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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Praisner, Andrews, and Ewing.

AN ACT to:

- (1) establish a system to adjudicate complaints regarding services delivered or carried by a cable communications system in the County;
- (2) clarify and improve the law protecting consumers of cable service and any other product or service delivered or carried by a cable system;
- (3) require regulations to establish initial service-level requirements for cable modem service [[and allow changes to these requirements by regulation]]; and
- (4) [[clarify and strengthen requirements to protect consumers against financial risks of a franchisee; and
- (5)]] generally amend County law regarding cable communications and other products or services delivered or carried by a cable system.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 8A, Cable Communications
Sections 8A-2, 8A-3, 8A-19, 8A-29, and 8A-31

By adding

Chapter 8A, Cable Communications
Section 8A-31A

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Added by amendment.

Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Section 1. Sections 8A-2, 8A-3, 8A-19, 8A-29, and 8A-31 of the County**
2 **Code are amended, and Section 8A-31A is added. as follows:**

3 **8A-2. Intent and purposes.**

4 It is the intent of the County to promote the public health, safety and general
5 welfare by providing for the grant of one or more franchises for the construction
6 and operation of a cable system; to provide for the regulation of each cable system
7 by the County; to provide for the payment of fees and other valuable consideration
8 by a franchisee to the County for the privilege of using the public rights-of-way for
9 constructing and operating a cable system; to promote the widespread availability
10 of cable and other communications service to County residents and businesses
11 wherever economically feasible, including to those who reside in multifamily
12 buildings and in rural communities; to encourage the development of cable as a
13 means of communication between and among the members of the public and
14 public institutions; and to encourage the provision of diverse information to the
15 community over cable.

16 **8A-3. Definitions.**

17 In this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings
18 indicated in this Section.

19 [(a)] * * *

20 [(b)] * * *

21 [(c)] * * *

22 [(d)] * * *

23 [(e)] * * *

24 *Commission* means the Cable ~~[[Communications]]~~ Compliance
25 Commission.

26 *Complaint* means a complaint concerning **cable service or any other**
27 **product or service.**

28 [(h)] *County* means Montgomery County, Maryland, except for the territory
 29 located in the municipalities of Barnesville, Brookeville, Chevy Chase
 30 Village, Chevy Chase Section 3, The Town of Chevy Chase, Chevy
 31 Chase Section 5, Gaithersburg, Garrett Park, Glen Echo, Kensington,
 32 Laytonsville, Poolesville, Rockville, Somerset, Takoma Park, and
 33 Washington Grove. [Unless otherwise clear from the context, where
 34 the term "County" is used in this Chapter, it means the County
 35 Executive. However, where legislative approval of an activity is
 36 specifically required under this chapter, "County" means the County
 37 Executive subject to the approval of the County Council.]

- 38 [(i)] * * *
- 39 [(j)] * * *
- 40 [(k)] * * *
- 41 [(l)] * * *
- 42 [(m)] * * *
- 43 [(n)] * * *
- 44 [(o)] * * *

45 [(p)] *Gross revenues* means all revenues derived by a franchisee from the
 46 operation of its cable system [within] in the County, including
 47 revenues derived from cable service, home shopping channels,
 48 institutional services, rental or lease of equipment, installation fees,
 49 [or] [[[]] or ancillary services[[[]]][[. or programming]] [[. and any
 50 **other product or service**]].

51 [(q)] *Institutional services* means video, audio, data, and other transmission
 52 services provided by a franchisee to institutional users on an
 53 individual application, private channel basis, including[,] two-way

54 video, audio, or digital signals among institutions, or from institutions
 55 to residential subscribers.

56 [(r)] * * *

57 *Other product or service* means any product or service that is not a
 58 **cable service** but uses any facility or equipment constructed, installed,
 59 maintained, operated, or occupying the public rights-of-way under a
 60 franchise issued under this Chapter, notwithstanding how the service
 61 or product is characterized or regulated under federal law. *Other*
 62 *product or service* may include one-way or interactive video, audio,
 63 data (including cable modem), and information services. [[To
 64 encourage earlier deployment of **cable service** and *other products and*
 65 *services*, a **franchise agreement** may include a contractual agreement
 66 between the franchisee and the County to treat any *other product or*
 67 *service* according to the same terms and conditions that the **franchise**
 68 applies to **cable service**. Unless a **franchise agreement** includes an
 69 enforceable contractual provision to treat the *other product or service*
 70 as a **cable service**, the **franchisee** must not demand, collect, or retain
 71 any subscriber fees or other compensation for any *other product or*
 72 *service* unless the **franchisee** provided that *product or service* under a
 73 separate franchise granted under Chapter 49.]]

