

## **KHGI-TV & KFXL-TV**

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY ON POLITICAL ADVERTISING**

#### ***a.k.a., Disclosure Statement***

It is the intention of KHGI/KFXL TV (also referred to herein as the "Station") to comply fully with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the use of the Station by legally qualified candidates for public office. Our policies regarding political broadcasting are designed to meet all legal requirements. However, to the extent permitted by law, KHGI/KFXL TV reserves the right to modify this policy at any time. This policy is provided for general information, and is not intended to be a part of any advertising contract. Any advertising contract is governed by law and by its own terms.

**CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.** We afford legally qualified candidates for federal elective office reasonable access to KHGI-KFXL TV by permitting the purchase of reasonable amounts of time for the use of KHGI/KFXL TV. While KHGI/KFXL TV does not offer *free* time for political advertising, it makes available for purchase by federal candidates any class of time and time period available to commercial advertisers. In addition, federal candidates may purchase any length of time that KHGI/KFXL TV determines, on a case-by-case basis, is consistent with law and the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). KHGI/KFXL TV has no predetermined limitations on the amount of time a federal candidate may purchase, on the time of day in which his/her announcements may appear or on the length of time requested.

KHGI/KFXL TV intends to work individually with each federal candidate in an effort to meet his or her needs. In determining what constitutes "reasonable" access, we consider such factors as the amount of time the candidate has already purchased and/or used, the total number of candidates in the race who are likely to buy time, the overall demand for political advertising on KHGI/KFXL TV and potential programming disruption.

**STATE AND LOCAL RACES.** It is the policy of KHGI/KFXL TV to keep its viewers informed of opposing candidates' viewpoints in state and local elections. Generally, KHGI/KFXL TV also sells airtime to legally qualified candidates for non-federal public office. However, KHGI/KFXL TV reserves the right to determine the amount of advertising that it will sell to state and local candidates. Some of the factors we consider in making these decisions include the number and importance of state and local races, the constraints imposed by KHGI/KFXL TV's obligation to afford reasonable access to federal candidates, the availability of inventory, and potential programming disruption. KHGI/KFXL TV may choose not to sell time at all for certain state and local races, or to limit the sale of time to state and local candidates to certain programs or dayparts.

**RATES FOR CANDIDATES.** During the period 45 days preceding a primary or primary run-off election and during the period 60 days preceding a general or special election, the charges for use of KHGI/KFXL TV by legally qualified candidates running in that election are not, under federal law, permitted to exceed the lowest unit charge of KHGI/KFXL TV for the same class and length of announcement for the same time period. Whether a candidate is entitled to the lowest unit charge for a particular spot depends on when the spot airs, not when the order is accepted.

The rates shown on the Station's rate card during the period to which the lowest unit rate rules apply represent an estimate of the lowest unit rate applicable to a particular time period and class of commercial inventory. Candidates entitled to the lowest unit rate will ultimately be charged the lowest unit rate regardless of whether it is higher or lower than the estimated amount. In the event the estimated amount exceeds the lowest unit rate, the Station will rebate the excess payment to the candidate or credit that amount toward a further time purchase should the candidate so desire. In the event the estimated amount is less than the lowest unit rate, the candidate will be required to pay the shortfall; provided, the Station will use commercially reasonable efforts to inform the candidate of the likelihood of any such anticipated shortfall at least 48 hours in advance of the airing of any use with respect to which the lowest unit rate to be charged for such use exceeds the estimate therefore by more than 25 percent.

In the case of a candidate for federal office, such candidate shall not be entitled to receive the lowest unit charge unless the candidate provides a written certification to KHGI/KFXL TV that the candidate (and any authorized committee of the candidate) shall not make any direct reference to another candidate for the same office in any broadcast unless at the end of such broadcast there appears simultaneously, for a period of no less than four (4) seconds, (i) a clearly identifiable photographic or similar image of the candidate; and (ii) a clearly readable printed statement identifying the candidate and stating that the candidate has approved the broadcast and that the candidate's authorized committee paid for the broadcast. In addition, any candidate who provides such a certification, but nonetheless makes a broadcast which does not meet the disclosure requirements referenced above, shall thereafter not be entitled to receive the lowest unit charge.

At times when the lowest unit charge is not applicable, the charges for use of KHGI/KFXL TV by legally qualified candidates may not exceed the charges made for comparable use of KHGI/KFXL TV by other advertisers.

Lowest unit charges during the pre-election periods apply only to *"uses" by legally qualified candidates*. A "use" is defined as "any positive broadcast of a candidate's voice or picture." Lowest unit charge does not apply to third party or independent expenditure advertising, even if the advertisement constitutes a "use," unless the advertisement is authorized by the candidate. The "use" must be sponsored by the candidate (or if not sponsored by the candidate, must be authorized by the candidate) to qualify for lowest unit charge.

