

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5.28.2160, 5.28.2170, 5.28.2480 AND 5.28.2570 OF CHAPTER 5.28 AND ADDING SECTIONS 5.28.2175 AND 5.28.2235 TO CHAPTER 5.28, TITLE 5 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO LICENSING OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

Section 5.28.2160 of Chapter 5.28 of Title 5 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

5.28.2160 Contents of Application

Applications for a license shall include at a minimum:

- A. A clear description of the identity of the applicant, including but not limited to the name of the applicant, the address of the applicant, the nature of business entity;
- B. Copies of the policy or policies of liability insurance, including comprehensive general liability insurance products completed operations liability, personal injury liability, owners and contractors protective liability, broad form property damage, contractual liability, automobile liability (owned; nonowned and hired automobiles), workers compensation and employer liability required by Section 5.28.2550 of this chapter;
- C. 1. A clear description of the boundaries of the precise geographic area for which applicant seeks a license ("license area") defining the area by metes and bounds in terms of street name and direction, or
2. A map or maps of a scale of not less than one inch equals one thousand (1,000) feet showing the license area boundaries; and

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D. A calculation and certification of the initial penal sum of the performance bond which will be provided prior to the initiation of construction pursuant to Section 5.28.2520 of this chapter or the election of the applicant to provide the alternative performance bond specified by Section 5.28.2530 of this chapter. (Prior code §§ 20.12.1102)

E. A service activation plan and schedule utilizing census tract or similar demographic data that demonstrates that the Applicant will provide cable television services within the service area on a non-discriminatory basis (racial/ethnic/economic), when evaluated beginning with the first anniversary of the issuance of the License and on a semi-annual basis thereafter. The format and reporting detail shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

SECTION 2

Section 5.28.2170 of Chapter 5.28 of Title 5 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

5.28.2170 Issuance of License

The cable television commission shall issue all licenses for which applications are received unless:

A. The application shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 5.28.2160 of this chapter; or

B. Any license theretofore issued to any affiliate, subsidiary or parent of the licensee or any other person or entity in which the licensee has a financial interest or which has a financial interest in the licensee shall be thereupon in default as to any provision of this chapter or as to any provision of any license issued hereunder. (Prior code §§ 20.12.1104)

C. The applicant fails to submit a service activation plan and schedule that meets the requirements of 5.28.2160, as determined by the Commission.

SECTION 3

Section 5.28.2175 is added to Chapter 5.28 of Title 5 of the City Code to read as follows:

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5.28.2175 Denial

If an Applicant is a Licensee, an affiliate of a Licensee or controlled by a Licensee, the Commission may deny issuance of a License if the Commission finds and determines that the issuance of any subsequent license(s) and the geographic areas requested to be served, may result or appears to result in an overall service territory for the Licensee or its affiliates or controlled entities that discriminates against any community, neighborhood or geographic area for socio-economic reasons.

SECTION 4

Section 5.28.2235 of Chapter 5.28 of Title 5 of the City Code is added to read as follows:

5.28.2235 Interconnect

The Licensee shall provide interconnection of its Cable System to other franchised, licensed or authorized Cable Systems within the County for the purpose of transporting and distributing PEG programming. The Licensee shall make all reasonable efforts to coordinate the cablecasting of PEG access programming upon its Cable System at the same time and upon the same channel designations as such programming is cablecast upon other Cable Systems. However, the Licensee shall not be bound by these interconnection requirements if interconnection is impractical or infeasible due to the refusal of the other cable operators to share equitably in the cost of interconnection. Any denial of interconnection by a Licensee shall be subject to the reasonable review and reversal of the Commission.

SECTION 5

Section 5.28.2480 of Chapter 5.28 of Title 5 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

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5.28.2480 Interest on Delinquent License Fees

Any license fees which remain unpaid after the dates specified in Section 5.28.2470 of this chapter shall be delinquent and shall thereafter accrue interest at the maximum legal rate until paid. As used in this section the maximum legal rate shall be that rate set forth in Section 685.010 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, as amended from time to time, or any successor California statute establishing the rate interest accrues for money judgments.

SECTION 6

Section 5.28.2570 of Chapter 5.28 of Title 5 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

5.28.2570 Transfers Prohibited

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, no part or element of a cable television system or any other real or personal property which is a part of said cable television system shall be sold, transferred, assigned, mortgaged, pledged, leased, sublet or otherwise encumbered for any purpose whatsoever, nor shall title thereto, either legal or equitable, or any right or interest therein pass to or vest in any party without the prior written consent of the cable television commission. Such consent of the commission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

A license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall not, either in whole or in part, be sold, transferred, assigned, mortgaged, pledged, leased, sublet, or otherwise encumbered for any purpose whatsoever; not shall title thereto, either legal or equitable, or any right or interest therein, pass to or vest in any party without the prior written consent of the cable television commission. Such consent of the commission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Any such sale, transfer, assignment, mortgage, pledge, lease, sublease or other encumbrance of whatever kind or nature made in violation of the provisions of this section shall be void.

As used in this section "transfer or change of control shall mean the acquisition of sufficient dominance to determine the operational and financial policies of the Licensee, including but not limited to the disposition of its assets. The word "control" as used in this section is not limited to major stockholders or financial interests but also includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised and includes, but is not limited to (i) the acquisition of accumulation by any party or association of parties of ten percent (10%) or more of the

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voting shares or stock of the Licensee or named owner of the Licensee; (ii) a change in general partners of a Licensee or name owner of the Licensee; or (iii) a merger or consolidation of the Licensee or named owner of the Licensee.

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