

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
CATV ORDINANCE**

TITLE I: PURPOSE

An Ordinance providing for Town regulation and use of the community antenna television system including its construction, operation and maintenance in, along, upon, across, above, over and under the streets, alleys, public ways and public places now laid out or dedicated, and all extensions thereof and additions thereto in the Town of Bridgton, including poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes, conductors and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation in the Town of Bridgton of the community antenna television system and to provide conditions accompanying the grant of franchise: and providing for the Town regulation of CATV operation.

TITLE II: DEFINITIONS

(a) "C.A.T.V." shall mean any community antenna television system or facility that, in whole or in part, receives directly or indirectly, over the air, and amplifies or otherwise modifies signals transmitting programs broadcast by one or more television or radio stations, or originates its own signal or signals by wire or cable to subscribing members of the public who pay for such services but such term shall not include any such facility that only the residents of one or more include any such facility that only the residents of one or more apartment dwellings under common ownership, control or management.

(b) "Cable Television Co." shall mean any person, firm or corporation owning, controlling, operating, managing or leasing a CATV system within the Town of Bridgton, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "the company".

(c) "Town" shall mean the Town of Bridgton, Maine, organized and existing under the laws in the State of Maine and the area within its territorial limits.

TITLE III: FRANCHISE REQUIRED

No person, firm or corporation shall install, maintain or operate within the Town or any of its public streets or other public areas any equipment or facilities for the operation of a CATV system unless a franchise authorizing the use of said public streets or area has first been obtained pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance and unless said franchise is in full force and effect.

TITLE IV: FRANCHISE CONTRACT

The Bridgton Board of Selectmen may contract on such terms, conditions and fees as are in the best interest of the municipality and its residents with one or more Cable Television Companies for the operation thereof for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years.

Passed at Public Hearing held Tuesday, September 28, 1982 at 7:30 PM.