

1 Introduced March 10, 1998; Councilwoman
2 Williams, seconded by Councilman Van
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6 **RESOLUTION R98-09**
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9 A resolution requesting our United States Congressional delegation and the
10 State of Louisiana Legislature cooperate to regulate the Cable TV industry by placing it
11 under the State jurisdiction under the Public Service Commission.
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13 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Telecommunications
14 Reform Act of 1996 mandating that the Cable TV industry be regulated by the FCC; and

15 WHEREAS, said Act is scheduled to expire on March 31, 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, in March of 1998, Congress introduced a new bill to extend the
17 regulations of the Cable TV industry under the 1996 Telecommunications Reform Act; and

18 WHEREAS, the new Congressional bill has little chance of passing; and

19 WHEREAS, every year different regulatory programs are considered, but
20 none have been passed; and

21 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council feels that the Cable TV industry could
22 be better regulated by the State Public Service Commission; and

23 WHEREAS, such regulations would make the Cable industry more
24 accountable to constituents by being under a more local regulatory agency.

25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does
26 hereby call upon its United States Congressional delegation to permit local options for
27 states regarding Cable TV regulatory authority.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council does hereby call
29 upon its State Legislative delegation to put forth the necessary legislation to enable the
30 Public Service Commission to have regulatory authority over the Cable TV industry.

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32 **ADOPTED** this 10th day of March, 1998.
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37 President
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