## HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

## ORDINANCE NO. 2006 - A

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND COMCAST OF SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA, LLC. ("COMCAST")

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and the Competition Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (collectively known as the "Cable Act"), the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, and state law, Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is authorized to grant or renew nonexclusive franchises to construct, operate, and maintain a Cable System utilizing the public rights-of-way and other properties within the Township's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid rights-of-way used by Comcast are public properties acquired, maintained, and held in trust on behalf of the citizens by 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, allow future technical improvements, establish certain reporting requirements, and receive franchise fees for Comcast's use of the Township's rights-of-ways to provide Cable Service as provided by federal law, 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 granting Comcast's franchise according to the terms and conditions referred to herein.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the cable service 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 22nd day of May, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hilltown, in lawful session duly assembled.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** vella. 1-