

RESOLUTION NO. 7879-R66

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF CABLE TELEVISION REGULATION BILL

WHEREAS, legislation has again been introduced into the Illinois legislative process which would bring under state control matters concerning cable television; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois, has already implemented its own regulation of cable television and has an operating system of cable television; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Urbana, Illinois, has determined that certain features of the proposed legislation would be harmful to the City of Urbana, Illinois, and to other local governments similarly situated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that this Council go on record as follows:

1. The City of Urbana strongly opposes the following features of the proposed cable television regulation legislation, to-wit: those features that would:

(a) attempt to pre-empt home rule authority.

(b) levy a 5% tax, even though this Council fully realizes that the bill provides for a rebate of 60% thereof.

(c) attempt to deny or limit local control over cable television in those areas already providing their own regulation.

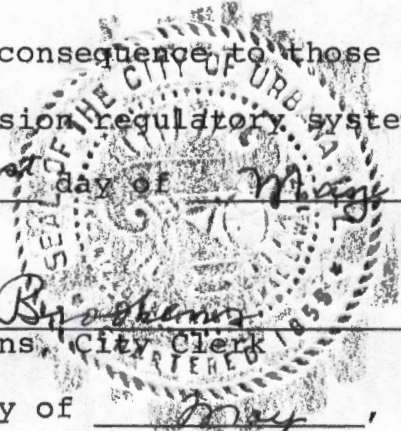
2. The Urbana City Council does support the idea that the State of Illinois should serve as the authority for cable franchising for the unincorporated areas within the State of Illinois, however, the proposed legislation should be amended to either exempt or give precedence to those cities and counties which have or shall in the future establish their own regulatory mechanism.

3. The proposed state regulation, as presently written, would tend to constrain the ability of local governments to adjust their rates to meet local goals and concerns. The proposed legislation

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apparently would provide no services of any consequence to those municipalities with functioning cable television regulatory systems.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of May,
1979.


Ruth Brookens
Ruth Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 2nd day of May,
1979.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor