

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

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## Resolution No. 12 -2024

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to the Howard County Cable Television Systems Franchise Act, granting a franchise renewal application received from Comcast of Howard County, LLC and providing that the parties shall agree on the terms of a franchise agreement within a certain time.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments\_\_\_, Failed\_\_\_, Withdrawn\_\_\_, by the County Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Certified By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, on or about December 6, 2023, Howard County received an application (the  
2 “Application”) for a franchise renewal from Comcast of Howard County, LLC (the “Applicant”);  
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5           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Howard County Cable Television Systems Franchise Act  
6 (the “Act”) the cable administrator has advertised the receipt of the Application for 2 successive  
7 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the County and has made the Application  
8 available for public inspection; and

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10          **WHEREAS**, the Cable Administrator has reviewed the Application and has found that  
11 the Application complies with the requirements set forth in the Act; and

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13          **WHEREAS**, the County Council has held a public hearing and has considered the  
14 Application, written and oral testimony, and other information relevant to the Application.

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16          **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
17 Maryland, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 that it hereby grants the franchise renewal  
18 application received from Comcast of Howard County, LLC, subject to the negotiation of a  
19 franchise agreement satisfactory to the County and the franchisee;

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21          **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive and Comcast of  
22 Howard County, LLC shall agree on the terms of a franchise agreement within 90 calendar days  
23 from the date of approval of this Resolution and that the 90-calendar day period may be extended  
24 for good cause.