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AN ORDINANCE

Pertaining to the Cable
Communications Services within
the City of Evanston

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has awarded a cable franchise to Cablevision of Chicago for the ownership, operation and maintenance of a cable communication system in the City; and

WHEREAS, Cablevision of Chicago has proposed the transfer of ownership of the of the existing cable franchise to Continental Cablevision by July, 1995; and

WHEREAS, this franchise agreement will expire on April 19, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the City will negotiate the terms of a new Franchise Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City, as part of the negotiating process for a new cable franchise agreement, has appointed a Cable Task Force of citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Cable Task Force will determine the needs within the City for public cable access and cable services generally, and

WHEREAS, as part of community outreach and citizen input, a series of ten cable focus group meetings will be held by the Task Force throughout the City to ascertain generally the services and needs for cable communications within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Cable Task Force will provide information and assistance, on as needed basis, to the City's negotiating representatives; and

WHEREAS, the city has retained the services of The Buske Group to assist in the franchise negotiations,

WHEREAS, the Department of Facilities Management will report to the Administration and Public Works Committee of the City Council on all cable matters; and

WHEREAS, the Cable Communications Ordinance, Title 2, Chapter 11 was adopted in 1986 to address cable concerns then prevalent within the City; and

WHEREAS, the cable communications industry and the federal regulation thereof has undergone substantial change and modification during the 1980s and 1990s, and

WHEREAS, the City Council will, within the next twelve months, consider the adoption of a Cable Communication Ordinance which better serves the needs and concerns of all citizens and which reflects the technological changes and federal regulation within the cable industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That Title 2, Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Evanston is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2: That ordinance 123-0-85 is hereby amended in pertinent part to read as follows:

Section 8: Restrictions

"Any person or organization alleging denial of this right may petition the Administration and Public Works Committee of the Evanston City Council for review."

Section 9: Governance and Review:

A: Budget

"Copies of any interim budget, the initial budget and each subsequent annual budget shall be submitted to the Administration and Public Works Committee of the Evanston City Council and be made available for public inspection."

B: Annual Report and Evaluation

"On March 1st each year commencing 1987 ECTC shall submit a report detailing its

activities, progress in meeting its responsibilities set forth herein, and an audited financial statement covering the previous calendar year to the Administration and Public Works Committee for submittal thereafter to the Evanston City Council."

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced June 12, 1995

Adopted: June 26, 1995

Approved: June 30, 1995

Lorraine A. Morton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gustav Davis
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Corporation Counsel

