



City of Madison Heights

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January 17, 2008

CITY CLERK
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SUBJECT: Requesting preservation of existing Comcast channel locations for "peg" access channels

At a regular meeting of the Madison Heights City Council held on January 14, 2008 the attached resolution was adopted.

Favorable action on this resolution would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

Carole Corbett
City Clerk

Area Code (248)

City Assessor	583-0820	Fire Department	588-3605	Nature Center	585-0100
City Clerk	583-0826	43rd District Court	583-1800	Police Department	585-2100
City Manager	583-0829	Housing Commission	583-0843	Purchasing	837-2602
Community Development	583-0831	Human Resources	583-0828	Recreation	589-2294
Department of Public Services	589-2294	Library	588-7763	Senior Citizen Activity Center	545-3464
Finance	583-0846	Mayor & City Council	583-0829	Water & Treasurer	583-0845

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESERVATION OF EXISTING
CHANNEL LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL AND
EDUCATIONAL ACCESS CHANNELS, ALSO KNOWN AS "PEG" CHANNELS**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Madison Heights, Michigan, held at 300 West Thirteen Mile Road, MI 48071, on the 14th day of January 2008, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Swanson, Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Councilmembers Clark, Corbett, Hartwell, and McGillivray.

Absent: Councilwoman Russell (excused)

Motion by Councilmember McGillivray, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Comcast Cablevision is among the companies that furnish or will be furnishing cable television subscriptions to residential customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights and other governmental entities have committed substantial resources to deliver programming on governmental and educational access channels, also known as PEG; and

WHEREAS, Comcast Cablevision has indicated that it intends to change the channel lineup and location of the public, educational and government access channels (PEG) from present locations, where they have been situated for many years, to channel 915, which will require customers to have a digital converter set-top box, a cable card or a QAM capable television which, through a QAM tuner inside the television, enables direct reception of digital cable channels without the use of a set-top box; and

WHEREAS, the result is added costs, inconvenience, and confusion with respect to viewers who intend to view educational and governmental access channels;

WHEREAS, since Comcast's announcement, concerned residents have contacted the City in opposition to the news that Comcast intends to change the location of PEG channels and require customers to have a digital converter boxes to receive the channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Comcast Cablevision is requested to preserve the channel locations for public, educational and governmental access channels (PEG) and agree that they will not be changed in the future without the written consent of the City/or governmental entity or entities which provide programming on such channels.
2. The City of Madison Heights requests that Public Act 480 of 2006 be immediately amended to require that public, educational and governmental access channels remain at the current locations and that the same not be subject to change unless the written consent of the affected governmental entity providing the programming is obtained and that the Act be further modified in order to require that new providers of cable and video services furnish public, educational and governmental access channel lineups and selections that are consistent with existing providers, as of January 1, 2007, with respect to channel locations, ease of access, availability of features, quality parameters, and similarity of surrounding channels.
3. The City of Madison Heights supports continued talks with local providers, as well as investigation of appropriate measures, to protect municipal investment in providing programming for local access channels, as these channels are important means of communicating with residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Municipal League, NATOA, Michigan Chapter of NATOA, U.S. Representative Sander Levin, State Representative Donigan, State Senator Pappageorge, and other surrounding communities.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Carole A. Corbett, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Madison Heights, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of January, 2008, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.



Carole A. Corbett, City Clerk
Madison Heights, Michigan