

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1998 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-69-1998

Proposed by The Chairman (by request - County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Russell and Bailey

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction October 6, 1998

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Cable Franchises

For the purpose of extending the existing Cable Franchise Agreements between Jones Cable and Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5A-102 of the Prince George's County Code, the County Council has established the boundaries of a Northern and Southern territory for the grant of franchises for the operation of cable television systems within the County ; and,

WHEREAS, by Council Resolution 30-1998, the County Council extended the franchises awarded to Jones Communications ("JCM") to provide cable service to the Northern and Southern Franchise Areas until December 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the County's cable franchise renewal process is governed by the Federal Cable Act which sets forth an informal and formal process for renewal; and

WHEREAS, the negotiations under the informal process were unsuccessful and negotiations under the formal process have been instituted; and

WHEREAS, a decision under the formal process, which includes the development of a Request for Proposal and review of any responses thereto, and possible public hearing will take approximately six months; and

WHEREAS, it is important that uninterrupted cable service be available to the residents of Prince George's County during the preparation and review of new franchise agreements by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's

County, Maryland, that the Franchise awarded to JCM for the Northern Franchise Area, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Council, and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby extended until February 2, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Franchise awarded to JCM for the Southern Franchise Area, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Council, and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby extended until February 2, 1999.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 1998.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council