

RESOLUTION 07-10

A RESOLUTION REGARDING SB1933/HB1421 THE “COMPETITIVE CABLE AND VIDEO SERVICES ACT”

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress established procedures and standards in order to foster competition and encourage the growth and development of cable systems, assure that cable systems are responsive to the needs and interests of the local community, assure that cable companies provide and are encouraged to provide the widest possible diversity of services to all, and provide for the orderly renewal of cable television franchises; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, having determined that local governments are best suited to decide what is in the best interest of the citizens of their respective city, town or county, granted cable franchising authority to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the existence of more than 600 cable franchise agreements that cable and telephone companies have entered into with local governments in Tennessee provides clear and convincing evidence that such assertions are baseless; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is considering legislation that would effectively eliminate the process by which local governments establish and enforce requirements that protect its citizens and ensure that all residents are assured access to cable or video service; prohibit the state and local governments from enacting any consumer quality and service protection standards; greatly minimize local governments' enforcement of customer service standards; significantly reduce PEG channel obligations, including local control and PEG support; abolish the granting of complimentary services; and limit local authority over the public rights-of-way; and reduce franchise fees paid to local governments for use of the public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would radically alter the regulatory framework for cable operators that has been in place for decades, allow cable and video providers to “cherry pick” the most profitable neighborhoods and customers, and impede local governments' ability to protect their citizens and provide for the needs and interests of their communities; and

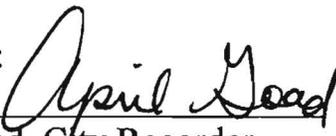
WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress considered and rejected similar legislation last year;

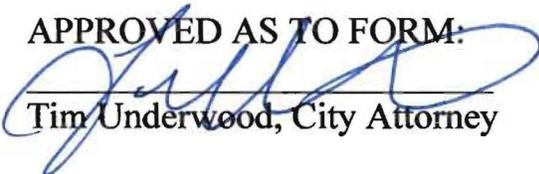
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Spring Hill hereby opposes the "Competitive Cable and Video Services Act" currently being considered by the Tennessee State Legislature and the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Spring Hill will send this Resolution to all the members of the 105th Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Congressional delegation, and the two U.S. Senators from Tennessee.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, this the 19th day of March, 2007.


Danny M. Leverette, Mayor

ATTEST: 
April Goad, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tim Underwood, City Attorney