74 [(s)] * * *

75 [(t)] * * *

76 [(u)] * * *

77 [(v)] [[* * *]] *Subscriber* means any person who legally receives
 78 any **cable service or other product or service** provided by a [[cable
 79 system]] **franchisee** but does not include persons who receive not

80 more than two channels of non-commercial closed circuit video
81 service which is not made available to the general public.

82 [(w)] *System malfunction* means an equipment or facility failure that results
83 in the loss of satisfactory service on one or more channels. A
84 malfunction is a major malfunction if it affects 11 or more
85 subscribers.

86 [(x)] * * *

87 [(y)] * * *

88 [(z)] *[[User means a person [utilizing a cable system's facilities for
89 purposes of transmission of material] who uses any facility or
90 equipment constructed, installed, maintained, operated, or occupying
91 the public rights-of-way under a franchise issued under this Chapter to
92 provide any cable service, other product or service, or information
93 to subscribers or [others] any other person.]]* * * *

94 **8A-19. Security deposit.**

95 (a) The franchisee must post with the County, and maintain at all times
96 during the term of the franchise, a cash security deposit [in] [[of not
97 less than 1.25 percent of the franchisee's total ~~gross revenues~~ during
98 the preceding 4 quarters, or]] in the amount specified in the **franchise**
99 **agreement** [before the franchise is effective] [[. whichever is
100 greater]]. The County must hold the security deposit as security for:

- 101 (1) faithful performance of all applicable provisions of law and the
102 franchise agreement;
- 103 (2) compliance with all orders, permits, and directions of the
104 County; and

105 (3) payment by the franchisee of any claims, liens, or taxes due to
 106 the County because of the construction, operation or
 107 maintenance of the system.

108 * * *

109 (g) The requirements of this Section may be waived only [[by resolution
 110 adopted by the Council]] with the Council's approval.

111 **8A-29. Administration.**

112 * * *

113 (b) The County Executive [has responsibility for the administration]
 114 [[. and the **Commission** to the extent authorized in Section 8A-31.]]
 115 must administer and [enforcement of] enforce this Chapter and any
 116 **franchise agreement** [[according to policies adopted or enacted by
 117 the Council]], including:

118 (1) adjusting any rate of interest, fee, bond, or insurance coverage
 119 amount [in] to comply with the highest minimum requirements
 120 of this Chapter or [in] a **franchise agreement**[[. or that the
 121 Executive or the Commission find are necessary to protect
 122 consumers]];

123 (2) except as provided in Section 8A-31 A. establishing procedures
 124 for [the conduct of] conducting public hearings and other
 125 proceedings required by this Chapter or a **franchise**
 126 **agreement**;

127 (3) except as provided in Section 8A-31 A. conducting public [[or
 128 complaint-adjudication]] hearings, including designating
 129 hearing officers;

130 (4) adopting [of] regulations under method (2) to implement
 131 federal law, this Chapter, and all franchise agreements, except

132 that the Executive must issue regulations establishing
133 application filing fees [must be] under method (3);

134 * * *

135 (c) Actions by the County Executive in the following matters are subject
136 to approval and modification by the Council:

137 * * *

138 **8A-31. Cable Communications [Advisory Committee] [[Commission]]**
139 **Advisory Committee.**

140 (a) [A] *Established.* The Cable Communications [Advisory Committee]
141 [[Commission]] Advisory Committee is established to provide advice
142 and recommendations on the administration of this Chapter and any
143 **franchise agreement** or application[[: adjudicate complaints
144 involving **cable service** or any **other product or service** or alleged
145 violation of this Chapter. and establish and enforce service level
146 requirements for these services]].

