

## **Chapter 3.04 CABLE TELEVISION**

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### **3.04.010      Review and evaluation of basic service and equipment rates**

- A. Upon certification of the town by the FCC to regulate rates for basic service and equipment pursuant to the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 ("Cable Act of 1992") the board of selectmen, as franchising authority, shall notify all cable operators providing service within the town of such certification and shall direct each cable operator to file with the franchising authority its current schedule of rates and supporting FCC forms and worksheets for basic service and equipment.
- B. The cable operator(s) shall file all such schedules and supporting documents within thirty (30) days after receiving the notice referred to in subsection A of this section. The filing date for all such rate-related materials shall be the date of actual receipt by the franchising authority.
- C. If a cable operator elects to use a cost-of-service showing, the operator shall submit cost-of- service accounts, in detail sufficient to support such a showing.
- D. Each cable operator shall submit such number and form of copies as the franchising authority shall determine in its notice to the cable operator.
- E. Upon receipt of any rate schedule referenced in subsection A of this section, or of any rate schedule proposing any change in such rates, the franchising authority shall schedule, give public notice and give notice to the cable operator of a period during which the franchising authority will receive written comments from the public and the cable operator in the reasonableness of the cable operator's rates.
- F. At its discretion, the franchising authority may also schedule and preside at a public hearing for the receipt of oral comments. If such a public hearing is scheduled, the franchising authority shall give notice of such hearing to the cable operator and the general public. The public hearing for oral comments shall normally be held, and the close of the period for written comments shall be scheduled, within thirty (30) days of the receipt by the franchising authority of the cable operator's written rate filing.
- G. The franchising authority shall review the rate filing and comments received and shall make an evaluation of such rates within thirty (30) days of receipt of such rate filing. If the franchising authority determines that the initial thirty (30) day period is insufficient to review and evaluate the filing, the franchising authority shall extend the period for such review and evaluation as permitted by the FCC's

regulations, and notify the cable operator of such fact during the initial thirty (30) day period.

- H. The franchising authority shall send a copy of its written evaluation and decision to the cable operator within the time frame permitted by federal law. (Ord. 1-17-94 § 100)

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The board of selectmen of Milford, as franchising authority, adopts these rate regulations. Pursuant to the FCC's regulations, the franchising authority will ensure that a copy of these regulations are forwarded to the cable operator, with a request that the rate filing be submitted to the town. (Ord. 1-17-94 § 1(111))