

RESOLUTION NO. 98-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR THE USE OF CHANNEL 6 BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

BY IT RESOLVED BY THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

The City has issued a cable television franchise which requires the franchisee to provide a channel for public use (currently Channel 3) and a channel for government use (currently Channel 6). The government channel has been used only to broadcast activities of the City of Ridgecrest ("City") and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Ridgecrest ("Agency"). This resolution establishes the terms for other government agencies to use the government channel.

Section 2. General

Government agencies serving the Indian Wells Valley may use the government access Channel 6 for live broadcasts when the channel is not being used by the City or the Agency for live broadcasts. The government agencies may use the government access Channel 6 for taped broadcast of public meetings when the channel is not being used by the City or the Agency.

Section 3. Definitions

(a) As used herein, a "government agency" is an agency whose governing board is elected by the voters. The following are "government agencies" for the purposes of this resolution:

- County of Kern
- Indian Wells Valley Airport District
- Indian Wells Valley Water District
- Inyokern Community Services District
- Kern County Water Agency
- Sierra Sands Unified School District

(b) A government agency not specifically mentioned above may request permission to use the government channel upon presentation of proof satisfactory to the City Administrator the agency is actually a government agency as defined herein.

Section 4. Scheduling

(a) The City has the prior and paramount right to use the government channel.

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(b) The right of the Agency to use the government channel is prior and paramount to every other government agency except the City.

(c) The right of a government agency other than the City or Agency to use the government channel shall be on a first come, first served basis as determined by the City Administrator.

Section 5. Fees

Government agencies using the government access channels, other than the City or the Agency, shall pay for the use of the City building from where the broadcast originates. No other fee shall be charged for the broadcast. However, the user shall pay charges, if any, imposed by the franchisee for the broadcast.

Section 6. Activities

Regular and special meetings of government agencies, including regular and special meetings of committees of governmental agencies, meetings by the Kern County Supervisor, Assembly person, State or United States Senator or Congress person representing the territory of the City, and informational meetings by the staff of government agencies may be broadcast pursuant to this resolution. As used herein, "meeting" has the same meaning as the meaning of the terms in the Ralph M. Brown Act.

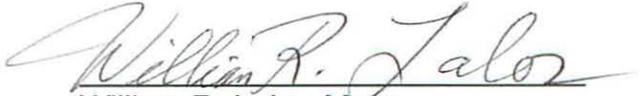
APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st day of January 1998, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Lalor, Council Members Auld, Carter, and Morgan.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.


William R. Lalor, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Bartlett, CMC
City Clerk