

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2010, Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 4-10

Introduced by Mr. Middlebrooks, Chairman  
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, January 19, 2010

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Introduced and first read on January 19, 2010  
Public Hearing set for February 16, 2010  
Bill Expires April 24, 2010

By Order: Judy C. Holmes, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Cable Franchise Act of 2006 – Notification to Subscribers of  
2 Potential Interruption of E911 Service

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4 FOR the purpose of requiring County cable franchise holders to notify subscribers on a  
5 quarterly basis of potential interruption of E911 service due to electrical or cable outage  
6 and making a certain technical change.

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8 BY renumbering: § 10-8-110(b) and (c) to be § 10-8-110(c) and (d), respectively  
9 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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11 BY adding: § 10-8-110(b)  
12 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 10-8-116(a)  
15 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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17 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
18 *That § 10-8-110(b) and (c) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) is hereby*  
19 *renumbered to be § 10-8-110(c) and (d), respectively.*

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21 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County  
22 Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

**ARTICLE 10 CABLE FRANCHISE ACT OF 2006**

1 **TITLE 8. CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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3 **10-8-110. Notices by franchisee.**

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5 (B) **Notice regarding E911 service.** PROMPTLY AFTER A SUBSCRIBER IS CONNECTED OR  
6 RECONNECTED TO A CABLE SYSTEM AND AT LEAST ONCE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS, A  
7 FRANCHISEE SHALL PROVIDE EACH SUBSCRIBER WITH A WRITTEN NOTICE THAT, IF  
8 ELECTRICAL OR CABLE SERVICE IS INTERRUPTED, THE SUBSCRIBER MAY NOT BE ABLE TO  
9 ACCESS E911 SERVICES WITH A TELEPHONE CONNECTION THAT IS PROVIDED USING THE  
10 SAME PHYSICAL PLANT THAT IS USED TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE.

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12 **10-8-116. Changes in cable service.**

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14 (a) **Notice of change to cable service.** When a franchisee substantially alters the cable  
15 service it provides to a class of subscribers, the franchisee shall provide each subscriber  
16 notice as required in [§ 10-8-110(b)] § 10-8-110(C), explain the substance and full effect of the  
17 alteration, and provide the subscriber with the right to choose to receive any combination of  
18 cable services offered by the franchisee.

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20 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
21 from the date it becomes law.