Introduced August 12, 2008, by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilman Hursey, (by request of Administration)

## Item No. 08-08-2766

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3500**

An ordinance setting the franchise fee to be paid by those entities providing cable or video service within the City's municipal limits under a state - granted franchise authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Consumer Choice for Television Act of 2008, codified at LSA-RS. 45:1361 et seq. any person or entity desiring to provide cable or video services within the City of Slidell may do so by obtaining a state-issued certificate of franchise authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 45:1366, the holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority for cable or video service is required to pay a franchise fee to a municipality in which it operates upon the passage of an ordinance by municipality setting such a fee; and

WHEREAS, there are persons or entities which operate or desire to operate cable or video services within the City's municipal limits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, that all persons or entities providing cable or video services to the citizens of the City of Slidell pursuant to a state-issued certificate of franchise authority as provided in LSA-R.S. 45:1361 et seq. shall, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 45:1366, pay the City of ,a franchise fee equal 5% of the cable or video service provider's gross revenues, as that term is defined by the consumer Choice for Television Act of 2008, derived from operations within the City's municipal limits.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, except those approving any cable or video franchise agreement in force and effect between the City and any cable or video service provider.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2008.

Raymond H. Canada
President of the Council
Councilman, District E

Ben O Morris

Mayor

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from the Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator