



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 28, 2014  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 11, 2014

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**DATE:** January 6, 2014  
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Amending City code for public access rules and procedures as recommended by the Cable Communication Commission.

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi, Chapter 55 regarding rules and procedures for public access cablecasting; providing for penalties; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

### **PURPOSE:**

To amend the public access rules and procedures as recommended by the Cable Communications Commission.

Updates include:

- 1) Eliminating references to video tapes which had previously been grandfathered;
- 2) Increasing the timeframe to hold semi-annual public access scheduling lotteries from 7 days to 14 days;
- 3) Include a requirement for posting public access user group meetings with the City Secretary and posting notices at City Hall.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Recommendations for updates to the public access cablecasting rules and procedures are done periodically by the Cable Communications Commission to the City Council. In 2009, a major revision of public access channel rules and procedures occurred in which Ordinances in Section 55-447 were updated. A minor update in 2011 occurred when definition of producer was updated to be consistent with other defined terms.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Not to amend the rules and procedures for public assess programming which could result in enforcement issues for public access programming.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

No other city policy implications.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Item requires two readings and is a routine, non-controversial item.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Cable Communications Commission approved the proposed amendments to the code of Ordinances, Section 55-447 at the October 2013 meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget		0	0	0
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0	0	0
This item		0	0	0
BALANCE		0	0	0

Fund(s): None

**Comments:** Ordinance amendment results in no financial impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve amendment to Ordinances, Section 55-447 to ensure adequate enforcement of the public access cablecasting rules and procedures.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Cable Communications Minutes October 2013