

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CHANNEL LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS CHANNELS, ALSO KNOWN AS PEG

At a meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the 14th day of January, 2008, at the Township Hall, 4200 North Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township, Michigan 48303-0489.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____;

WHEREAS, Comcast Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Comcast,” is among the companies that furnish or will be furnishing cable television subscriptions to residential customers; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Bloomfield and other governmental entities have committed substantial resources to deliver programming on governmental and educational access channels, also known as PEG; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has indicated that it intends to change the channel lineup and location of the public, educational and governmental access channels (PEG) from present locations, where they have been situated for many years, to the channel lineup in the 900s, which will require customers to have a digital converter set-top box, a cable card or a QAM* capable television; and

WHEREAS, the result would be added costs, inconvenience, and confusion with respect to viewers who intend to view educational and governmental access channels; and

WHEREAS, since Comcast’s announcement, many concerned residents have contacted the township in opposition to the news that Comcast intends to change the location of PEG channels and require customers to have a digital converter box to receive the channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT:

1. Comcast is requested to preserve the channel locations for public, educational and governmental access channels (PEG) and agree that they will not be changed in the future without the written consent of the township and/or governmental entity or entities which provide programming on such channels;

2. The Township requests that Comcast respond to the questions posed by the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors in its letter dated November 2007 addressing operational and legal issues related to Comcast’s actions; and

* QAM tuners in televisions enable direct reception of digital cable channels without the use of a set-top box.

3. The Township requests that Public Act 480 of 2006 be immediately amended to require that public, educational and governmental access channels remain at the current locations and that the same not be subject to change unless the written consent of the affected governmental entity providing the programming is obtained and that the Act be further modified in order to require the new providers of cable and video services furnish public, educational and governmental access channel lineups and selections that are consistent with existing providers, as of January 1, 2007, with respect to channel locations, ease of access, availability of features, quality parameters, and similarity of surrounding channels.

This Resolution is deemed severable and should any provisions, clause, word or sentence be deemed unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTENTIONS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, JANET M. RONCELLI, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bloomfield at a duly called meeting held on the 14th day of January, 2008, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this _____ day of January, 2008.

JANET M. RONCELLI, Clerk