

1 Introduced November 14, 2000, by  
2 Councilman Binder, seconded by  
3 Councilman Cusimano  
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5 **RESOLUTION NO. R00-24**

6 A resolution of the Slidell City Council, St. Tammany Parish, State of  
7 Louisiana, requesting the United States Congress reconsider the deregulation of the  
8 Cable TV industry.  
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10 WHEREAS, in 1998, the United States Congress deregulated the Cable  
11 TV industry; and

12 WHEREAS, said deregulation was to promote competition and lower  
13 consumer prices; and

14 WHEREAS, most communities in our country have non-exclusive Cable  
15 TV franchises, but only one Cable TV provider; and

16 WHEREAS, the Cable TV industry still has a monopoly or oligopoly in its  
17 service area, regardless of the deregulation intent of Congress; and

18 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, Louisiana, has seen Cable TV rates  
19 continue to climb at a rate far exceeding the Consumer Price Index; and

20 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is facing a 14.6% rate increase for the  
21 coming year and has had rate increases of 31.1% in less than three years; and

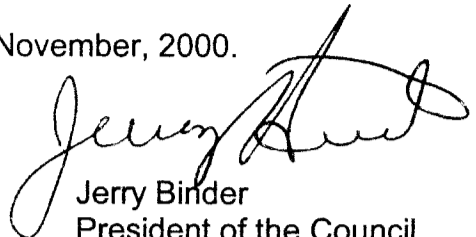
22 WHEREAS, our City has no control whatsoever over the Cable TV  
23 provider, nor does our State or Nation; and


24 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell feels deregulation of the Cable industry has  
25 been unsuccessful and some regulatory authority should be given to the State or local  
26 political subdivisions.  
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28 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, St.  
29 Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, that it does hereby ask the United States  
30 Congress through its Louisiana Congressional delegation to consider regulatory  
31 controls over the Cable TV industry and to permit political subdivisions of the United  
32 States in the form of State or local governments to have some input into the  
33 regulation of Cable TV rates on a State or local level.  
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4 ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2000.

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8 Jerry Binder  
9 President of the Council  
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13 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council  
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