

ORDINANCE NO.: 2006-065

*Ordinance Setting a Franchise Fee for Cable Service Providers Upon Expiration or Termination of an Existing Franchise for Cable Service*

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the interest of the municipality, under the provisions of State statutory law, including the South Carolina Competitive Cable Services Act (2006 Act 288, effective May 23, 2006), to set a franchise fee rate for the municipality for any cable service provider upon expiration of an existing franchise with the municipality or upon termination by the cable service provider of an existing franchise with the municipality; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Columbia this 16th day of August, 2006, as follows:

A franchise fee rate of Five Percent (5%) of gross revenues derived from the operation of the cable system to provide cable service (as defined in Article 3, Chapter 12 of Title 58 of the South Carolina Code) is imposed for all cable service providers upon expiration of an existing franchise with the municipality or upon termination by the cable service provider of an existing franchise with the municipality. Notwithstanding any provisions of the expired or terminated franchise, the municipality, in the event of expiration or termination by the cable service provider of the franchise, reserves all rights to impose on the cable service provider all ad valorem taxes, service fees, sales tax, or other taxes and fees lawfully imposed or to be imposed on other businesses within the municipality.

This Ordinance shall be effective from the date of final reading.

Requested by:

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MAYOR

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:

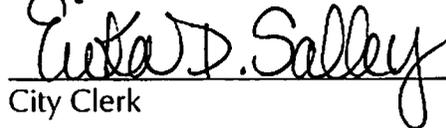


City Attorney

Introduced: 8/9/2006

Final Reading: 8/16/2006

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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