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

Item No. 08-08-2767

ORDINANCE NO. 3501

An ordinance requiring the payment of public, educational, governmental access programming support to the City of Slidell by cable or video service providers operating within the City's municipal limits under a state-issued certificate of 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 (hereinafter "the City") may do so by obtaining a state-issued certificate of franchise authority; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested those entities providing cable or video services within the municipal limits of the City to provide public, educational, and governmental access programming, streams, or channels ("PEG") and desires to collect PEG access support from these cable or video service providers pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S.45:1370; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 45: 1361 et seq. providers of cable or video services holding a state-issued certificate of franchise authority as provided in LSA - R. S. 45:1361 et seq. and operating within the City's municipal limits shall, upon written notice by the City, pay to the City of Slidell an amount equal to one half percent of the 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and resolutions in conflict

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herewith are hereby repealed, except those approving any cable or video franchise agreement in force and effect between the City and any cable or video service provider.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.

President of the Council Councilman, District E

Mayor

DELIVERED 9200 A.M. 9/11/08 to the Mayor RECEIVED 3:45 pm. from the Mayor

Council Administrator