



## Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Date: October 14, 2024</b>	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
<b>Item Title: Emergency Ordinance 03-2025   Renewal of the Cable Franchise Ordinance</b>	
Emergency Ordinance 03-2025   AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG GRANTING A RENEWAL OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF MARYLAND, LLC AND AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT	
<b>Work Session Item [X ] Council Meeting Item [X]</b>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Ordinance 06-2024
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
Approve Ordinance 06-2024   An Ordinance pertaining to the renewal of the Cable Franchise to Comcast of Maryland, LLC and authorizing Franchise Agreement.	
<p><b>Item Summary:</b> Town Attorney Ferguson is active on the INET and Cable Franchise committee and has been instrumental in developing Cable and Broadband negotiations for several years. She has recommended that the Town accept and approve the renewal of the Cable Franchise, completed in June 2023 with Comcast of Maryland, and authorize the Franchise Agreement.</p> <p>This retains the town's 5% cable franchise fee and many of the same provisions accepted in 2015. The last agreement entered into with Comcast ended in 2015. This agreement gives Comcast a non-exclusive cable franchise and allows the company to provide cable service within the Town of Bladensburg.</p> <p>This is an emergency ordinance, and we are asking the Council to read and approve it in one meeting.</p> <p>The Town Administrator is available to answer any questions on this matter.</p>	
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ] NA X <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> <b>One-Time Cost:</b> NA <b>Ongoing Cost:</b> Monthly	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>