

Town of Kinnickinnic, St. Croix County, Wisconsin

Resolution No. 2023-1

**Access to Town Rights of Way by Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services,
SwiftCurrentConnect, and their Subcontractors**

WHEREAS, Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services (PPCS), its wholly owned subsidiary SwiftCurrentConnect (SCC), and their subcontractors, as part of the broadband development project in the Town of Kinnickinnic, require access to rights of way to develop said project, and the Town is willing to grant such access; and

WHEREAS, in a Town survey conducted in the Fall of 2021, residents overwhelmingly (98%+) identified the need and support for broadband access expansion, urging the Town to pursue broadband options; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Kinnickinnic entered a public-private partnership agreement with Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services to expand broadband access and services to underserved and unserved areas in the Town of Kinnickinnic; and

WHEREAS, PPCS, SCC, and their subcontractors will need access to and use of Town rights of way in their planning of safe, efficient, and effective routing for the expanding broadband infrastructure, and the Town relies on their technical expertise to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Town has heretofore and does hereby advise PPCS, SCC, and their subcontractors that the Town engineer is available to answer questions regarding the Town rights of way; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the Town Board adopted a Broadband Forward! Community Ordinance (Ord. No. 2020-2) to encourage broadband access in the Town and reduce administrative obstacles to broadband providers; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 2020-2, the Town of Kinnickinnic committed to charging only a reasonable fee for broadband network projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Kinnickinnic as follows: a) Pierce Pepin Cooperative, SwiftCurrentConnect, and their subcontractors are hereby allowed access to all Town rights of way for the broadband development project until December 31, 2024, and b) the Town utility permit fee for this project and project period shall be \$100.

Adopted this day 5 day of January, 2023, at a regular meeting of the
Town Board.

Town of Kinnickinnic:

By: 
Jerry Olson, Town Chair

Attest: 
Nicky Thompson, Town Clerk