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Date .... December 5, 2011 ....

COMMUNICATION FROM MEDIACOM REQUESTING THE MAYOR SIGN A RETRANSMISSION
PETITION CONCERNING FEES PAID TO REBROADCAST LOCAL BROADCAST STATION SIGNALS
AND FORWARD THE COMMUNICATIONS TO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2011, the Mayor of the City of Des Moines received a request from Bill
Peard, Senior Manager of Government Relations at Mediacom Communications ("Mediacom") asking the Mayor to
sign an online Petition and to submit the letter and information on to others who may also be interested; and

WHEREAS, the letter from Mediacom indicates that fees for such retransmission are Mediacom's fastest
growing programming cost component, having increased 100% to 300% over the last several years during
negotiations, resulting in larger cable fees; and

WHEREAS, the letter indicates that Mediacom is asking the Federal Communications Commission and
Members of Congress to protect senior citizens, low-income households and rural residents from practices that are
rendering pay television unaffordable for many Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the
communication from Mediacom Communications be received and filed and that the Mayor _____ be _____ not be
(select one) authorized to sign the petition and forward the letter to others who might be interested.

Moved   by _____ to
receive, file and _____ authorize _____ not authorize   (select one) the Mayor to sign the petition and forward
the communications.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeffrey D. Lester, City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT	CERTIFICATE
COWNIE					I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.
COLEMAN					
GRIESS					
HENSLEY					
MAHAFFEY					
MEYER					IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.
MOORE					
TOTAL					
MOTION CARRIED				APPROVED	

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk