

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 19-007

Brief Title (Television Increase Length of Term of Cable Franchise)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

*Melvin A. Deir*  
Council Administrator

Date April 16, 2019

**ENROLLED**

*Patrick Vercauteren*  
Council President

Date April 16 2019

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 19-012

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

*Melvin A. Deir*  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

*Melvin A. Deir*  
Council Administrator



**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

*[Signature]*  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date 4/18/19

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This Bill No. 19-007 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on April 18, 2019.

EFFECTIVE: June 17, 2019

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 19-007

Introduced by Council Member Shrodes

Legislative Day No. 19-008

Date March 12, 2019

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection B, of Section 235-3, Grant of Nonexclusive Franchise of Chapter 235, Television, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide an increase in the amount of time a cable television franchise may be in effect from 10 years to not more than 15 years; and to increase the length of time for renewal of a franchise agreement from 10 years to not more than 15 years; and generally relating to Television in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council: March 12, 2019

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 9, 2019

at: 7:00 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 9, 2019, and concluded on April 9, 2019.

*Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Subsection B,  
2 of Section 235-3, Grant of Nonexclusive Franchise, be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted,  
3 with amendments, of Chapter 235, Television, of the Harford County Code, as amended, to read as  
4 follows:

5 **CHAPTER 235. TELEVISION**

6 **§ 235-3. GRANT OF NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE.**

7 A. The granting authority shall grant the company a nonexclusive franchise to  
8 construct, erect, operate and maintain a cable system in, upon, along, across, over and under the  
9 County-owned streets and all extensions thereof and additions thereto and other places defined  
10 and limited by this chapter.

11 B. The franchise shall become effective on the date on which the granting authority  
12 notifies the company that the franchise has been awarded pursuant to this chapter and in  
13 conformance with this Code. The franchise shall remain in effect for [10] A PERIOD NOT TO  
14 EXCEED 15 years, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided. The franchise shall be  
15 subject to renewal for a period [of 10] NOT TO EXCEED 15 years duration on the same terms  
16 or conditions as contained in this chapter or on such different or additional terms and conditions  
17 as may be lawfully specified by the granting authority and as are consistent with the  
18 requirements of the Federal Communications Commission. No renewal of such franchise shall be  
19 granted unless authorized by the Council following an appropriate public proceeding involving  
20 public notice and an opportunity for interested parties to participate, during which proceeding the  
21 corporation's past performance, the adequacy of the provisions of the expiring franchise and the  
22 consistency of such provisions with applicable standards of the Federal Communications  
23 Commission have been considered.

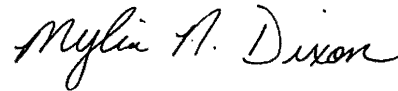
1           C.     Nothing in this chapter or a grant of a franchise shall be construed as a waiver of  
2 the County's right to require any person, other than the company utilizing the system, to secure  
3 the granting authority's consent prior to such utilization.

4 Section 2.     And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the  
5 date it becomes law.

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EFFECTIVE: June 17, 2019

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.*



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Council Administrator