



CITY OF LACONIA
Notice of Public Hearing

According to Article V of the Laconia City Charter and other applicable State laws, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 12, 2011 during the regular Council Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Room 200A.

This will be the first public hearing in response to a request by MetroCast Cablevision, the current cable operator, for a cable television franchise renewal agreement. This hearing will be held pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended; and RSA 53-C:3-a.

The purpose of this hearing is to ascertain the future cable-related needs and interests of the community. In addition, the City is required by NH law to consider the ability of the applicant to: (I) Meet its financial obligations to perform; (II) Provide adequate and technically sound facilities, equipment and signal quality; (III) Provide adequate channel capacity and appropriate facilities for public, educational, or governmental use, taking into account available technology, subscriber interest, and cost; (IV) Prohibit discrimination among customers of basic service; (V) Provide reasonable service quality in terms of available technology, subscriber interest, and cost; (VI) Construct and install cable-related equipment which conforms to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and the National Electric Safety Code; (VII) Provide a competent staff able to provide prompt, adequate service and to respond comprehensively to customer complaints or problems; and (VIII) Provide reasonable rules and policies for line extensions and disconnects, customer deposits, and billing practices.

Copies of the existing cable television franchise agreement are available at the City's Purchasing Office and on the City's website (www.cityoflaconianh.org).

Any interested person may present testimony related thereto and/or attend this public hearing. The record will remain open until further notice.

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City Clerk