147 [[]]

148 (b) The Cable Communications Advisory Committee should meet
149 quarterly or on a more frequent basis if requested by the County
150 Executive or County Council or if the chairperson or Committee
151 determines it necessary. [[]]

152 [(c)]

153 [[(b)] Membership.

154 (1)]

155 (c) The [[]] Cable Communications Advisory Committee [[]]
156 [[Commission]] must [be composed of] include at least 13 and not
157 more than 19 voting members appointed by the County Executive and

158 confirmed by the Council [for 3-year terms.] ~~[[. including:]]~~ for 3-year
159 terms.

160 ~~[[[]]]~~

161 (d) The membership must include ~~[[[]]]~~

162 ~~[[(A)]]~~

163 one representative selected by the Montgomery County Chapter of the
164 Maryland Municipal League[,];

165 ~~[[(B)]]~~

166 one representative selected by the City of Rockville[,] and

167 ~~[[(C)]]~~

168 one representative selected by the City of Takoma Park.

169 ~~[[(2) The Commission must include 1 or 2 non-voting members~~
170 ~~appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council who~~
171 ~~represent the cable communications industry. A Commissioner~~
172 ~~appointed under this paragraph must not participate in the~~
173 ~~adjudication of a complaint.~~

174 ~~(3)]]~~

175 The [membership] ~~[[Commissioners]]~~ members annually must [annually]
176 elect the chairperson and vice chairperson of the [Committee]
177 ~~[[Commission]]~~ Committee. A person must not serve more than 2
178 consecutive terms as chairperson.

179 [(e)]

180 ~~[[(3)]]~~

181 ~~[[(4)]]~~

182 (e) [Members] ~~[[Commissioners]]~~ Members are subject to [the provisions
183 of] Chapter 19A, except that ~~[[a voting member or prospective~~
184 ~~member of the Commission must file a limited public]]~~ financial

185 disclosure ~~[[statements are limited to]]~~ ~~[[statement regarding any]]~~
 186 statements are confidential and limited to communications-related
 187 activities and interests. ~~[[The]]~~ ~~[[Each voting and non-voting member~~
 188 or prospective member of the Commission also must file a
 189 confidential financial disclosure statements~~[[are confidential]]~~ [as
 190 provided under law].]

191 * * *

192 **8A-31A. Cable Compliance Commission.**

193 **(a) Established.** The Cable Compliance Commission is established to
 194 adjudicate subscriber complaints involving customer cable service or
 195 any other product or service.

196 **(b) Membership.** The Commission is comprised of 5 voting members
 197 appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County
 198 Council. Each appointee must be appointed to a 3-year term. The
 199 Commission should include:

200 **(1) a cable television service subscriber.**

201 **(2) a broadband Internet service subscriber.**

202 **(3) an individual with general business experience; and**

203 **(4) an individual with technical experience in communications.**

204 **(c) Officers.** The Commissioners annually must elect a chair and vice
 205 chair of the Commission. An individual must not serve more than 2
 206 consecutive terms as chair.

207 **(d) Insufficient initial quorum.** The Executive must appoint 5 members of
 208 the Commission and submit the appointments for confirmation by the
 209 Council by March 15, 2003. If the Council has not confirmed at least
 210 3 appointees by May 15, 2003, the Cable Communications Advisory
 211 Committee established under Section 8A-31 must perform the

212 functions of the Commission until at least 3 members of the
 213 Commission are confirmed by the Council.

214 (e) *Ethics.* Each member of the Commission is subject to Chapter 19A,
 215 except that the member or prospective member must file a limited
 216 public financial disclosure statement regarding any communication-
 217 related activities and interests and a full confidential financial
 218 disclosure statement.

219 [(c)] *Duties.* Notwithstanding any franchise provision or subscriber or
 220 user agreement to the contrary, the Commission must:

221 (1) decide a complaint, including any complaint alleging a
 222 violation of this Chapter, a franchise, a regulation issued by the
 223 Commission or the Executive, or any] [other legal
 224 requirement] [applicable provision of Chapter 11 (Consumer
 225 Protection), including, for example, a complaint filed by a
 226 subscriber] [or] [a user, or] [by] [the Department of
 227 Technology Services] [on behalf of the County, one or more
 228 individuals, or the public.] [alleging that:]

