

POLICY STATEMENT

TOWN GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL

The Orleans Government Access Cable Television Channel (Channel 18) is intended solely to provide information to Orleans citizens about issues, services, programs, activities, and events involving or affecting local government and the community.

All public meetings of Town policy-making and regulatory boards and commissions, including Town Meeting, are authorized for live and delayed cablecast and webcast. Public meetings of other Town committees may be cablecast and/or webcast if time and resources permit. All public meetings of Town boards and committees shall be cablecast and/or webcast in their entirety, without editing and without commentary.

Bulletin Board items may be submitted by any Orleans government agency or Orleans-based public service organization. Items must be consistent with the intentions of this policy and shall be cablecast at the discretion of the Town Administrator or his designee.

Programming produced by Channel 18 or other entities related to government facilities, services and/or operations, or to issues and events in the public interest, may be cablecast and/or webcast as deemed appropriate by the Town Administrator or his designee. Written permission for the use of copyrighted materials must be received in advance. Programming may be modified or edited as deemed appropriate by the Town Administrator or his designee.

The Orleans Government Access Channel shall not be used to promote a candidate for elective office or advocate any position of a political nature; however, programming in the format of a debate or forum shall be presented subject to the provisions of this policy.

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