**AGENCY PLACEMENT AND DIRECT PLACEMENT.** Except for spots sold by the Station's rep firm, KHGI/KFXL TV's lowest unit charge is based on the net to KHGI/KFXL TV. Thus, for example, if KHGI/KFXL TV's commissionable lowest unit charge for a particular advertisement is \$100, and a recognized agency books a spot on behalf of a legally qualified candidate who is entitled to the lowest unit charge, KHGI/KFXL TV will net \$85 from the sale of that spot (\$100 less the normal 15% agency commission). KHGI/KFXL TV's lowest unit charge for a spot of the same class, length and time period will therefore be \$85 for candidates who wish to make a "direct" buy.

**TYPES OF ADVERTISING SCHEDULES.** We are pleased to work with candidates and their representatives to ensure that the candidate is aware of and is able to make any purchase of time available to commercial advertisers, according to the schedule the candidate believes would be most advantageous. It is our policy to assist candidates in making informed judgments as to their time purchases by alerting them to the full range of options available. For that purpose, we provide the

following information on the various types of purchases KHGI/KFXL TV's advertisers may make:

**Length of Announcements.** Generally, KHGI/KFXL TV makes available for purchase airtime in the following lengths: 60 seconds, 30 seconds, 15 seconds, and 10 seconds. As stated above, KHGI/KFXL TV will make other lengths of time available to candidates for federal office on a case-by-case basis, consistent with law and FCC rules.

**Classes of Time.** Generally, KHGI/KFXL TV makes available the following classes of time:

- **Fixed (non-preemptible):** These spots are guaranteed to air at the scheduled time or during a set time period, except in the event of unforeseen program changes or technical difficulties. Fixed spots constitute KHGI/KFXL TV's highest-priced class of time.
- **Preemptible With Notice:** These spots carry the risk of being preempted in order to run other spots, whether fixed, or preemptible with notice for which a higher price is paid. The Station will use commercially reasonable efforts to notify the advertiser prior to preemption if the scheduled spot(s) will be preempted.
- **Immediately Preemptible (IPE):** These spots are always immediately preemptible at any time prior to airing with no guarantee that the Station will attempt to notify the advertiser of the preemption. IPE spots may be preempted at any time to accommodate the airing of any spots purchased in a higher class or immediately preemptible spots for which a higher price is paid.

Candidates may purchase preemptible ads at the lowest price on the rate card or at a higher rate so as to decrease the potential for preemption. In the event that a candidate purchases a preemptible spot at a higher rate to air during a statutory "lowest unit rate" period, and the Station sells a preemptible spot of the same length that airs during the same time period for a lower rate, the candidate will be afforded the benefit of the lower rate either by way of a timely rebate or as credit against future purchases, at the option of the candidate.

The likelihood of preemption of the various classes of time is generally consistent with the following chart. However, these percentages can change. If the chances of preemption vary significantly from the values listed below, the Station will offer its best, good faith estimate of the likelihood of preemption of various classes of spots when inquiries are made.

<i>Class of Time</i>	<i>Likelihood of Preemption</i>
Fixed	less than 1%
Preemptible w/Notice	about 15%
IPE	about 50%

- **Time Periods.** Individual spots sold in most classes of time can be scheduled to run in many different time periods or programs or combinations of time periods or programs, including segments within time periods or programs. Generally, the prices of spots increase

during time periods or programs of high audience levels or high advertiser demand. Spots restricted to narrower rotations or specific programs or program segments will generally cost more than spots scheduled to run in broader time periods. For example, spots scheduled to air during a particular hour or half-hour (e.g., 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) will generally cost more than spots scheduled to run at any time within the entire daypart (e.g., 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight). Spots scheduled to air during a particular program will generally cost more than spots scheduled to run at any time during several programs; spots scheduled to air during a particular segment in a time period or program will generally cost more than spots scheduled to run at any time during the time period or program.

- **Weekly Rotators.** KHGI/KFXL TV offers to its advertisers various “weekly rotators” by which advertisers may purchase a certain number of spots per week, to be aired at any time within a particular part of the day during that week. As with individual spots, generally, the narrower the rotation, the higher the price of spots within weekly rotators. Since the Station has discretion to schedule spots within weekly rotators over an entire week (within the specified dayparts), spots within weekly rotators generally cost less than spots purchased to air on a fixed date or dates.

Custom schedules can also be arranged. Please ask if you would like to discuss other options.