229 [(A)] a franchisee failed to comply with customer service
 230 standards in this Chapter or any stricter standard
 231 established in the franchise or by the Commission or
 232 Executive regulation, or adopted by the Council by
 233 resolution;

234 (B) a franchisee failed to provide the highest level of cable
 235 or other products or service required by this Chapter,
 236 Commission regulations, a franchise, or any other legal
 237 requirement: or]

238 ~~[(C) a franchisee] [engaged] [violated Section 8A-15 by~~
 239 ~~engaging in an anti-competitive actions] [affecting the]~~
 240 ~~[public or another County cable franchisee] [a current~~
 241 ~~or prospective subscriber or user:~~

242 (2) issue regulations under method (2) to implement this Chapter
 243 and protect consumers, including minimum requirements for
 244 levels of service and customer service for **cable service** and any
 245 **other product or service:**

246 (3) review the annual cable communications plan required under
 247 Section 8A-28 and make budget recommendations to the
 248 **Executive and the Council** regarding the plan and the
 249 **Commission's** operations: and

250 (4) report at least annually to the **Executive and Council** on the
 251 **Commission's** activities and any recommendations for
 252 improving the law, regulations, and **cable and other products**
 253 **and services** to County residents and businesses.]]

254 ~~[(d)]~~

255 (f) *Authority.* The **Commission** may:

256 ~~[(1) Order the county cable administrator or the County's Chief~~
 257 ~~Information Officer to take] [Take any action that the~~
 258 **Commission** decides is necessary to enforce customer-service
 259 and other requirements of this Chapter or Chapter 11
 260 (Consumer Protection), a regulation, or a **franchise.**

261 (2) Impose any penalty or sanction that the County could impose
 262 under this Chapter or Chapter 11, a regulation issued under]]
 263 ~~[this] [either Chapter, or a franchise agreement] [The~~
 264 **Council** must approve any **Commission** order to revoke.

265 reduce] [~~excent~~ ~~revoking~~ ~~reducing~~ the term of, or otherwise
 266 ~~modifving~~ a **franchise**] [~~or to~~][~~.]~~] [~~The Commission may~~
 267 ~~require~~]

268 (1) Require a **franchisee** to provide a refund [~~or other payment~~]
 269 to [~~all customers in the County who receive the particular~~
 270 **cable service or other product or service** that was the subject
 271 of a **complaint**] a complainant.

272 ~~[(3)]~~

273 (2) Appoint a qualified person to mediate a case if the complainant
 274 [~~(which may include the County)~~] and respondent agree to
 275 binding or non-binding mediation. A consent order resulting
 276 from mediation and approved by the **Commission** is an order of
 277 the **Commission**. If the mediator or the **Commission** finds that
 278 the parties are not likely to agree to a mediated consent order
 279 within a reasonable time, the **Commission** must decide the
 280 case.

281 ~~[(4)]~~

282 (3) Order a **franchisee** [~~or claimant~~] to pay damages of up to
 283 \$1,000 to a person injured or aggrieved by the **franchisee's**
 284 actions. This limit applies separately to each violation.

285 ~~[(e)]~~

286 (g) *Hearing Procedures.*

287 (1) The Administrative Procedures Act (Article II of Chapter 2A)
 288 applies to a complaint filed with the **Commission** and governs
 289 the **Commission's** hearings and decisions, unless otherwise
 290 expressly provided in this Chapter. The **Commission** may

291 issue procedural rules under method (2) to implement this
 292 subsection.

293 (2) Before filing a complaint with the **Commission**, a complainant
 294 must file the complaint with the county cable administrator. If
 295 the cable administrator is unable to resolve the complaint to the
 296 complainant's satisfaction within 30 days, the complainant may
 297 file the complaint with the **Commission**.

298 (3) If the **Commission** decides to conduct a public hearing on the
 299 complaint, the **Commission** must notify the complainant, the
 300 franchisee, the county cable administrator or the County's
 301 Chief Information Officer (CIO), and any other person that
 302 **Commission** rules require to be notified. Except as provided in
 303 Section 2A-9, the notice must be sent ~~[[or delivered]]~~ at least 15
 304 days before the hearing. The **Commission** may hold a hearing
 305 at the request of any party to the complaint (which may include
 306 the cable administrator or CIO) or on the **Commission's** own
 307 initiative, or may decide a complaint without a hearing.

