

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**

The City of Portsmouth and its Cable Commission will hold a public hearing on August 16, 2006 at Portsmouth City Hall at 7:00 p.m. to solicit public comment and input ascertaining the future cable television franchise related needs and interests of the City. The cable franchise is an essential element of our telecommunications infrastructure. Under federal law governing the franchise renewal process, the City and the Cable Commission must identify the future cable related needs and interests of the City so that the City can evaluate the cable operator's renewal proposal to determine whether it meets those needs and interests. The hearing to be held on August 16, 2006 will focus on the cable-related needs of the public. The hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide input on a variety of cable-related issues including the establishment of a community access channel similar to that operated by other cities. A community access channel would carry non-governmental, locally produced programming. We encourage all persons interested in cable issues to attend and participate in this important public hearing.