At a Regular Meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission held on Monday, December 17, 2007, in City Hall, 211 Williams Street, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Comcast Cablevision, is among the companies that furnish or will be furnishing cable television subscriptions to residential customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Royal Oak and other governmental entities have committed substantial resources to deliver programming on governmental and educational access channels, also known as PEG and has participated with other governmental entities in the Community Media Network (CMN) and the Intergovernmental Cable Communication Authority (ICCA); and

WHEREAS, Comcast Cablevision has indicated that it intends to change the channel lineup and location of the public, educational and government access channels (PEG) from present locations, where they have been situated for many years, to the channel lineup in the 900's, which will require customers to have a digital converter set-top box, a cable card or a QAM* capable television; and

WHEREAS, the result is added costs, inconvenience, and confusion with respect to citizens who intend to view educational and governmental access channels;

WHEREAS, since Comcast's announcement, many citizens have voiced their opposition to the news that Comcast intends to change the location of PEG channels and require customers to have a digital converter box to receive the channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that:

1. Comcast Cablevision is requested to preserve the channel locations for public, educational and governmental access channels (PEG) and agree that they will not be changed in the future without the written consent of the City or governmental entity or entities which provide programming on such channels;

2. The City requests that Comcast respond to the questions posed by the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors in its letter dated November 2007 addressing operational and legal issues related to Comcast's actions; and

3. The City requests that Public Act 480 of 2006 be immediately amended to require that public, educational and governmental access channels remain at the current locations and that the same not be subject to change unless the written consent of the affected governmental entity providing the programming is obtained.

4. The City requests that ICCA legal counsel explore sections of Michigan's Public Act 480 of 2006, for provisions that already exist to potentially assist the City in maintaining the best delivery of its programming to Royal Oak residents via the cable TV and video systems. In addition, that ICCA continue talks with local providers, as well as investigate appropriate measures, to protect the City's investment in providing programming for local access channels, as these channels are important means of communicating with residents.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Oak City Commission at a meeting held on December 17, 2007.

Mary Ellen Gramer

City Clerk