

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022-15**

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2022

Title of Resolution: Approval – Franchise Agreement – Armstrong Cable Television

Synopsis: A Resolution to execute the renewal of a non-exclusive cable service franchise agreement by and between Cecil County, Maryland, and Armstrong Utilities Inc., operator of Armstrong Cable Television, for the installation, operation, maintenance and extension of the cable system for subscribers within the County, upon the terms and conditions and subject to the agreement.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: July 5, 2022

Public Hearing schedule on: August 2, 2022

Consideration scheduled on: August 16, 2022

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution having been posted by (date) at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on (dates), a public hearing was held on (date) and concluded on (date)

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section A381 of the Code of Cecil County and Local Government
2 Article Section 1-702 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the County Council is authorized to grant one
3 or more nonexclusive franchises to operate a cable television system within the County; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the County Council renewed an existing franchise and awarded a nonexclusive
5 franchise to Armstrong Utilities, Inc., by Resolution No. 02-2013 on February 6, 2013; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Armstrong Utilities, Inc., operator of Armstrong Cable Television, has contacted the
7 County requesting a renewal of the franchise agreement for a period of fifteen (15) years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council finds that Armstrong Cable Television has substantially complied
9 with the material terms of its current franchise and with both county and federal laws; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of
11 the county to renew the cable television franchise to Armstrong Utilities, Inc., on the terms and
12 conditions set forth in the franchise agreement as Appendix 1.

13 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
14 **MARYLAND**, that Armstrong Utilities, Inc., operator of Armstrong Cable Television, is granted a renewal
15 of its nonexclusive franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a cable television system within the
16 County for a period of fifteen (15) years from the effective date of this Act.

17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND** that
18 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED: July 5, 2022

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager