



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1980

MAYOR DUEHAY

WHEREAS: A Bill, Senate 2827, now pending before the United States Senate Commerce Committee would provide for a sweeping de-regulation of requirements for franchising and operating Cable Television, and

WHEREAS: Under sections 238 and 509 of this Senate bill, local governments would be prohibited from requiring local program origination or public access and could not establish subscriber fees, and

WHEREAS: The Federal Communication Commission under provisions of this bill would be instructed to set franchise fee ceiling, and

WHEREAS: If these provisions become law, they would leave local officials almost nothing to negotiate in the franchise process, and

WHEREAS: Since Cable Television operations must use the public streets to install their cables, cities should have the authority to require services in exchange for that access, and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Cable Television Advisory Committee will shortly be reporting to the City Manager and the City Council concerning the conditions under which the City should award a franchise, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record opposing United States Senate Bill 2827 and any other legislation which would weaken the authority of local government in the issuance of cable television franchises, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Senators and Congressmen of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation be informed by the City Clerk of this resolution and of this City Council's affirmation of a strong role for local government in the franchising process.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:

Order # 8

M. Duehay re: Senate Bill 2827.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

MEMBERS