

CHAPTER 32: DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

Cable Commission

§ 32.70 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.

A Cable Communications Commission for cable television is created and established for the purpose of advising the City Council, on ways and means for establishing the best possible system for this community.

(Ord. 756, passed 5-27-82)

Cross-reference:

Cable television, see [Ch. 111](#)

§ 32.71 MEMBERSHIP.

(A) The Commission shall consist of six members, two of whom shall be members of the City Council. All members shall be residents of the city, and shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council. Each member shall serve a term of four years. In the appointment of the Cable Commission members, the membership should represent an equal balance between the cable providers in the city. The members shall receive compensation in the amount of \$15 for attendance at the first meeting of each month and \$10 for attendance at the second meeting of each month.

(B) Any vacancy in the office shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor, subject to approval of the Council, for the remainder of the term. No employee or person with any ownership interest in any cable television franchise granted pursuant to this section shall be eligible for membership on the Commission.

(C) The Commission shall select from among its number a chairman who shall preside over the meetings. The term of the chairman shall be for one year.

(Ord. 756, passed 5-27-82; Am. Ord. 2011-1551, passed 10-13-11)

§ 32.72 POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Commission, in addition to functions provided elsewhere in this subchapter, shall have the following powers and duties:

(A) To enact, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws and which bylaws shall govern the conduct, method, manner, and frequency of Commission meetings and Commission business.

(B) Advise the City Council on applications for cable franchises.

(C) Advise the City Council on matters which might constitute grounds for revocation of the franchise in accordance with the franchise agreement.

(D) To hear and make inquiries regarding disagreements, complaints or faults between any franchisee and any public or private user of the system within the city, and further, to make recommendations to the franchisee as well as the public or private user as a result of such hearings, and all of which should be in writing. Such decisions of the Commission finally made in accord with its bylaws and provisions shall be reviewable by the City Council upon request or demand by either of the parties thereto provided the Mayor, as he or she in his or her discretion, deems proper.

(E) Coordinate the franchisee's consulting services to facilitate government, educational, community groups, and individual use of the public channels.

(F) Annually, the Commission shall submit a report in writing to the Mayor and the City Council for reception and filing.

(G) Submit a budget request to the Mayor to cover expenses incurred in respect of performance of functions provided by this subchapter. This request may include funds to be used for the development of the use of access channels, including production grants to users and the purchase and maintenance of equipment not required to be provided by the franchisee, and funds to be used as per diem expenses and such salaries for the members as may be permitted and prescribed from time to time by separate ordinance.

(H) Audit all franchised records required by the franchise and, in the Commission's discretion, require the preparation and filing of information additional to that required herein.

(I) Conduct a detailed evaluation of the system at least every five years and make recommendations to the City Council for amendments to this subchapter.

(J) Employ, as necessary, services of a technical, accounting, legal, and administrative nature.

(K) Act on behalf or as the designee of the City Council for purposes of proposing regulations and arbitration procedures as deemed necessary by the City Council or to provide any other service to the City Council that may be reasonably required by the City Council under the authority of this subchapter.

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