

## KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

## **December 12, 2017**

## Ordinance 18629

	Proposed No. 2017-0432.1 Sponsors von Reichbauer
1	AN ORDINANCE approving the transfer of control of
2	WaveDivision I, LLC, a franchisee under King County
3	cable franchise 5602.
4	STATEMENT OF FACTS:
5	1. WaveDivision I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a
6	Wave, owns and operates a cable system in the county rights of way under
7	King County cable franchise 5602.
8	2. Under the franchise, Wave serves approximately one thousand six
9	hundred seventy seven customers in the unincorporated north and
10	northeast areas of King County.
11	3. Wave is a wholly-owned subsidiary of WaveDivision Holdings, LLC
12	("WDH"), a Delaware limited liability company.
13	4. WDH is wholly-owned by OH WDH Holdco, LLC, a Delaware limited
14	liability company, which is wholly-owned by Wave Holdco, LLC ("Wave
15	Holdco").
16	5. On May 18, 2017, Wave Holdco and other entities entered into a
17	securities purchase agreement that will result in a transfer of the
18	controlling interest in Wave Holdco and, by extension, an indirect transfer
19	of controlling interest in Wave. As a result of this purchase agreement,

20	Wave Holdco will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Radiate Holdco,
21	LLC, a Delaware limited liability company controlled by Radiate
22	Holdings, L.P. ("Radiate").
23	6. On or about June 16, 2017, Wave Holdco applied to the King County
24	office of cable communications, via Federal Communications Commission
25	Form 394, for approval of the proposed transfer of controlling interest.
26	7. The sales transaction is expected to close in 2017. Upon closing, cable
27	franchise 5602 will continue to be held by Wave, the same legal entity that
28	currently holds the franchise. Wave is not seeking any modifications to
29	the franchise as a result of the proposed sales transaction. Wave will
30	continue to provide cable service to county customers in accordance with
31	the franchise agreement terms; however, it will do so under the ultimate
32	ownership and indirect control of Radiate, rather than Wave Holdco.
33	8. Under Section 4 of the Wave franchise and K.C.C. 6.27A.010.CC a
34	sale, transfer or change in control of ownership or other interest of a
35	franchisee requires the county's consent.
36	9. K.C.C. 6.27A.050.E. states that "[a]n application for approval of a
37	transfer of a franchise must contain, at minimum, information regarding
38	the applicant's technical and financial ability to construct and operate the
39	system and a statement that the proposed transferee will comply with the
40	transferor's franchise agreement, this chapter, the cable rules and
41	applicable law."
12	10. The office of cable communications retained an independent

43	consultant to evaluate the technical qualifications of Radiate. The
44	consultant concluded that Radiate is technically-qualified to assume
45	control of the Wave system.
46	11. The office of cable communications retained an independent
47	consultant to evaluate the financial qualifications of Radiate and the
48	current status of franchise 5602. The consultant concluded that Radiate
49	has the financial capability to provide the needed funding for the
50	franchise.
51	12. In accordance with section 4(e) of the Wave franchise, Radiate
52	certifies that it will comply with the terms of the franchise agreement, the
53	cable ordinance and applicable law.
54	13. Based on its evaluation of the information in Federal Communications
55	Commission Form 394, the conclusions of the technical and financial
56	consultants, and additional information provided by Radiate and
57	WaveHoldco, the cable communications office recommends approval of
58	the transfer of control of Wave.
59	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
50	SECTION 1. The transfer of control of WaveDivision I, LLC, a franchisee under
51	King County cable franchise 5602, is approved. However, if the purchase and sale under
52	the sales transaction does not close for any reason, or if such transaction closes on terms
53	materially different from the terms described in the Federal Communications Form 394,
54	then this approval shall be null and void. In addition, this approval shall be subject to
55	receipt by the office of cable communications of written confirmation from WaveHoldco

- 66 LLC, and Radiate Holdings, L.P., that the approval shall not waive or release any rights
- of the county under the franchise agreement or applicable law, including those arising
- before the effective date of the transfer of control.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Attachments: None

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council-

APPROVED this Aday of DELEMBER, 2017

Dow Constantine, County Executive

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