



Legislation Text

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Authorizing consideration of applications for a competitive cable franchise.

WHEREAS, CenturyLink submitted a letter to the City Clerk on January 9, 2015 requesting to apply for a competitive cable franchise agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to follow the franchise application procedure set forth in Minn. Stat. section 238.081 if it wishes to consider applications for competitive cable franchise agreements; and

WHEREAS, as part of that procedure, the City is required to publish a notice requesting cable franchise applications, and to include in that notice an application fee, to be determined by the City; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. section 238.081, subd. 8, the City may appropriately recover from applicants the entire reasonable and necessary cost of the franchise process; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Financial Services has determined that these costs will likely total no less than \$40,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, that the cable franchise application process required by Minn. Stat. section 238.081 be commenced as soon as practical; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor hereby establish the following Franchise Application committee to perform the necessary functions required by law and incidental to this proceeding:

Todd Hurley, Director of the Office of Financial Services, and Co-chair of committee

Trudy Moloney, Director of Council Operations and Co-chair of committee

Tarek Tomes, Director of the Office of Technology and Communications

Geoffrey Karls, Assistant City Attorney

Alexandra Iverson, Chief Budget Analyst for the City Council

Mike Reardon, Cable Officer

Brian Grogan, Attorney with Moss and Barnett serving as outside counsel

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council and Mayor hereby authorize this committee and appropriate city staff to undertake all studies and take all actions necessary to conduct the proceeding contemplated by Minn. Stat. section 238.081; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby directs that an application fee of \$40,000 be required of any applicant wishing to establish a competitive cable franchise, to defray costs of the franchise process, as allowed under Minn. Stat. section 238.081, subd. 8.