

CABLE AND BROADBAND INTERNET COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Monday, January 22, 2024, at 5:00 pm
Conference Room A, Portsmouth City Hall
1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth NH 03801**

The Cable and Broadband Internet Commission invites the public to a hearing on Monday, January 22, 2024, at Portsmouth City Hall, Conference Room A, at 5:00 pm to receive comments on the cable television needs of the City. Comcast is providing cable television services to the City of Portsmouth pursuant to a 5-year franchise agreement set to expire February 29, 2024. The Commission is in negotiations with Comcast to renew that franchise agreement and seeks public input.

The franchise agreement does not regulate rates or programming: it covers basic service performance and system requirements, municipal drops, public access and government channels, and a local office. Internet and telephone services are not covered by the franchise agreement.

The franchise agreement is not exclusive to Comcast, which means another carrier could enter the market. A copy of the current franchise agreement can be found at <https://portsnh.co/broadband>.

The Commission conducted a survey last year to obtain information from Portsmouth residents about service and other cable-related issues. Those survey results can be found at <https://portsnh.co/broadband>. This public hearing is a further opportunity for residents to provide input.

The Commission is also soliciting written comments until January 30, 2024, for those unable to attend the hearing or who prefer to express their views in writing. Comments can be submitted here: <https://portsnh.co/broadband>.