

TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 14

GRANTING FRANCHISE TO THE JEROME TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

An ordinance granting to the Jerome Telephone, Telegraph Company, their successors and assigns, first to place erect and maintain poles, wires and other conductors for the transmission of electricity for telephone and telegraph purposes in and about the streets, alleys and public highways, in the town of Jerome, and to execute the privilege of operating telephones within the said town.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The town of Jerome hereby grants to the Jerome Telephone, Telegraph Company, their successors and assigns, the right and privilege to place, lay, erect, maintain and operate in the streets, alleys, and public highways, within the said town, poles, wires, and other conductors for the transmission of electricity for telephone and telegraph purposes for the term of twenty-five years, from the date of the passage hereof.

Section 2. Such wires or conductors shall be stretched upon poles or other fixtures above ground in a workman like and proper manner; said poles shall be erected at the inside of the curb line of the sidewalk in said town of Jerome in a good and substantial manner and shall be painted. The common council of said town shall have the right to cause said grantee to move the location of any poles, whenever the public convenience shall require the location of the same elsewhere; The expense of such removal to be paid by said grantee. All poles erected within the fire limits, upon the following streets, shall be not less than 150 feet apart and the wires shall be strung at least 20 feet above the ground, viz: Main, First, Clark, and Conglomerate Streets, and Hull and Jerome Avenue, said wires shall be entirely above or below the other telephone and telegraph wires in said city.

Section 3. The said grantee or assigns, may make all necessary excavation in any of said streets, alleys or public highways for the purpose of erecting and maintaining poles or other supports for said wires or conductors, or repairing the same, said work shall be done in compliance with the necessary rules, regulations, ordinances or orders which may during the continuance of this franchise or adopted from time to time by the common council of said town and the same shall be done to the satisfaction of the said common council and the Superintendent of Streets.

Section 4. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as in any wise to prevent the proper authorities of said town of Jerome from sewerage, grading, paving, planking, repairing or altering any of said streets, alleys, or public highways herein mentioned.

Section 5, In consideration of the right herein granted, the said town of Jerome, shall have the right to suspend and maintain upon the poles placed by said grantee, its successors or assigns, in the streets, alleys, and public highways aforesaid, any and all wires which said town may require for fire alarm and police telegraph service free of charge to said town.

Section 6. Said Jerome Telephone, Telegraph Company and their assigns shall give during all said period of twenty-five years, free of charge to the town of Jerome, the use of all their telephone lines and wires within the limits of

said town, for the Police Department, Fire Department, Common Council and the successors of the Council of said town and shall immediately place and during all period of twenty-five years, shall maintain an instrument for sending and receiving telephone messages, the said instrument having the same connection with the central office and all portions of said telephone lines as other operating telephone instruments of said Jerome Telephone, Telegraph Company and their assigns shall have, in the room which the said Council or its successors shall occupy for their place of meeting, in the office of the Town Marshall of said Town, and in every other room in which any fire engine, hose, cart or hook and ladder truck belonging to said Town shall be stationed and shall furthermore maintain one extra telephone for use of one of the Town Officers where so required.

Section 7. Said Jerome Telephone, Telegraph Company, or its successors or assigns, shall have one year from the date of the passage hereof in which to complete the establishment of its system in said Town of Jerome, and the rights, privileges and franchises herein granted shall continue and be in force for the period of twenty-five years from and after the date of the passage of this ordinance.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and due posting according to law.

PASSED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME this 28th day of September, 1899 by the following vote:

AYES: Bradley, Merrill, Sturmer, Mr. Mayor

NAYS: None, absent, not voting Condiven

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR FOR HIS SIGNATURE AND APPROVAL AND BY HIM THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1899, DULY SIGNED AND APPROVED.

ATTEST

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR