

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 1: FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)

§ 1206. Cable System Joint Venture; Minimum Requirements.

Any joint venture agreement authorized by this chapter must provide, at a minimum, for the following terms:

(a) Subscriptions for cable television service must be open to all members of the public, without discrimination of any sort;

(b) Provisions shall be made for access to the system by low income individuals and families at reduced rates;

(c) Public hospitals and schools shall be provided cable services, free of charge;

(d) The joint venture partner shall provide at least one specially designated public, educational and governmental channel available on a first come, nondiscriminatory, uncensored basis. The franchise partner shall maintain and have available for public, educational and government use at least the minimal equipment and facilities necessary for the production of programming for such channel.

(e) The joint venture partner shall subscribe to and support the National Emergency Broadcast System;

(f) After deducting therefrom all expenses and costs, inclusive of administrative cost of not more than 10 percent of expenses, resulting from carrying out its duties under a joint venture agreement, the joint venture partner, on a quarterly basis, shall divide its profits equally with the municipality of Rota;

(g) The joint venture partner shall provide at least eight television broadcast channels for immediate use of Rota citizens;

(h) The joint venture partner shall indemnify and hold the municipality of Rota harmless from any and all claims arising from the joint venture partners participation in the joint venture agreement. Upon receipt of notice in writing from the municipal council, the joint venture partner will, at its own expense, defend any action or proceeding against the municipality of Rota or the Commonwealth government in which it is claimed that personal injury or property damage was caused by the activities of the joint venture partner in the installation, operation, or maintenance of the cable television system.

Source: Rota LL 6-7, § 8.

Commission Comment: The Commission inserted a semicolon in place of a dash in the heading of this section to conform the heading to the style used elsewhere in the code. According to PL 3-90, § 7(a) (reprinted in the preface material, prior to title 1), “section headings . . . do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions of this Code.”