms of the sale or purchase of an interment space and Chapter 523I of the Code of Iowa. *(Ord. 497 – Jan. 06 Supp.)*

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 523I.503, 523I.507 & 523I.508)

115.07 CEMETERY LOTS WITHOUT PERPETUAL CARE. Owners of lots or other interested persons may secure perpetual care on lots or parts of lots in the older portions of the cemetery not having perpetual care by the payment to the City of the perpetual care charges at the rates specified in the rules and regulations.

115.08 ANNUAL CARE. An annual care charge as specified in the rules and regulations shall be made by the City on those lots in the older portions of the cemetery which are not at present under perpetual or endowed care. The City reserves the right to refuse to furnish maintenance service, or to permit the erection of any monumental work on those lots not under perpetual or endowed care or when the annual care on such lot has not been paid in advance.

115.09 RULES AND REGULATIONS. Rules and regulations for the cemetery may be adopted, and may be amended from time to time, by resolution of the Council and may cover such things as the use, care, control, management, restrictions and protection of the cemetery as necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the cemetery. The rules shall specify the cemetery's obligations in the event that interment spaces, memorials or memorializations are damaged or defaced by acts of vandalism. Any veteran, as defined in Section 35.1 of the Code of Iowa, or a resident of the State who served in the armed forces of the United States, completed a minimum aggregate of ninety days of active Federal service and was discharged under honorable conditions, who is a landowner or who lives within the City shall be allowed to purchase an interment space and to be interred within the cemetery. *(Ord. 516 – Jan. 08 Supp.)*
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 523I.304)

115.10 VANDALISM IN CEMETERY. Any person who destroys, injures or defaces any grave, vault, tombstone, or monument, or any building, fence, tree, shrub, flower, or anything in or belonging to any cemetery under the jurisdiction of the City shall be liable for any and all damage, in addition to being subject to any other penalty imposed.

115.11 VAULT. The placement of a casket in the cemetery must be in a concrete or steel container. *(Ord. 479 – Jul. 03 Supp.)*

115.12 HOURS. No person shall remain in or enter into the cemetery one half (½) hour after sunset until sunrise. *(Ord. 579 – Aug. 11 Supp.)*

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