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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Jason E. Fetterman, Senior Assistant County Attorney /s/

Via: Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

Date: September 20, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 77-21 – Transfer of Control of Cable Franchisee – Anne Arundel Broadband, LLC

Legislative Summary

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 77-21, which approves the transfer of control of the cable franchisee Anne Arundel Broadband, LLC, from WideOpenWest Mid-Michigan Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of WideOpenWest Finance, LLC to Starpower Communications, LLC.

Background.

Anne Arundel Broadband, LLC holds the franchise to operate a cable system in defined areas of the County pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Cable Franchise Agreement dated September 12, 2006. Section 10-3-105(f) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) and Section 10 of the Cable Franchise Agreement require the prior consent of the County, in the form of an ordinance enacted by the County Council, to a transfer of a franchise, franchisee, or cable system as defined by § 10-3-105(a) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) and Section 1.39 of the Broadstripe Cable Franchise Agreement (as amended). WideOpenWest Mid-Michigan Holdings, LLC seeks approval to transfer its interest to Starpower Communications, LLC.

Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.

Purpose.

The purpose of this Bill is to approve the transfer of control of the cable franchisee Anne Arundel Broadband, LLC, from WideOpenWest Mid-Michigan Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of WideOpenWest Finance, LLC to Starpower Communications, LLC.

Summary.

SECTION 1 of the Bill approves the transfer of control of the cable franchisee pursuant to the written application dated July 28, 2021, as required by § 10-3-105(f) of the County Code.

SECTION 2 provides that the Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Thank you.

cc: Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
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