

T. "Converter" means an electronic device which converts signals to a frequency not susceptible to interference within the television receiver of a subscriber, and by an appropriate channel selector also permits a subscriber to view all signals delivered at designated dial locations.

U. "F.C.C." means the Federal Communications Commission.

V. "Effective Date of the Franchise" means the date upon which a franchise is granted by Howard County.

W. "Two Way Capability" means the subscriber or any other location shall have the capability to choose whether or not to respond immediately, or by sequential delay by utilizing any typed terminal equipment whatever, by pushbutton code, dial code, meter, voice, video signal, or by any other means, to any type of electronic, including but not limited to audio and video, electrical or mechanically produced signal, display and/or interrogation.

X. "Subscription Television" a system whereby subscription television broadcast programs are transmitted and received, provided further that the term 'broadcast' shall include cable.

Y. "Subscription Television Broadcast Program" a television broadcast program intended to be received in intelligible form by members of the public only for a fee or charge, provided further that the term 'broadcast' shall include cable.

Z. "Distant Signal Channel" means the channel or channels on the Community Antenna Television System designated to carry signals from stations located outside the mandatory carriage area or defined by the FCC.

AA. "Foreign Language Channels" means the channel or channels on the Community Antenna Television System designated to carry programs in a non-English language, originated by stations in the United States.

14.702 Franchise Grant.

The franchise to be granted by Howard County pursuant to this Act shall grant to the Grantee, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and maintain a Community Antenna Television System in the streets and roads of Howard County for a period of fifteen (15) years from and after the grant and acceptance date of the franchise to be awarded subject to the conditions and restrictions as hereinafter provided, and further provided that the County Executive and County Council shall have the right to review such franchise periodically at such time as the County Executive and the County Council may from time to time elect to do so and as hereinafter provided.

14.703 Acceptance of Authority to Grant Franchise

A Grantee of a franchise issued pursuant to this Act by acceptance of such franchise expressly acknowledges and accepts the right of Howard County to issue such franchise and agrees that it shall not at any time hereafter challenge this right in any way or in any State or Federal Court, provided further that in the event the F.C.C. or the State Government acquires or assumes jurisdiction over the issuing of any Community Antenna Television System (CATV) franchise the Grantee hereby agrees that a franchise issued pursuant to this Act shall remain in full force and effect as a binding contract between the Grantee and Howard County, Maryland.