- **Package Plans.** At any point in time, the Station offers a number of specialized and/or individually negotiated packages to its advertisers. These packages allow the Station's clients to reach their intended audiences in the most cost-effective way. These packages may, for example, include spots in a number of different programs or dayparts, combinations of fixed and preemptible spots, and so on. Other packages may be time and/or event specific, such as weekend sports broadcasts.

During the pre-election “lowest unit rate” periods, legally qualified candidates may purchase such packages at the lowest price at which such packages are sold to commercial advertisers. In addition, during the pre-election “lowest unit rate” periods, legally qualified candidates may purchase any portion of a package at the package rate, without being required to purchase all parts of the package. For spots airing during a pre-election “lowest unit rate” period, whenever a spot rate included in a package plan is less than the lowest unit rate for the particular length, class and time period in which it is scheduled, the package rate becomes the new lowest unit rate for the same class of time in the same time period. The Station will allocate the costs of spots of different classes included in package plans to reflect their true value, in accordance with the policies of the FCC.

- **Audience Delivery Guarantees.** From time to time, KHGI/KFXL TV sells advertising to its clients with a guarantee that the audience level for the programs or dayparts in which the spots are aired will meet or achieve a predesignated level. In such instances, where the guaranteed audience level is not achieved, the Station provides the advertiser with make good spots to make up the shortfall. Legally

qualified candidates may purchase advertising on this basis. Candidates are advised, however, that in most cases the ratings information necessary to determine whether a guaranteed audience level has been achieved will not be available until after the election.

- **Current rate information** for all of the lengths, classes of time, packages, and rotators offered by KHGI/KFXL TV is provided to each person who requests information regarding political advertising on KHGI/KFXL TV. In addition to the current “going rates,” the Station also will provide its best, good faith estimate of the lowest unit rates upon any request for information.
- **Make Goods.** It is the policy of KHGI/KFXL TV to offer all political candidates “make goods,” prior to the election, for candidate “use” spots that are preempted if KHGI/KFXL TV has offered time-sensitive make goods for the same class of time to any commercial advertiser within the past year. KHGI/KFXL TV cannot guarantee, however, that time-sensitive make goods can be provided in the time period or rotation originally ordered. If inventory constraints make identical scheduling impossible, KHGI/KFXL TV will offer make goods of equivalent value. If these are not acceptable to the candidate, KHGI/KFXL TV will provide credits or refunds for preempted spots.
- **News and Election Day.** KHGI/KFXL TV accepts political advertising during newscasts. KHGI/KFXL TV accepts political advertising on election day.

**PREREQUISITES TO BROADCAST.** For each political time order, an NAB political broadcast form must be at KHGI/KFXL TV or KHGI/KFXL TV's representative's office at least 72 hours prior to broadcast. Copies of the current NAB form are available upon request. Spots must be at KFXL/KHGI TV at least 24 hours in advance of their first scheduled airing, or no later than close of business Thursday for weekend airing. However, we will do our best to accommodate federal candidates' requests for reasonable access regardless of notice.

The stations' order deadlines are as follows:

11am Monday for Tuesday's log  
11am Tuesday for Wednesday's log  
11am Wednesday for Thursday's log  
11am Thursday for Friday & Saturday's logs  
5pm Thursday for Sunday's log  
11am Friday for Monday's log

Tapes and traffic instructions deadlines are 12noon for each of the above log deadlines.

- For your convenience, please note the following:
  - SASO Manager: Heather Johnston, Phone: 574-334-4910
  - KHGI/KFXL Traffic Coordinator: Scott Swenson 308-455-9924

Traffic Instructions should be sent to:

- Email: SASO-KHGI-Traffic@sbgvtv.com

When sending instructions, please include the following information in the subject line of the email or fax:

- Station(s) – Advertiser – New or Revised
- How the spot will be sent to the station i.e. Extreme Reach / Comcast, etc

**KHGI/KFXL Spot Delivery Information**  
**(Please note: FTP server has changed)**

**File formats & codecs:**

**Accepted container formats:**

- MXF (.mxf)

**Accepted video codecs:**

- H.264/MPEG4 AVC
- MPEG2

**Accepted audio codecs:**

- PCM (.wav or .aiff)

**Video:**

Type	Resolution	Format	Frame rate	Display aspect ratio
HD	1920 x 1080	Interlaced	29.97 fps	16:9
HD (preferred)	1280 x 720	Progressive	29.97 fps	16:9
SD	720 x 480	Interlaced	29.97 fps	4:3

**Audio:**

Audio format must be 2-channel stereo.

We are unable to accept 5.1 audio at this time.

Stereo phasing must be correct.

If a spot is produced in mono, the mono track should be present on both ch. 1 and ch. 2.

**File Name**

File name should match the ISCI of the spot.

