

# **City of New Bedford to hold second public hearing on consideration of new cable license**

The City of New Bedford, as issuing authority for a cable television license for the city, will hold a second and final public hearing on Wednesday, July 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room of the New Bedford Main Library, 613 Pleasant Street, as part of the consideration process for a new cable license. New Bedford's ten-year cable license expires in November 2019. The first public hearing was held on June 20; after the hearing, the City Council voted to request further opportunity for the public to comment.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether to issue a cable television license to Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and what the City's future community cable-related needs.

The hearing will include a presentation by the New Bedford Cable Network, the City's Public, Education and Government (PEG) access network, including an overview of its community programming. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on New Bedford's community cable-related needs at the hearing.

The public may also submit comments in writing to the City by email at [cable@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:cable@newbedford-ma.gov), or by mail at to the Office of the City Solicitor (Attention: Cable Contract), City Hall, 133 William Street, 02740. Comments in writing should be received no later than Friday, August 2 at 5:00 p.m.