

1 Introduced November 19, 2002, by
2 Councilman Binder, seconded by Council
3 Members Williams, Livaudais, Burkhalter,
4 Cusimano, Kingston, Canada, Harbison, and
5 Cromer

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7 **RESOLUTION NO. R02-37**

8 A resolution of the Slidell City Council, St. Tammany Parish, State of
9 Louisiana, requesting the United States Congress to reconsider the deregulation of
10 the Cable TV industry.

11 WHEREAS, in 1998, the United States Congress deregulated the Cable
12 TV industry with the hopes of promoting competition and lower consumer prices; and

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

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

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

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23 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is facing a 7.2% rate increase in its
24 expanded service for the coming year (\$43.80 rate), and has had cumulative rate
25 increases of 48% since 1998 (\$29.67 rate) and 82% since 1996 (\$24.06 rate); and

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27 WHEREAS, as a result of deregulation our City has no control whatsoever
28 over the Cable TV provider, nor does our State or Nation; and

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30 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell feels deregulation of the Cable industry has
31 been unsuccessful and some regulatory authority should be given to the State or
32 Local Political Subdivisions.
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4 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, St.
5 Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, that it does hereby ask the United States
6 Congress through its Louisiana Congressional delegation to once again consider
7 regulatory controls over the Cable TV industry and to permit political subdivisions of
8 the United States in the form of State or local governments to have some input into
9 the regulation of Cable TV rates on a State or local level.
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15 **ADOPTED** this 19th day of November, 2002.

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17 Pearl Williams
18 President of the Council
19 Councilwoman-at-Large

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23 Clerk of the Council
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