

CITY/VILLAGE OF Augusta
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF CABLE FRANCHISING

RESOLUTION # 060313-01

WHEREAS, ~~cities~~/villages have a long and very successful history of supporting the introduction of cable services by the cable industry, a successful deployment made possible in large part by the current system of local cable franchising, and

WHEREAS, AT&T and Verizon have been actively advocating across the country that local franchise agreements be eliminated, and

WHEREAS, local government participation in the cable franchising process ensures build-out requirements so that all residents irrespective of age, race, education, or income level, receive the same service, and

WHEREAS, equal access to telecommunications services such as broadband and cable is essential for economic growth, and

WHEREAS, franchise fee revenue assists ~~cities~~/villages in providing essential services, maintaining the rights-of-way; supporting public education and government channels and critical institutional networks that support public safety; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ~~city~~/village council hereby affirms its support for the current local cable franchise agreement system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ~~City~~/Village of Augusta urges federal and state policymakers to only support legislation that:

1. Maintains local control of the cable franchise process;
2. Ensures build-out requirements so that providers are not able to "cherry-pick" customers;
3. Preserves local governments' ability to manage the public rights-of-way;
4. Ensures no reduction in direct revenues and that Michigan's Metro Act is preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., our state legislators in Lansing, Governor Granholm and the Michigan Municipal League.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2006