A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND TO CREATE AMENDMENTS AS NEEDED BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CARRBORO AND THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL FOR FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES SHARING AND/OR EXCHANGE

WHERAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill jointly desire to formally recognize and maintain a mutually beneficial and collaborative environment surrounding the planning, engineering, deployment, documentation and maintenance of their respective fiber optic infrastructure resources; and,

WHERAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill jointly acknowledge that each entity would be able to enhance the scope, route diversity, redundancy and overall reliability of network connectivity through a structured and detailed process whereby the two Towns equitably, and by mutually beneficial means, share and/or exchange specific elements of their respective fiber cable plants through an MOU and Amendments; and,

WHERAS, the purpose of the MOU is to establish the terms and conditions for the two Towns to equitably share and/or exchange defined elements of their respective (a.) fiber optic infrastructure systems, (b.) fiber optic infrastructure strategic planning, and (c.) fiber optic infrastructure engineering and administration expertise and that Amendments to the MOU will be created, as needed, to document and describe each instance of sharing and/or exchanging fiber optic infrastructure resources; and,

WHERAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill will have no ownership rights to the other Town's fiber optic infrastructure as a result of this MOU or Amendments; and,

WHEARAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill will be sharing and/or exchanging fiber optic infrastructure, as laid out under specific Amendments, all sharing and/or exchanging will be quid pro quo at no cost to either Town other than possible nominal splicing fees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and to Create Amendments as needed between the Town of Carrboro and the Town of Chapel Hill for Fiber Optic Infrastructure Facilities Sharing and/or Exchange.