



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Communications

Date: April 9, 2015

To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways & Means

Subject: Amending Comcast cable franchise ordinance

Recommendation: Approve amendments to Comcast cable franchise

Previous Directives: Jan. 30, 2015, City Council approves resolution conditionally transferring cable franchise from Comcast to GreatLand Connections and approves settlement agreement between the City and Comcast.

Oct. 2009, approval of current franchise agreement with Comcast by the City Council, for a franchise to run through Dec. 31, 2021.

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Supporting Information

On Jan. 30, 2015, the City Council approved a conditional transfer of Comcast's cable franchise in Minneapolis to GreatLand Connections. At the same time, the City Council approved a settlement agreement with Comcast on a set of issues relating to the current franchise. Under the settlement agreement, the City and Comcast agreed to certain changes in the cable franchise regarding PEG channels and PEG fees. The proposed amendments to the franchise ordinance reflect the agreed-upon changes.