

# Cable Franchise Ordinance Revisions

Repeal and amend cable franchise  
ordinances as a result of  
Chapter 66– Texas Cable Franchising  
Statute

# Historical Perspective

- Time Warner Cable and the City renewed the existing cable franchise in 2002.
- 15 Year term to expire in 2017.
- Chapter 66 – Texas Cable Franchise Statute adopted in 2005.
- Chapter 66 replaced cities as the franchising authority for cable and video services in Texas.



- Federal 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit District Court of Appeals ruled allowing existing cable providers to apply for state issued cable franchise.
- Corpus Christi was one of only four cities statewide with an existing local cable franchise.
- Time Warner Cable was granted a state issued cable franchise on June 20, 2012.

# Cable Franchise Transition

- Franchise fees remain stable at 5%.
- 1% Public, Educational and Government (PEG) fee paid to cities for channel facilities and equipment.
- Existing PEG channels grandfathered.
- Right of way rights are preserved by the City.
- PEG channels signals must originate at the City.
- Public Access programming shifts to the City to schedule and rebroadcast.

# Recommendations

- Repeal of ordinances regarding cable communication services due to state franchise authority.
- Updates to the Public Access Rules & Procedures to reflect City responsibility for scheduling and rebroadcasting.