

1 Introduced August 11, 1998, by
2 Councilman Binder, seconded by
3 Councilwoman Williams
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6 **RESOLUTION R98-38**
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9 A resolution requesting Renaissance Media to accept the Federal
10 Communications Commission determination that the cable TV rates for Slidell, Louisiana,
11 were deemed excessive, and to forego any rate increase in 1999.
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13 WHEREAS, on April 22, 1998, the City of Slidell filed an official complaint
14 with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding excessive rate charges
15 for the City of Slidell constituency; and

16 WHEREAS, on July 20, 1998, the FCC upheld the City of Slidell's complaint
17 and further ordered that Renaissance Media (RMedia) reduce and roll back their rates to
18 January 1, 1998 by \$.24 per household; and

19 WHEREAS, cable TV rates in the City of Slidell have been escalating at a
20 rate in excess of ten percent (10%) a year over the last three (3) years; and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has frequently asked for assistance from its
22 Congressional Delegation and has further asked that Congress extend the
23 Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996, mandating that the cable TV industry continue
24 to be regulated by the FCC; and

25 WHEREAS, said regulatory authority is scheduled to end on March 31, 1999;
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27 WHEREAS, at the request of RMedia, the City of Slidell approved a
28 non-exclusive transfer of cable TV services to RMedia from Times Warner Corporation on
29 February 10, 1998; and

30 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council requests that RMedia be a good standing
31 member of our community and accept the determination of the Federal Communications
32 Commission without appeal; and

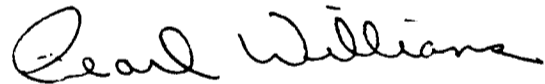
33 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to have more local authority regarding
34 rate regulation over cable TV providers.
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4 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Slidell City Council that it does
5 **hereby request RMedia to accept the ruling by the Federal Communications Commission**
6 **and roll back the rate adjustments as ordered by the FCC to the citizens of Slidell and**
7 **does further request that RMedia forego any appeal to overturn said ruling.**

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Slidell City Council does hereby call
9 upon its Congressional Delegation to extend the cable TV industry Telecommunications
10 Reform Act of 1996 beyond the expiration date of March 31, 1999, as cable TV rates in the
11 Slidell, Louisiana community have escalated at more than ten percent (10%) per year, and
12 does further request more local regulatory authority over the cable TV industry either
13 through local municipalities or local public service commissions.

14 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Slidell City Council does hereby state
15 its objection to any future cable TV rate increase and further state its intention to oppose
16 and exhaust all resources to prevent any escalation in cable TV rate increases.

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18 **ADOPTED** this 11th day of August, 1998.

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22 Pearl Williams
23 President of the Council
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28 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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