308 ~~[[f]]~~

309 (h) *Legal representation.* The County Attorney must provide legal advice
 310 and representation to the **Commission** and must enforce any
 311 **Commission** order. The County Attorney may represent the interests
 312 of the County in any proceeding before the **Commission**, consistent
 313 with policies established by the **Council**.

314 ~~[[g]]~~

315 (i) *Conflicting subscriber agreement.* Any provision in a **subscriber**
 316 **agreement**, whether written or oral, that conflicts with this Chapter, a
 317 franchise agreement, or any regulation or other legal requirement is

318 unenforceable. An unenforceable provision does not affect other
 319 provisions of the **subscriber agreement** that can be given effect
 320 without the unenforceable provision. “Subscriber agreement”
 321 includes any agreement that the franchisee requires a **subscriber**[[,
 322 **user, or other person**]] to **[[sign]]** agree to as a condition of receiving
 323 **cable service or any other products and services.**

324 **[[h)] (i) Fee.** The Executive may issue regulations under method (3)
 325 setting a reasonable fee for filing a complaint with the **[[Board]]**
 326 **Commission.** The filer must pay the fee to the County when filing a
 327 complaint. The **Commission,** cable administrator, or CIO may waive
 328 the filing fee upon request if the fee would be a financial hardship for
 329 the complainant. If the parties agree to a consent order after
 330 mediation, the **Commission** may refund the filing fee. The
 331 **Commission** may order the losing party to pay another party’s filing
 332 fees or other reasonable expenses related to the hearing, including
 333 attorney’s fees, in addition to ordering payment of damages **[[or**
 334 **equitable relief]].**

335 **[[i)] (k) Staff and other support.** The Chief Administrative Officer must
 336 provide the services and County facilities that are reasonably
 337 necessary for the **Commission** to perform its duties.

338 **Sec. 2. [[Initial service]] Service-level requirements for cable**
 339 **modem service.**

340 **[[a) General requirement.** In addition to any other customer service
 341 requirement in a franchise, law, or rule, any person who provides
 342 Internet service as a “cable service” or as any “other product or
 343 service” (as those terms are defined in Code Section 8A-3, as
 344 amended by this Act) must provide service that meets the following

345 minimum functional requirements. These requirements are not
 346 intended to establish technical standards and may be satisfied using
 347 any available technology. Any requirement concerning the speed or
 348 reliability of service applies to communications between a
 349 subscriber's or user's computer and a host computer controlled or
 350 directly accessed by a franchisee, including the franchisee's point-
 351 of-presence service provider.]]

352 **[[b) *Modification.* The Cable Communications Commission may amend or**
 353 **supersede these standards at any time by regulation, as provided in**
 354 **Chapter 8A of the Code.]]**

355 **[[c) *Functional requirements.* Internet service must:**

- 356 (1) provide and maintain download bandwidth of at least 1.0
 357 megabits per second (Mbps), except that, during any 24-hour
 358 period, the bandwidth may be less than:
- 359 (A) 1.0 Mbps for not more than a total of 6 hours;
 - 360 (B) 512 kilobits per second (kbs) for not more than a total of
 361 1 hour; and
 - 362 (C) 56 kbs for not more than a total of 30 minutes;
- 363 (2) provide and maintain upload bandwidth of at least 128kbs for a
 364 total of at least 23 hours during any 24-hour period;
- 365 (3) limit IP latency, during any 24-hour period, to not more than:
- 366 (A) 60 milliseconds (ms) for more than a total of 1 hour; and
 - 367 (B) 30 ms for more than a total of 6 hours;
- 368 (4) provide and maintain download capacity of at least:
- 369 (A) 3 gigabytes ~~[[Gb]]~~ GB in any 24-hour period;
 - 370 (B) 100 ~~[[Gb]]~~ GB in any 28-day period;
- 371 (5) provide and maintain upload capacity of at least:

