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**SUMMARY PUBLICATION
OF CITY OF WINONA
ORDINANCE NO. 4309
AN ORDINANCE
GRANTING A RENEWAL
FRANCHISE TO
HIAWATHA BROADBAND
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
("HBC") TO CONSTRUCT,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
A CABLE SYSTEM IN
THE CITY OF WINONA,
MINNESOTA SETTING
FORTH CONDITIONS
ACCOMPANYING
THE GRANT OF THE
FRANCHISE; PROVIDING
FOR REGULATION AND
USE OF THE SYSTEM
AND THE PUBLIC
RIGHTS-OF-WAY;
AND PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION OF THE
PROVISIONS HEREIN.**

On March 2 , 2026, the City of Winona, Minnesota ("City") adopted an Ordinance granting a Cable Television Franchise to HBC. The Ordinance serves two purposes. First, it is intended to provide for and specify the means to attain the best possible cable service for the public by providing requirements for cable with respect to technical standards, customer service obligations, and related matters. Second, it grants a non-exclusive cable franchise to HBC to operate, construct and maintain a cable system within the City and contains specific requirements for HBC to do so.

The Ordinance includes the following: 1) imposes on HBC a franchise fee of

five percent (5%) of HBC's annual gross revenues; 2) establishes a franchise term of ten (10) years; 3) provides a list of schools and public buildings entitled to receive complimentary cable service; 4) requires HBC to dedicate channel capacity for public, educational and governmental ("PEG") programming and provides capital support for the PEG channel; 5) mandates customer service standards regarding HBC's provision of cable services; and 6) requires a security fund to enforce HBC's compliance with the Ordinance.

It is hereby determined that publication of this title and summary will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance No. 4309. A copy of the entire Ordinance shall be posted at the Winona City Hall.

It is hereby directed that only the above title and summary of Ordinance No. 4309 be published, conforming to Minn. Stat. §331A.01, with the following:

NOTICE

Persons interested in reviewing a complete copy of the Ordinance may do so at the Winona City Hall at 207 Lafayette Street, Winona, Minnesota 55987, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Winona, Minnesota, this 2nd day of March , 2026.

Scott Sherman

Mayor

Attested By:

Monica Hennessy Mohan
City Clerk
