

RESOLUTION NO. 181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON URGING TCI CABLEVISION OF WASHINGTON INC. TO DEDICATE A TELEVISION CHANNEL EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING IN PIERCE COUNTY, WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE RAINIER COMMUNICATION COMMISSION AND THE REGIONAL MEDIA CENTER.

WHEREAS, Federal law allows cable television franchise authorities to require channel capacity for educational programming access; and

WHEREAS, University Place's franchise with TCI Cablevision of Washington Inc. (TCI) anticipates the provision of adequate education access within the franchise area; and

WHEREAS, TCI's recent expansion of its system provides capacity for the dedication of at least one channel exclusively for educational programming; and

WHEREAS, There is a clear need for local educational programming in University Place, which would contribute substantially to the health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, University Place is a member of the Rainier Communication Commission and the Regional Media Center which consist of franchising authorities throughout University Place, and were formed to administer cable television franchises and to carry out the purposes of those franchises in the interest of the communities and citizens they serve; and

WHEREAS, Educational programming is one of the most important purposes of the franchise agreements collectively administered through the Rainier Communication Commission, and government access programming is currently administered by the Regional Media Center, and

WHEREAS, the Rainier Communication Commission, in conjunction with the Regional Media Center, would provide the best mechanism to manage an educational access channel throughout the franchise areas covered by the membership. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Dedication to Educational Programming. The University Place Council hereby urges TCI Cablevision of Washington Inc. to dedicate a television channel exclusively for educational programming in University Place.

Section 2. Administration. The television channel provided shall be administered by the Rainier Communication Commission and the Regional Media Center.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 20, 1998.


Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk