## ORDINANCE No. 185771

Extend term of franchise granted to WCI Cable to build and operate telecommunications facilities within City streets (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 172750)

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The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. On September 30, 1998, the Council granted a franchise to WCI Cable to build and operate telecommunications facilities within the City's streets. Ordinance No. 172750.
- 2. The Council previously extended the term of WCI Cable's telecommunications franchise ordinance until December 31, 2012. Ordinance No. 185057.
- 3. On October 26, 2011, the City Council adopted non-emergency Ordinance No. 184957, amending Title 17 of the Portland City Code. Among other matters, the ordinance updated, clarified and reorganized various code sections. The City is implementing various aspects of the revised code provisions, and City staff has begun negotiating a renewal agreement, including revised standardized franchise language to address the code amendments. Although franchise negotiations for a renewal agreement are in progress, parties have not agreed on all terms. City staff recommends that the City Council extend the existing franchise to allow time for parties to complete negotiations for a new agreement and to formally complete the formal Portland City Charter procedure for proposed franchises, which can take up to four months or more from the date of the required initial publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Ordinance No. 172750 is hereby amended to extend the term of the permit, continuously and without interruption, through February 14, 2015.
- b. All other terms and conditions of the Ordinance No. 172750 shall remain the same, and the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unaltered.
- c. On or before the thirtieth (30th) day after this ordinance becomes effective, WCI Cable shall

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file in the Office of the Auditor of the City of Portland a written acceptance of this Ordinance, executed by WCI Cable, meeting the approval of the City Attorney. Any failure on the part of WCI Cable to file such written acceptance within such time shall be deemed an abandonment and rejection of this Ordinance, and this Ordinance shall thereupon be null and void. Such acceptance shall be unqualified and shall be construed to be an acceptance of all the terms contained in this ordinance.

Passed by the Council:

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LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:

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Mayor Sam Adams Prepared by: MRiddick/BEWalters November 8, 2012 Deputy

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**REGULAR Total amount of time needed:** (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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