

ORDINANCE NO. 528

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND COMCAST**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title VI of the Communications Act, the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and Pennsylvania law, the Township is authorized to grant franchises to construct, operate and maintain a cable system utilizing the public rights-of-way and properties within the Township's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has requested that the Township grant Comcast a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain its cable system over, under and along the aforesaid public rights-of-way for use by the Township's residents; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township desires to protect and manage the aforesaid public rights-of-way, establish standards of customer service, authorize a technologically advanced cable system, receive franchise fees for Comcast's use of the Township's public rights-of-way as provided by federal law, obtain the use of an educational and governmental channel, establish certain reporting requirements, provide legal protections for the Township, and meet 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 residents of in the Township;

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the Cable Franchise Agreement ("Agreement") and the process for consideration of this Agreement complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the public interest would be served by approving the Agreement with Comcast according to the terms and conditions contained therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Township Board of Supervisors 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.

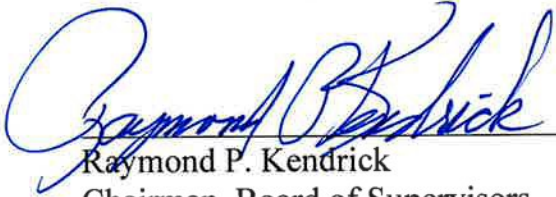
ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF RICHLAND



Brian O'Malley
Township Manager



Raymond P. Kendrick
Chairman, Board of Supervisors