Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement

Comparison of Key Terms May 22, 2017





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Franchise Fee

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
\$1.53 per subscriber	3.5% of gross revenue starting in 90 days
Comcast retains \$0.33 to repay itself for a grant	4.5% of gross revenue in 1 year (2018)
it made to the City to install a fiber ring	5% of gross revenue in 2 years (2019)
\$1.53/subscriber= approx. 1.5% of gross	
revenue	



PEG* Fee

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
0	0
	Option for City Council to impose PEG fee up to \$0.50 per subscriber in 2020

(*PEG=public, educational, and government access channels)



Access Channels

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
All SD	6 SD (1 for City, 5 for SCETC)
1 for City	1 HD for City with option for 1 add'l HD for SCETC
2 for CSFD	2 HD closed circuit for CSFD for training
5 for SCETC	



Standard Installation

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
125 ft. from cable distribution line	125 feet from the nearest point of access on the right of way from which cable system is designed to service the site (distribution line)



Buildout Requirement

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
Right and requirement to provide to entire City	 Right to provide to entire City. Required to extend if: Areas in City limits on effective date: 10 dwelling units w/in ¼ mile of distribution line New developments with at least 40 dwellings per mile: if certain criteria met Annexed areas: must be contiguous, technically feasible, and not already served by another provider City must impose same buildout in other franchises (ltd. geographic area exception)



Customer Service Standards

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
• Accessibility	 Accessibility (now incl. self-help tools)
 Responsiveness 	 Responsiveness
Service Interruptions	Service Interruptions
Communication with Customers	Communication with Customers
Comcast must maintain phone service and	Comcast must maintain phone service and
on-call dispatchers and technicians 24/7	on-call dispatchers and technicians 24/7
Dispute Resolution	Dispute Resolution
 Services for Disabled 	Services for Disabled
• Privacy	Privacy (expanded)



Customer Service Standards

Current Franchise	Proposed Franchise
	 Add'l Requirements Damage to property (restore, repair or compensate) Safety Estimate of cost of installation, repair or service prior to conducting work Complaint procedures Remedies