

1 Introduced November 19, 2002, by  
2 Councilman Binder, seconded by Council  
3 Members Cusimano and Kingston  
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5 **RESOLUTION NO. R02-38**  
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7 A resolution requesting that Charter Communications include coverage of  
8 the New Orleans Hornets basketball games in its present expanded service package  
9 for no additional fee.

10 WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Slidell are facing a 7.2% rate  
11 increase in its expanded service tier for the coming year to a total of \$43.80 per  
12 month; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Slidell have endured cumulative  
15 rate increases of 48% from the 1998 rate of \$29.67 and 82% from the 1996 rate of  
16 \$24.06; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the provider of cable service in New Orleans and Jefferson  
19 Parish, Cox Communications, offers an expanded service tier at \$42.00/month; and  
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21 WHEREAS, this level of service includes an all sports channel that not  
22 only covers collegiate sports in our region, but also locally produced shows on the  
23 Saints, as well as telecasts of 65 regular season New Orleans Hornets basketball  
24 games; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Hornets' success depends on regional  
27 support, which undoubtedly includes Slidell and all of St. Tammany Parish; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council recognizes that Charter  
30 Communications has been unable to reach an agreement with Cox Communications  
31 to provide coverage of the Hornets for residents on the North Shore; and  
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4 WHEREAS, television coverage of these games will not only provide  
5 support for the team, but also an added benefit to cable subscribers in the City of  
6 Slidell, in lieu of increased rates.  
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9 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it  
10 formally requests Charter Communications include coverage of the New Orleans  
11 Hornets basketball games in its present expanded service package at no additional  
12 cost to its customers; given the fact that Cox Communications in New Orleans  
13 provides this coverage at its \$42.00 expanded service level; a rate which is cheaper  
14 than ours without this coverage.  
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19 **ADOPTED** this 19th day of November, 2002.

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22 Pearl Williams  
23 President of the Council  
24 Councilwoman-at-Large

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27 Shawn B. McManus  
28 Clerk of the Council  
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