

ORDINANCE NO. 374

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, EXTENDING ITS UTILITY FRANCHISES WITH PUGET SOUND ENERGY AND WITH COMCAST OF PUGET SOUND, INC., THROUGH MAY 31, 2003**

WHEREAS, the City Council previously passed Ordinance No. 116, granting utility franchises for five years from the date of incorporation to Puget Sound Energy (formerly Washington Natural Gas Company) and to Comcast of Puget Sound, Inc. (aka "Comcast," and formerly known as AT&T Broadband and Internet Service and as Cable TV of Puget Sound, Inc.), as well as other utility providers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council by Ordinance No. 287 extended the utility franchises for Puget Sound Energy and for Comcast of Puget Sound, Inc., until December 31, 2000; and by Ordinance No. 294 extended these franchises through June 30, 2001; and by Ordinance No. 316 extended the franchises through October 31, 2001; and by Ordinance No. 325 extended the franchises through February 28, 2002; and by Ordinance No. 335 extended the franchises through May 31, 2002; and by Ordinance No. 341 extended the franchises through August 31, 2002; and by Ordinance No. 352 extended the franchises through December 31, 2002; and by Ordinance No. 363 extended the franchises through March 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy will have a draft franchise ready for the City Council's second reading on April 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, additional time is required for submittal of a Comcast franchise to the City Council for consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, an extension through May 31, 2003, would accommodate the ongoing franchise negotiations, NOW THEREFORE,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

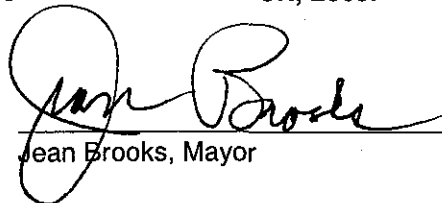
Section 1. Extending the Natural Gas Franchise with Puget Sound Energy. The existing City of University Place franchise with Puget Sound Energy is hereby extended to 11:59 p.m. May 31, 2003.

Section 2. Extending the Cable Franchise with Comcast of Puget Sound, Inc. The existing City of University Place franchise with Comcast of Puget Sound, Inc. (aka "Comcast") is hereby extended to 11:59 p.m. May 31, 2003.

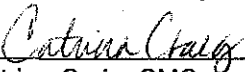
Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not be affected.

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall be in effect five (5) days after publication.

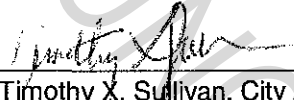
**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2003.**

  
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Jean Brooks, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Catrina Craig, CMC  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

**Publication Date:** 3/19/03  
**Effective Date:** 3/24/03

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