

AuroraTV Policy Regarding the Coverage of Public Meetings

1. AuroraTV will cover public meetings, as they happen, gavel to gavel, without interruptions, editing or "bleeping" out of offensive language **during the live coverage** of the meeting itself. The exception to this continuous gavel-to-gavel coverage of a live public meeting shall be in the event of any *obscene material* (as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court) being shown or depicted. In such cases AuroraTV staff shall avoid the airing of such obscene material using any techniques at their disposal, including, but not limited to: cutting to alternative shots, muting sound and cutting away to alternative graphics or programming.
2. AuroraTV, at its discretion, may choose to edit out indecent or profane material under the approval of the Director of Communications or their designee or to **not re-air a meeting on cable or the web** if it contained potentially *indecent or profane material*, language or behavior, though that meeting **will be available on the web on-demand** with an appropriate warning disclaimer graphic at the beginning of the video and in the video's written description.
 - a. The warning graphic would read:
CONTENT ADVISEMENT: THIS RECORDING OF A PUBLIC MEETING MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL THAT VIEWERS MAY FIND OBJECTIONABLE, INCLUDING LANGUAGE OR OTHER BEHAVIORS. THIS UNEDITED DOCUMENTATION OF A PUBLIC MEETING IS PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE. THE CITY OF AURORA TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIORS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS.
3. In the case of a public meeting in which *obscene material* (as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court) was presented or depicted, the obscene material or depictions may be edited out by AuroraTV staff upon approval and direction of the Director of Communications or their designee. This *edited program* may be re-aired on the cable and on the web and be made available on the on-demand on the web. A disclaimer graphic shall be placed at the beginning of the program and in the program's written description.
 - a. The disclaimer graphic would read:
ADVISEMENT: THIS RECORDING OF A PUBLIC MEETING HAS BEEN EDITED FROM THE ORIGINAL MEETING COVERAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING OBSCENE MATERIAL.
4. In the case of a public meeting in which both *obscene, indecent or profane* material were presented, AuroraTV may edit out the obscene, indecent or profane material under the approval of the Director of Communications or their designee and to **not re-air the meeting on cable or the web**, though the edited version of the meeting **will be available on the web on-demand** with an appropriate warning and disclaimer graphic at the beginning of the video and in the video's written description.
 - a. The warning and disclaimer graphic would read:

CONTENT ADVISEMENT: THIS RECORDING OF A PUBLIC MEETING MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL THAT VIEWERS MAY FIND OBJECTIONABLE, INCLUDING LANGUAGE OR OTHER BEHAVIORS. ADDITIONALLY, THIS RECORDING HAS BEEN EDITED FROM THE ORIGINAL MEETING COVERAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING OBSCENE MATERIAL. THIS EDITED DOCUMENTATION OF A PUBLIC MEETING IS PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE. THE CITY OF AURORA TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIORS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Definitions:

Obscenity: Material that (1) an average person, applying contemporary community standards, must find that the material, as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest; (2) the material must depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct; and (3) the material, taken as a whole, must lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Indecency: Material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs.