PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

7:00pm, April 4, 2006, Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall

The City of Portsmouth and its Cable Commission will hold its second public hearing on April 4, 2006 at Portsmouth City Hall at 7:00 p.m. relative to the future cable television franchise related needs and interests of the City. The hearing to be held on April 4, 2006 will focus on cable related needs of municipal departments and nonprofit organizations.

Under federal law governing the franchise renewal process, the City and the Cable Commission must identify the future cable related needs and interests of the City so that the City can evaluate the cable operator's renewal proposal to determine whether it meets those needs and interests.

The hearing is a further opportunity to solicit comments on a variety of cable-related issues including the establishment of a community access channel similar to that operated by other cities. A community access channel would carry non-governmental, locally produced programming. We encourage all persons interested in cable issues to attend and participate in this important public hearing.