

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32171

A RESOLUTION authorizing commencement of cable franchise contract renewal proceedings in accordance with the provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 546 and written request from WaveDivision I, LLC.

WHEREAS, WaveDivision I, LLC doing business as Astound Broadband, powered by Wave (“Astound”) currently provides cable services in Seattle, in accordance with a franchise agreement authorized by Ordinance 125403 that expires on November 11, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Section 626 of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, 47 U.S.C. Section 546, establishes both formal and informal procedures that govern the franchise renewal process; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is the franchising authority for cable services within its city limits; and

WHEREAS, 47 U.S.C. Section 546(a) provides that, during the six-month period which begins with the 36 months before franchise expiration, the franchising authority shall, at the request of the cable operator, commence proceedings which afford the public in the franchise area appropriate notice and participation, for the purpose of identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests and reviewing the performance of the cable operator under the franchise during the then-current franchise term; and

WHEREAS, in a letter (Attachment A to this resolution) received by the Office of Cable Communications on December 12, 2024, Astound formally requested that the City commence formal renewal proceedings in accordance with the requirements of 47 U.S.C. Section 546(a) through (g), but also indicated its desire to reach a mutually satisfactory

franchise renewal agreement with the City through informal negotiations as per 47 U.S.C.
Section 546(h); NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The letter from WaveDivision I, LLC (“Astound”) dated December 12, 2024,
which is attached to this resolution as Attachment A, formally requesting the commencement of
renewal proceedings under Section 626 of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (47
U.S.C. Section 546), was submitted in a timely manner and is acknowledged.

Section 2. The Mayor or the Mayor’s designated representative is authorized to
implement the necessary processes and procedures to enable the City to comply with all of its
obligations under 47 U.S.C. Section 546.

Section 3. The City commences proceedings to afford the public in the franchise area
appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of identifying future cable-related
community needs and interests, and reviewing the performance of Astound under the franchise
during the current franchise term.

Section 4. Pursuant to the request by Astound, the Mayor or the Mayor’s designated
representative is authorized to study the feasibility of an informal franchise renewal process
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 546(h), while reserving the City’s right to implement the formal
processes outlined by 47 U.S.C. Section 546(a) through (g).

Adopted by the City Council the 3rd day of June, 2025,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 3rd day of
June, 2025.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 6th day of June, 2025.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 6th day of June, 2025.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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Attachments:
Attachment A – Astound Letter Requesting Franchise Renewal



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December 12, 2024

City of Seattle
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Office of Cable Communications
Attn: JON MORRISON WINTERS
PO Box 94709
Seattle, WA 98124-4709

Re: *Request for Cable Television Franchise Renewal*

Dear Jon:

Our records indicate that the cable television franchise issued by the City of Seattle and held by WaveDivision I, LLC doing business as Astound Broadband, powered by Wave ("Astound") will expire on November 11, 2027. We are writing you now, approximately 35 months in advance of the franchise expiration date, to notify you of Astound's desire to renew the franchise, and to request that formal franchise renewal proceedings be commenced pursuant to Section 626(a) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, 47 U.S.C. § 546 (the "Cable Act").

We also request that the City of Seattle enter into informal renewal discussions with Astound pursuant to Section 626(h) of the Cable Act. During our informal renewal discussions, the formal procedures of the Cable Act will be held in abeyance. By electing to move forward with informal renewal negotiations, however, neither Astound nor the City of Seattle waives any of their respective rights under the Cable Act and either may request that formal renewal negotiations be re-commenced at any time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at david.vonmoritz@astound.com or by telephone at (575) 779-0489.

Very truly yours,

David von Moritz
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