**FCC Broadband Advisory Committee
Model Code for Municipalities Working Group
Item to be voted upon at 11/9/17 Meeting**

The FCC Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, Model Code for Municipalities Working Group (“Working Group”) was charged with developing a model code for local governments across the country to act as a non-binding, flexible guideline to help to speed broadband deployment across the United States. There are over 39,000 local governments (including townships, counties, and other municipalities) in the United States, with enormous diversity based on geography, size, resources, aesthetics, existing infrastructure, regulatory and legal framework, history, culture, and community priorities.

In light of the FCC’s charge, and given the importance of broadband deployment to America’s economic competitiveness as well as creating educational and employment opportunities for our population, the Working Group developed the following set of guiding principles to focus its work. **The Working Group seeks review and approval by the full BDAC of the guiding principles**.

1. Contribute to the swift and safe deployment and expansion of broadband throughout the United States.
2. Ensure the benefits of broadband networks and infrastructure reach all communities.
3. Promote competition, access, and diversity in the deployment of both wired and wireless broadband infrastructure and the provision of broadband services.
4. Develop guidelines for the use of public assets to ensure the best overall outcome for all current and potential residential and commercial broadband users.
5. Develop guidelines for predictable, network-level planning and implementation, which also helps to minimize adverse impacts to municipalities and local communities and maximizes benefits.
6. Promote transferring of knowledge to local governments to help enable and accelerate broadband deployment.
7. Recognize the need to allocate resources to digital inclusion and innovative business models to drive broadband adoption and close digital divides.
8. Promote innovation, economic and job growth, and improved quality of life through broadband access and usage.
9. Promote fair labor and safety standards for workers and the public.
10. Balance the use of public rights-of-ways to support and enhance robust and competitive broadband services in a manner that is consistent and balanced recognizing the differences among technologies.