

Town of Bridgton

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Section 1. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Home Rule powers as provided in Article VIII, part second, section 1 of the Maine Constitution, 30-A M.R.S. § 3001, and all other applicable authority.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "CATV Ordinance" of the Town of Bridgton, adopted and effective by vote of the Town Meeting.

Section 2. PURPOSE

This Ordinance provides for Town regulation and use of the community antenna television system including its construction, operation, and maintenance in, along, upon, across, above, over, and under the streets, alleys, public ways, and public places now laid out or dedicated, and all extensions thereof and additions thereto in the Town of Bridgton, including poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes, conductors, and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation in the Town of Bridgton of the community antenna television system; provides for conditions accompanying the grant of franchise; and provides for the Town regulation of CATV operation.

Section 3. ADMINISTRATION

This Ordinance shall be administered by the Town Manager.

Section 4. DEFINITIONS

(a) "C.A.T.V." shall mean any community antenna television system or facility that, in whole or in part, receives directly or indirectly, over the air, and amplifies or otherwise modifies signals transmitting programs broadcast by one or more television or radio stations, or originates its own signal or signals by wire or cable to subscribing members of the public who pay for such services, but such term shall not include any such facility that serves only the residents of one or more apartment dwellings under common ownership, control, or management.

(b) "Cable Television Company" shall mean any person, firm, or corporation owning, controlling, operating, managing, or leasing a CATV system within the Town of Bridgton, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "the company".

(c) "Town" shall mean the Town of Bridgton, Maine, organized and existing under the laws in the State of Maine and the area within its territorial limits.

Section 5. FRANCHISE REQUIRED

No person, firm, or corporation shall install, maintain, or operate within the Town or any of its public streets or other public areas any equipment or facilities for the operation of a CATV system unless a franchise authorizing the use of said public streets or area has first been obtained pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and unless said franchise is in full force and effect.

Section 6. FRANCHISE CONTRACT

The Bridgton Select Board may contract on such terms, conditions, and fees as are in the best interest of the municipality and its residents with one or more Cable Television Companies for the operation thereof for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

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