



## **Agenda Item Report**

**Meeting Type:** Cable Commission

**Meeting Date:** October 28, 2024

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**Item Title:** Cable Franchise Fees Research

**Submitted By:** David Bennett, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator

**Detailed Description of Subject Matter:**

Staff was directed at the last meeting to look into how cable franchise fees are in other municipalities in other states. Staff has compared the national, state and local rulings for Wisconsin regarding the fee and has noted examples in other states. All states follow Section 622 of the Cable Communications Act of 1984 regarding franchise fees. The differences are at the local level as municipalities generally decide how the fees are used, similar to Wisconsin. East Coast and West Coast communities tend to defer community media operations to non-profits. State Statutes and local Ordinances researched do not address programming. Cities recording their meetings are entirely optional and may or may not be public record depending on who records them and differing Statutes.

**List all Supporting Documentation Attached:**

Cable Franchise Fees Notes

**Action Requested of the Cable Commission:**

Discussion, no other action requested