

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
OFFICE OF  
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. BD  
5/6/2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Resolution commencing formal renewal proceedings under the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and taking all necessary actions necessary thereto.

**Background:**

The Resolution presented to City Council is a formality required by federal law. Its necessity was triggered by Cox Communications' February 17, 2025, letter to the City Manager requesting commencement of proceedings to renew the Cox franchise which will expire in 2027. The Resolution grants City staff the authority to initiate formal or informal proceedings to accomplish franchise renewal.

After approval of this Resolution and in accordance with federal law, a letter will be sent to Cox, by legal counsel, requesting an informal renewal process, which was requested by Cox. This means that over the next two years, City staff may begin: (1) informally seeking information from City departments and possibly the public regarding the quality of service Cox has been providing; and/or (2) requesting a new audit of Cox franchise fees; and/or (3) taking other actions to assess the level of service Cox is providing the City and its citizens, including potential right-of-way issues.

Once this preliminary information is obtained, City staff will begin negotiations with Cox Communications on a new franchise agreement. Should negotiations with Cox fail to be productive, the City can pursue more formal proceedings as allowed under federal law.