Regulate Basic Cable Rates within Redmond

RESOLUTION NO. 957

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF BASIC SERVICE TIER RATES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION AND SERVICE CHARGES OF ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM OPERATING IN THE CITY OF REDMOND

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1992, Congress enacted the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 which, among other things, provided that the basic service tier rates and the charges for related equipment, installation and services of a cable television system (hereinafter, "Basic Service Rates and Charges") shall be subject to regulation by a franchising authority in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, the "FCC"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond (hereinafter, the "City") is a franchising authority with the legal authority to adopt, and the personnel to administer, regulations with respect to the Basic Service Rates and Charges of any cable television system operating in the City, including, without limitation, the system currently being operated by Viacom Cablevision (hereinafter, the "Company") pursuant to Ordinance No. 1359 granting a non-exclusive franchise to Viacom (hereinafter, the "Franchise"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to regulate the Basic Service Rates and Charges of the Company and any other cable television system operating in the City and shall do so in

accordance with the FCC Rate Regulations released on May 3, 1993, notwithstanding any different or inconsistent provisions in the Franchise, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City will follow the FCC Rate Regulations in its regulation of the Basic Service Rates and Charges of the Company and any other cable television system operating in the City, notwithstanding any different or inconsistent provisions in the Franchise; and

Section 2. In connection with such regulation, the City will ensure a reasonable opportunity for consideration of the view of interested parties; and

Section 3. The Mayor, or his or her designee, is authorized to execute on behalf of the City and to file with the FCC such certification forms or other instruments as are now or may hereafter be required by the FCC Rate Regulations in order to enable the City to regulate Basic Service Rates and Charges; and

<u>Section 4.</u> This resolution shall be effective immediately.

RESOLVED this 7th day of December, 1993.

APPROVED:

MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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