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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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**Attachments:**  
Attachment A - Astound Letter Requesting Franchise Renewal