Please append "HD" or "SD" to the filename if possible.

**File Delivery Options**

- DG/Extreme Reach - Please request that the spot be sent to the station in HD.
- Other delivery service - <https://kearney-sbgtv.mediashuttle.com/>
- Please send station confirmation that spot has been uploaded to the Sony Ci (which you will receive as an email) as station does not get alerts that spots are there:
  - <https://kearney-sbgtv.mediashuttle.com/>

**CLOSED CAPTIONING Content with closed captioning must have closed captioning in one of the following formats:**

- CEA-708 inserted in MPEG2/MPEG4 video track (ATSC A/53 Part 4). This is the preferred format.
  - For SD content, CEA-608 is acceptable.
- The following formats are also accepted:
  - MXF file format is OK if captioning is embedded in the video track.

We are currently **unable** to accept the following closed captioning formats:

- MXF SMPTE 436M ancillary data track
  - MXF file format is OK if captioning is embedded in the video track.
- MacCaption (.mcc)
- SMPTE-TT (.xml)

**SPONSORSHIP IDENTIFICATION.** Under the rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Election Commission, a sponsorship identification announcement must be given revealing who paid for or sponsored an announcement or program. Candidates and their committees (or an outside party paying for the broadcast) must disclose the true identity of the person or entity by whom or on whose behalf payment is made. **If a political announcement does not contain proper sponsorship identification, the Station is required to insert the required sponsorship identification before allowing the spot to air. Since all advertisements must be limited to the amount of time purchased, spots lacking the required identification may be partially overdubbed. If KHGI/KFXL TV is required to perform such production, normal production charges will be assessed.**

**PREPAYMENT AND CREDIT.** All political orders, whether direct from the candidate or through a recognized advertising agency, are subject to normal KHGI/KFXL TV credit policies. Unless credit is extended, advance payments must be made at least seven (7) days prior to the first scheduled broadcast of the flight. Federal candidates cannot be required to pay more than seven (7) days in advance. Regardless of these policies, we will do our best to meet the reasonable needs of federal candidates for access immediately before the election.

Sinclair Broadcast Group utilizes a Portal Payment system:

- 1) Please click on the link below to obtain your invoices by email.

<https://xprspay.ipayxepay.net/xprspay/sinclair/index.jsp>

- 2) From the Login screen, select the "Enroll"
- 3) On the Enrollment form, enter your Authentication information. The Customer#, Bill To Customer Name and Bill To Zip Code can all be found on your most recent invoice.
- 4) Enter your Contact Information
- 5) Enter your Profile Information
- 6) Enter your Delivery Preference Information
- 7) Read and Accept the "Terms and Conditions"
- 8) Review your registration information
- 9) Click the "Register" button
- 10) Reply to the Enrollment email within 24 hour to activate your account

For enrollment assistance please contact the Portal Data Center:

[portaldatcenter@sbgvtv.com](mailto:portaldatcenter@sbgvtv.com)

Checks may also be remitted to: **(please allow five business days for processing; full payment processing is required in advance before air date)**

**Sinclair Broadcast Group  
C/O (station call letters)**

**P.O. Box 206270  
Dallas, TX 75320-6270**

**PRODUCTION FACILITIES.** KHGI/KFXL TV will make its production facilities available to candidates and their representatives. All inquiries or requests concerning production time and facilities should be made through your sales representative or KHGI/KFXL TV's production department. Production rates are established on an hourly basis and can be affected by the type and amount of equipment and personnel required for a particular job.

**POLITICAL FILE.** We maintain an online political file of all requests for broadcast time made by or on behalf of candidates for public office, together with materials showing the disposition made by KHGI/KFXL TV of each such request, any charges made if the request was granted, and the lengths, classes, and dayparts purchased. The political file is available on the FCC's website. We retain the records in our political file for a period of two years. If you have any questions about our political file, please do not hesitate to ask.

**LIST OF OFFICERS OR MEMBERS REQUIRED.** KHGI/KFXL TV requires a committee, association, or group that is purchasing political advertising to furnish KHGI/KFXL TV with a list of its chief executive officers, members of its executive committee, or members of its board of directors. Such lists must be furnished before KHGI/KFXL TV will grant a request for time. These lists are included in KHGI/KFXL TV online political file.

**PLACING ORDERS.** The following persons are available to assist candidates with their television advertising on KHGI/KFXL TV:

Joni Rippen, General Sales Manager (308) 455-9992 <a href="mailto:jsrippen@sbgstv.com">jsrippen@sbgstv.com</a>
OR
Vicki White, Regional Sales Manager (402) 676-9560 <a href="mailto:vdwhite@sbgstv.com">vdwhite@sbgstv.com</a>

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