

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Committee of Public Property & Public Works to hold public hearings on the status of implementation of the cable television franchise renewal agreement between the City of Philadelphia and Comcast of Philadelphia, LLC passed by this Council on Dec. 10, 2015.

WHEREAS, Comcast holds franchises authorizing it to own, operate and maintain a Cable System, as defined in the Communications Act of 1934 (the "Communications Act" or "Act"), as amended, in and along the public rights-of-way and streets of the City for the purpose of providing Cable Service, as defined in the Act, in each of Franchise Areas I, II, III and IV; and

WHEREAS, The Act provides that the City may require that Comcast obtain a cable franchise from the City as a condition of its operating such a Cable System and furnishing such Cable Service over the system in the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11-700 of The Philadelphia Code requires that Comcast hold a cable franchise from the City before operating a Cable System or providing Cable Service in the City, and further provides that the Council of the City of Philadelphia must approve any such franchise or its renewal by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, A cable television franchise renewal agreement between Comcast and the City was authorized by this Council through ordinance via Bill 150809 which was voted on and passed on December 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Philadelphia has a vested interested in the success of all terms agreed to through the cable television franchise renewal agreement, including the terms of agreements set forth in Exhibit C of the ordinance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Join Committee of Public Property & Public Works is authorized to hold public hearings on the status of implementation of the cable television franchise renewal agreement between the City of Philadelphia and Comcast of Philadelphia, LLC passed by this Council on Dec. 10, 2015.