

RESOLUTION NO. 1793

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO REJECT LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO MANAGE THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The Troutdale City Council finds as follows:

1. The City supports competitive entry into the video market.
2. The City supports universal, affordable broadband Internet access.
3. City participation in the provision of broadband communications services may be necessary to achieve universal, affordable broadband Internet access.
4. The City supports vibrant community media through public, educational and government (PEG) access which uses capacity and equipment provided for through video franchises.
5. The City supports community Institutional Networks that provide high bandwidth at low cost to schools, libraries and local governments.
6. City management of the public rights of way and City zoning requirements for wireless facilities ensure that deployment of telecommunications and video equipment and facilities respects public safety, pedestrian and vehicular traffic mobility, and sensitive environmental, historical and cultural resources.
7. The City should be fairly compensated for use of the public rights of way.
8. The City supports build-out requirements for video service providers in order to prevent providers from discriminating based on the wealth of local neighborhoods.
9. Congress is currently considering legislation that would drastically limit the important local role in the formulation and implementation of telecommunications and video policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE:

Section 1.

A. The Troutdale City Council affirms the important role of local government in encouraging competition among telecommunications and video providers, managing the public rights of way, implementing local zoning policies, providing local customer service enforcement, enforcing build-out requirements and ensuring vibrant community media; and

B. Preserving the option of municipal participation in the provision of broadband communications services is necessary to promote universal, affordable broadband Internet access; and


C. The Troutdale City Council opposes any legislation preventing local government from franchising video providers who use the public rights of way, charging franchise fees, and requiring support for PEG access and Institutional Networks; and

D. The City Recorder shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to all members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Section 2.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0**



Paul Thalhofer, Mayor
January 11, 2006

Date



Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: January 10, 2006