- 372 (A) 2 ~~[[G]]~~ (GB) in any 24-hour period; and
- 373 (B) 33 ~~[[G]]~~ (GB) in any 30-day period;
- 374 (6) provide mail servers that are available to actively accept in-
- 375 bound email messages during at least 95 percent of any 1-week
- 376 period;
- 377 (7) provide mail servers that, during any 1-week period, actively
- 378 attempt to send out-bound email messages:
- 379 (A) within 5 minutes during at least 95 percent of the period;
- 380 (B) within 24 hours during at least 99 percent of the period;
- 381 and
- 382 (C) within 72 hours at all times;
- 383 (8) provide email service that allows:
- 384 (A) at least 5 megabytes ~~[[M]]~~ (MB) of storage for each
- 385 mailbox;
- 386 (B) at least ~~[[6]]~~ 4 email addresses per account;
- 387 (C) messages with up to at least 100 recipients;
- 388 (D) messages that show a user-provided return address;
- 389 (E) individual mail messages of at least 1 ~~[[M]]~~ MB;
- 390 (F) a subscriber to retain on the provider's servers, up to the
- 391 limit of the subscriber's allocated storage space, any in-
- 392 bound or out-bound email to or from the subscriber;
- 393 (9) provide DNS root-server based responses during at least 95 of
- 394 any 1-week period;
- 395 (10) ensures that no TCP/IP ~~[[ports are not]]~~ port is blocked in either
- 396 the incoming or outgoing direction;
- 397 (11) allows all methods of multiplexing multiple hosts onto single IP
- 398 address (such as network address translation, or NAT); and

399 (12) allow all subscribers to use any method of sending and
 400 receiving encrypted or encapsulated data (such as those
 401 generated by a virtual private network, or VPN).]]

402 The County Executive must issue regulations under method (2) establishing
 403 minimum cable modem service levels that a franchisee must provide. The
 404 regulations supersede any less-stringent requirements in a franchise or subscriber
 405 agreement.

406 **Sec. 3. Transition.**

407 [[(a) An individual who is a member of the Cable Communications
 408 Advisory Committee when this Act takes effect is a member of the
 409 Cable Communications Commission. The term of the Commissioner
 410 expires when the member's term on the Committee would have
 411 expired.]]

412 [[(b) In applying any law or policy that limits the number of consecutive or
 413 cumulative terms of a member or officer of the Commission, an
 414 individual who became a Commissioner under subsection (a) is
 415 deemed to have been appointed and approved as a Commissioner on
 416 the date this Act takes effect, without regard to any prior service on
 417 the Advisory Committee, to fill the remainder of the term described in
 418 subsection (a).]]

419 [[(c) Before the Council approves the appointment of any other member of
 420 the Commission, the Executive must designate the initial term of the
 421 member as 1, 2, or 3 years, so that not more than one-third of
 422 Commission member terms will expire in the same year.]]

423 [[(d)]]

424 (a) This Act applies to each current or future franchise, franchisee,
 425 [[user]] subscriber, or other person subject to the requirements of the

426 County Cable Communications Act, as amended by this and any
427 future Act, and supersedes any contrary regulation, franchise,
428 franchise agreement, subscriber agreement, or other agreement. The
429 complaint adjudication provisions in Chapter 8A of the Code, as
430 amended by this Act, apply to any complaint pending on, or filed on
431 or after, the date this Act takes effect. Section ~~[[8A-31(p)]]~~ 8A-
432 31A(i) applies to any subscriber agreement modified or entered into
433 after this Act becomes law.

434 **[(e) Any reference to the Cable Communications Advisory Committee in a**
435 **law, regulation, or policy in effect when this Act takes effect must be**
436 **treated as a reference to the Commission unless the context clearly**
437 **indicates otherwise, or the provision conflicts with this Act.]]**

438 **(b) The County Executive must designate the initial term of 2 members of**
439 **the Cable Compliance Commission as 2 years. Any later term of**
440 **these 2 members, and the terms of all other members, must be 3 years.**

441 **Sec. 4. Exniration date.**

442 **This Act expires on December 31, 2005.**

443 *Approved:*

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Steven A, Silverman, President, County Council

12/02/02
Date

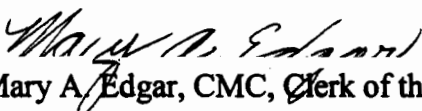
445 *Approved:*

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Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

12/5/02
Date

448 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council

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Date