

# Cable Television Commission

**Status:** Dissolved

**Created:** 12/15/1980

**Ended:** 3/1/1990

**Description:** The purpose of the Cable Television Commission was to advise the Council on rates proposed by or for any CATV license and the qualifications of any applicant for a CATV license. Additionally, the Commission was to cooperate with the Licensee and promote the development and implementation of cable television services.

**Authority:**

Ordinances: 1343 (12/15/1980), 1461 (4/6/1982), 1571 (6/20/1983)

Resolutions:

**Purpose:**

**Powers and Duties:**

From Section 13 of Ordinance No. 1343:

F. The duties of the Commission shall be carried out, with the assistance of the City staff, in accordance with the procedures, standards, requirements and policies of this chapter as are specified in succeeding sections. The duties of the Commission shall be:

1. To advise the Council upon rates proposed by or for any CATV license or the qualifications of any applicant for a CATV license.
2. To encourage cooperation between metropolitan Phoenix area cable television systems.
3. To cooperate with the Licensee and promote the development and implementation of cable television services, including but not limited to the following categories: local origination and access programming production; local educational uses, including, without limitations, those of and for libraries, museums, and public and private schools; use of leased channels for business and other uses; and any other uses the Commission, within its discretion, deems appropriate.
4. To establish rules and regulations for local programming by any licensee, as the Commission deems appropriate, but only to the extent such rules and regulations do not relate to the content of local programming and are consistent with Section 19E herein.
5. To submit an annual report to the Council, including but not limited to a summary report on the utilization of community service channels, a review of any plans submitted during the year by the Licensee for development of new services, and hourly subtotals for various programming categories, including but not limited to:
  - a. All community service channels;
  - b. Channel time use for Pay TV;
  - c. Channel time use for lease, including business uses and telemetry of information;
  - d. Information retrieval and professional communication;
  - e. Other services and uses as provided for in the Licensee Agreement and as may additionally be provided by the Licensee.
6. To otherwise work with the Council, City staff, other governmental units, users, customers, and the general public to provide continually improved CATV service.

7. Such other duties as may be imposed by or inferred from this chapter, any license, ordinance, or Council directive.

G. The Commission shall have the power to require from the Licensee such timely information and reports as may be necessary in order to fulfill its duties and obligations under this Section.

**Bylaws:**

**Bylaws Provisions:**

**Bylaws Link:**

**Notes:**

On December 15, 1980, Council adopted Ordinance No. 1343, which was entitled the Cable Television Ordinance of the City of Scottsdale. Within the ordinance, Section 13 sets out rules regarding the Commission, as well as, its Powers and Duties.

The previously existing CATV Ad Hoc Citizens Committee appears to have continued to operate through the award of a license to United Cable of Denver on November 18, 1981. At that time, Chairman Bluemle indicated the committee's desire that the meeting serve as the committee's farewell performance, and he urged the Council to disband the committee as soon as possible.

Initial appointments to the Cable Television Commission, as described in Ordinance No. 1343, were apparently made on July 6, 1982. No earlier appointments to the commission were recorded.

On June 6, 1983, Council adopted Ordinance No. 1571 amending the duties of the commission by removing language requiring a majority vote of the commission, eliminating categories in Section 13, Subsection F, Paragraph 3 and eliminating Section 13, Subsection F, Paragraph 4.

In March 1990, the Cable Television Commission was dissolved when the Office of Cable Communications was eliminated from the City's FY 90/91 budget.

**Associated Boards:** Cable Television Ad Hoc Citizens Committee

## Cable Television Commission Membership Report

	Date Appointed	Term Begin Date	Term End Date
Bill Arthur	12/20/1983	12/20/1983	12/20/1986
Joyce Bittner	10/19/1982	10/19/1982	10/19/1985
Robert Burns	7/6/1982	7/6/1982	8/1/1984
Bob Foster	7/6/1982	7/6/1982	7/6/1983
Charles Henderson	10/19/1982 10/15/1985	10/19/1982 10/15/1985	10/15/1985 11/1/1988
Marston Holben	7/6/1982	7/6/1982	7/6/1983
Lou Jekel	7/6/1982 7/5/1983 10/7/1986	7/6/1982 7/5/1983 10/7/1986	7/5/1983 10/7/1986 11/1/1989
Tanya Kirkpatrick	10/7/1986	10/7/1986	11/1/1989
Bill Mack	7/6/1982 7/5/1983 10/7/1986	7/6/1982 7/5/1983 10/7/1986	7/5/1983 10/7/1986 11/1/1989
Marty Marks	9/21/1982	9/21/1982	9/21/1983
Mark Moerkerke	1/5/1988	1/5/1988	1/1/1991
Sandy Olsson	10/15/1985	11/1/1985	11/1/1988
Garth Saager	7/6/1982	7/6/1982	7/6/1983
Ellen Sandecki	2/16/1988	2/16/1988	3/1/1991
Robin Walker	9/15/1987	9/15/1987	10/1/1990
Patricia Watts	12/21/1982	12/21/1982	12/21/1985

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Alfred Withiam	8/21/1984	8/21/1984	9/15/1987
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