

Satellite Information

WHBQ-TV holds the exclusive copyright to the Fox network in our local television market. Satellite providers may not provide Fox network programming to you if you reside in our local market except in special cases.

The Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 allows satellite providers to transmit a "distant signal" (one that originates outside their local television market) from up to two other Fox stations (usually New York and Los Angeles) to their customers if they are in an "unserved household".

An "unserved household" means a household that cannot receive, through the use of a conventional, stationary, outdoor rooftop antenna, an over-the-air network signal of Grade B intensity as defined by the FCC. Local ordinances, property covenants or homeowner association rules against the use of outdoor rooftop antennas are preempted by FCC rules in most cases. Generally, you cannot be prevented from using an outdoor rooftop antenna. This may also apply to apartments and rented houses. There is no exception for someone who does not have an outdoor rooftop antenna, or who doesn't want one.

A Grade B signal will generally provide a television picture that is "acceptable" for viewing purposes. The FCC created a computer model for satellite companies and television stations to use to predict whether a given household should be able to receive a Grade B signal using an outdoor rooftop antenna. The satellite provider, distributor, or retailer from whom you obtained your satellite system and programming should be able to tell you whether the model predicts that you are "served" or "unserved". If you are "unserved", you are eligible to receive distant network signals. If you are "served", you are not eligible to receive such signals.

If you disagree with the model's prediction, you may request a "waiver" of our copyright. If the waiver is granted, you will be eligible to receive the distant signals. The Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 requires that a satellite subscriber submit the request for a waiver **to their satellite provider**, who will pass it on to us.

If we deny the request for a waiver, you may submit a request **to your satellite provider** to have a signal strength test performed at your location to determine whether your signal is at least Grade B intensity when using an outdoor rooftop antenna. The satellite provider and WHBQ-TV will then select a qualified and independent person to conduct the signal test. If the test reveals that you cannot receive at least a Grade B signal, you will be eligible to receive a distant Fox network signal from your satellite provider.

In accordance with the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999, **we do not accept waiver requests** except through your satellite provider. If a waiver request is denied, **we do not accept requests to reconsider the denial**. In this case, you must arrange with your satellite provider to have a signal strength test performed.

Satellite providers are allowed to provide the WHBQ-TV signal to all subscribers who reside in our Designated Market Area (DMA), as defined by Nielsen Media Research. If you live within this area, and your satellite provider makes local stations available to you, you may receive our station via your satellite system without a waiver.

Further information on the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 may be found at the following FCC Internet link: www.fcc.gov