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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF OAKLAND TO LEAVE THE MUNICIPAL CABLE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND ASSETS

TOWN OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the Board of the Town of Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, has previously utilized a Cable Commission to oversee local cable television franchises and public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels and for the provision of uniform regulation of cable television services; and

WHEREAS, changes in technology, franchise administration, and community needs have rendered the operational continuation of the Cable Commission no longer necessary or cost-effective; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the duties of franchise monitoring and public asset management can be efficiently reallocated to internal Town staff, other existing departments, or contracted third parties as determined by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best financial and administrative interest of the Town to dissolve the Cable Commission, to transfer the Cable Commission's remaining duties, funds, and property to the Town Clerk, and to carry out the Town's statutory duties with regard to video service in accordance with Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0420, 66.0421, and 66.0422.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Town of Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin as follows:

1. **Dissolution of Cable Commission.** The Town of Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin Cable Commission is hereby formally dissolved and all terms of office for its members are terminated as of the effective date of this Resolution. The Town shall not make further contribution of franchise fees to the Cable Commission, whether such contribution is presently being withheld by the Town Board or would have occurred in the future.
2. **Transfer of Responsibilities, Duties, and Records.** All remaining powers, duties, responsibilities, files, equipment, ongoing franchise

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administration tasks, and physical or digital records, or property of the dissolved Cable Commission shall be transferred to the Town Clerk. All regulatory oversight, franchise agreement administration, and public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channel coordination previously vested in the Cable Commission shall be transferred to the Town Clerk.

3. **Disposition of Property and Funds.** Any remaining physical assets, records, and unencumbered funds, reserve account(s), budget balances, or financial assets held by the Cable Commission shall be analyzed by the Town Clerk for proper accounting, reassignment, or disposition in accordance with municipal finance law. Thereafter, all funds, assets, and accounts (including reserve fund accounts) shall be transferred to the Town and Village of Cambridge as follows:

First, the Village shall receive a disbursement equal to the amount of any quarterly franchise fee payment made by the Village to the Cable Commission on or after January 1, 2025 in which the Town did not make its respective franchise fee payment to the Cable Commission for that same quarter.

Second, all funds, assets, and accounts (including reserve fund accounts) shall be transferred to the Town and Village based on each municipality's proportionate share of all 2025 franchise fees paid by the Town and Village to the Cable Commission.

4. **Final Report.** The final financial records and a concluding summary of the Cable Commission's activities shall be submitted to the Town Board within 30 days of this Resolution.
5. **Approval.** The Town and the Village will have 30 days to submit to the Cable Commission, in writing, their approval of the final report. If the Town or Village does not respond within the 30 days, it is assumed they agree with the final report.
6. **Payment.** Payment shall be made to the Town and the Village within 15 days after the approval period has passed.
7. **Supersedes Past Action.** Any prior resolutions, ordinances, organizational rules, or conflicting provisions establishing, empowering or expanding the Cable Commission are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict with this Resolution.
8. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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Adopted this 18th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED: 
Laura Payne Town Chairperson

ATTEST: 
Wendy Tanguay Town Clerk/Treasurer