

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011208-073**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1-107 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. Section 2-1-107 (Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission.) of the City Code is amended to read:**

**§ 2-1-107 AUSTIN COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.**

- (A) The Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission membership should be broadly representative of community interests. A commissioner should have resided continuously within the City for not less than 180 days.
- (B) In this section:
- (1) Information and communications technology includes digital devices, networks, and software that allow people to create, access, store, transmit, and manipulate information.
- ~~(1)~~(2) Community technology includes information and communications technology training and access that promotes civic and cultural participation, employment, and life-long learning.
- ~~(2)~~(3) Telecommunications services include all transmission of voice, data, or video by means of permanent facilities installed in the City's rights-of-way or by means of radio transmission.
- (C) The commission shall advise the city council regarding issues that include:
- (1) *community technology;*
  - (2) *telecommunications services;*
  - (3) *new sources of funding for access television projects;*
  - (4) *new sources of funding for community technology projects;*
  - (5) *allocation of annual financial support; and*

- (6) the evaluation of the performance of ~~franchise holders~~, access television contractors, and other community technology contractors, including development of criteria to be used for evaluations; and
- (7) Information and communications technology facilities and services that are operated by the City for public use, including the City web site, Internet services and open government technologies.
- (D) The commission shall conduct public hearings regarding issues that include:
- (1) the performance of ~~franchise holders~~, access television contractors, and other community technology contractors; and
  - (2) the identification of community cable, telecommunications, and technology needs.
- (E) The commission shall promote access to telecommunications services and community technologies by methods including:
- (1) public awareness, use, and viewership of access television programming and other community media;
  - (2) identifying community technology needs and problems in the City and defining innovative programming approaches to those needs and problems; and
  - (3) public awareness of telecommunications policy and community technology issues.
- (F) The commission shall serve as a coordinating forum for issues relating to the provision of every different type of telecommunications services and community technologies, by receiving reports and recommendations from other City boards and commissions and from City departments, and forwarding these to the city council.
- (G) The commission does not possess any sovereign authority regarding any cable television or cable related telecommunications issue, and the commission serves in an advisory capacity only.
- (H) The Commission may create a Grant Review Committee consisting of up to seven members to review grant applications, conduct interviews, and evaluate applications for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Commission for grant awards under the City's Grant for Technology Opportunities program. The Commission may appoint persons to the Grant Review Committee who are not members of the Commission, but must appoint one member of the Commission to the Grant Review Committee who shall serve as ex-officio chair

of the Grant Review Committee. All members of the Grant Review Committee are subject to Article 4 of Chapter 2-7 of the Code (*Code of Ethics*).

**PART 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance takes effect on December 19, 2011.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_ December 8 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011      §  
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   Mayor

**APPROVED:**   
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   City Attorney

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   Shirley A. Gentry  
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