AMENDMENT TO CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE TO BUCKEYE CABLEVISION, INC.

An Ordinance enacted pursuant to the authority granted by Michigan Public Act 246 of 1945, as amended, and the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to amend the Bedford Township Telecommunications System Regulatory Ordinance with Buckeye Cablevision, Inc., regarding Ordinance No. 86, and to amend the franchise provided for therein, in order to clarify any provision regarding funding of local origination broadcasting expenses, to make clear the location of education and governmental studios, and to also confirm that Bedford Township Ordinance No. 79 is repealed in its entirety; and to repeal all ordinances and regulations or parts of ordinances and regulations in conflict thereof; and to provide for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property of the Township of Bedford.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD, COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF PROVISION REGARDING FUNDING OF LOCAL ORIGINATION BROADCASTING EXPENSES.

Ordinance No. 86 is hereby amended by the deletion of paragraph (h) of SECTION 6, in its entirety, and the inserting in lieu thereof the following new replacement paragraph (h) of SECTION 6:

SECTION 8. COMPENSATION 

(h) The Township and Buckeye understand, acknowledge, and agree that the Township may, in its sole discretion, provide local origination programming for broadcast over the channel(s) provided for Buckeye for such purposes. The Township may from time to time in its discretion enter into agreements with Buckeye, and/or any other private, public or educational entity for the provision of local origination programming and/or other related services. Payment of and receipt by the Township of Buckeye’s Franchise Fee paid hereunder shall satisfy any obligation of Buckeye to otherwise contribute to any expenses of any local origination programming or studies.

SECTION 2. CLARIFICATION OF PROVISION REGARDING PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS PROGRAMMING.

Ordinance No. 86 is hereby amended by the deletion of SECTION 9, in its entirety, and the inserting in lieu thereof the following new replacement SECTION 9:

SECTION 9. PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS PROGRAMMING.

Buckeye will provide Bedford Township with two channels on the portion of its system delivered to Township residents. The channel positions for these two channels will be determined through a cooperative discussion between Buckeye and the Township. One of those channels will carry educational local origination programming and alpha-numeric information generated from Bedford High School; and the other channel, in the Township's sole discretion, may carry general and governmental local origination programming, alpha-numeric information generated by the Township, and public access, if the Township so determines. The studio(s) for educational local origination programming and alpha-numeric information generated from Bedford High School, shall be physically located at Bedford High School. The studio(s) for the general and governmental local origination programming, alpha-numeric information generated by the Township, and public access if the Township so determines, shall be physically located at the Bedford Township Hall or other municipal building, or at any other location, public or private, designated by the Township. Buckeye will make provisions to enable township employees to generate alpha-numeric information from the Township studio location, and Bedford Public Schools employees to generate alpha-numeric information from the Bedford Public Schools studio and the Township studio, and transport them to a location so the feeds can be inserted in the video programming Buckeye provides to Township residents. Buckeye and the Township shall negotiate providing digital service on the School and Township channels when digital services are available to subscribers in Bedford.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF BEDFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 79.

Bedford Township Ordinance No. 79, as may have been amended, and the franchise granted therein, is hereby repealed, to the extent that it has not been previously repealed, such that the entire Ordinance No. 79, and the franchise granted therein, including any and all obligations or duties, of whatever nature, which may have been owed by either the Township or Buckeye to the other party under Ordinance No. 79, is hereby repealed in its entirety. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, are, to the extent such conflict, repealed. Bedford Township Ordinance No. 86 is hereby confirmed as the sole ordinance and franchise for Buckeye and its customers in Bedford Township.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This Ordinance, and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, subsections, phrases, and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable, and if any of them are adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, it is hereby provided that the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately after it or a summary of it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Bedford.

By: Robert Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

By: Walt Wilburn
Bedford Township Supervisor

I, Robert Schockman, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Township Clerk of the Township of Bedford, and I do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Bedford, Michigan, at a regular meeting of the Township Board held at the Bedford Township Board Hall, Temperance, Michigan, on the 3 day of October, 2006.

OCTOBER 14, 2006.