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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES REVISED CABLE COMMUNICATIONS AND ETHICS
ORDINANCE**

Ordinance update streamlines cable regulation making operations more efficient for cable operators and the City.

Today at City Council, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) introduced a revised Cable Communications Ordinance (Ch. 4-280-010) and a revised Cable Ethics Ordinance (Ch. 4-284-010). The cable ordinance has not been updated for almost 30 years and the revisions are necessary to take into account numerous changes on both the business and legal landscape of cable providers as well as technological advances.

The ordinance:

- Eliminates expense and jurisdictional redundancy by making BACP the sole City regulator.
- Assures that customers from all providers receive equal service including cable guide generated information.
- Removes outdated provisions to reflect changing technology, like the prohibition against a cable operator selling TV receivers and parts.
- Expands the definition of gross revenues, enabling the city to collect revenue from premium services.



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“Bringing the Cable Ordinance up to date will ultimately benefit cable providers, consumers and the City with improved regulation and service standards,” said Rosemary Krimbel, Commissioner of BACP.

This comprehensive revision reflects developments in federal and state law, including the Illinois Cable and Video Customer Protection Law of 2007, and eliminates the Cable Commission. This revision will allow the City to administer more effectively the regulation of cable services and allow cable providers to function more efficiently within Chicago.

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