



SBCA Praises FCC Action Permanently Invalidating Chicago's Dish-Placement Legislation

WASHINGTON, DC. January 11, 2021. The Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association praised the Federal Communications Commission's decision yesterday to permanently invalidate Chicago's onerous satellite dish restrictions, which had been suspended since 2012. SBCA President Steve Hill stated: "We are pleased that the FCC found that Chicago's dish-placement restrictions were unreasonable, and would have made television service much more expensive for tens of thousands of Chicago residents."

In 2012, the City of Chicago enacted legislation that would have raised prices and increased burdens for every Chicago resident subscribing to or considering satellite television—including thousands of low-income and immigrant households who rely on satellite service for competitive price and dedicated programming from their home country.

The FCC permanently invalidated Chicago's dish placement legislation. It found that numerous provisions in the law—including placement restrictions, paperwork obligations, and painting requirements—unreasonably raised the cost of satellite television service, unreasonably delayed dish installation, or unreasonably hindered reception. Mr. Hill stated, "We hope that other city governments considering similar restrictions will take heed of the FCC's decision."

Click [here](#) to read the entire ruling.

About SBCA:

The Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association is the national trade organization representing the consumer satellite industry. It is committed to creating value added programs to promote growth and sustainability of our member companies through member benefits and training. SBCA also provides industry leadership on advocating for consumer access to the best in satellite delivered services and assuring its availability at a fair price. Additional information can be found at www.sbca.org.

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