# ordinance no. 21

### CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines and related facilities including but not limited to towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

#### THE TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. <u>CONDITIONS</u>. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' electric lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees if necessary in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. <u>HOLD HARMLESS</u>. Consumers shall save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. <u>EXTENSIONS</u>. Consumers shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. <u>RATES and CONDITIONS</u>. Consumers shall be entitled to provide electric service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. <u>REVOCATION</u>. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. <u>MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION</u>. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to electric service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. <u>REPEALER</u>. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' electric franchise ordinance adopted by the Township including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on January 16 2005

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 14 day of 2024.

Scott Lawrence, Township Supervisor

Attest:

I, Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the ordinance granting Consumers Energy Company, an electric franchise, was properly adopted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, and that all proceedings were regular and in accordance with all legal requirements.

Stephanie Hall, Township Clerk

Dated: 12-27 ,2024

# CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

## THE TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants the right, power and authority to the CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances, for the purpose of transmitting, transforming and distributing electricity on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. <u>CONSIDERATION</u>. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. <u>CONDITIONS</u>. All of Grantee's towers, masts and poles shall be neat and sightly, and so placed on either side of the highways, streets, alleys bridges and waterways, as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway, street and alley purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways, streets and alleys shall be done so as not to interfere with the use thereof, and when completed, the same shall be left in as good condition as when work was commenced. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities.

SECTION 4. <u>HOLD HARMLESS</u>. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein granted, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. <u>RATES</u>. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for electric energy furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and

rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 7. <u>REVOCATION</u>. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said Township.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a electric ordinance adopted by the Township Board on September 21, 1965 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANT, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a electric franchise was granted to Consumers Power Company.

SECTION 10. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof, provided, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 15TH day of 1995.

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Attest:

Township Clark

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR, OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a REGULAR meeting of the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF MENTOR,
OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, duly called and held on the 15TH day of, 1995, there were present:
GARY WYCOFF (NOT PRESENT) , Supervisor,
LEE SHERWOOD , Township Clerk,
NANCY CRANF Township Treasurer,
<u>DENNIS KANN - APPOINTED &amp; ,</u> Township Trustee, ACTING CHAIRMAN/SUPERVISOR
KATHLEEN VELTON, Township Trustee.
The following ordinance was offered by Township Board Member
DENNIS KANN and supported by Township Board Member
LEE SHERWOOD :