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TO: Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council

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FROM: R. Joel Stern
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SUBJECT: MODEL UNIFORM CABLE TV AND VIDEO SERVICE LICENSE
AGREEMENT AND CORRESPONDING APPLICATION; OUR FILE NO.
19-014

Last year the Arizona legislature passed SB 1140 and this year HB 2179 and HB 2229 (*see* attached copies) which generally requires cities, towns and counties to issue a uniform video services license to cable TV and video service providers beginning January 1, 2020. Under the law, cities, towns and counties must adopt a model license agreement and application form for these types of businesses no later than July 1, 2019.

City attorneys and industry representatives worked cooperatively to draft these documents pursuant to the mandate. The forms closely track the statutory requirements and have been reviewed and accepted by Cox Communications, Inc., (the proponent of the law), as well as the larger telecommunications workgroup.

It should be noted that the law impacts both the Mediacom and CenturyLink cable TV license agreements which were negotiated years ago. The only surviving significant remnant of the former law is the collection of a 5% license fee. Most of the other areas of city cable TV regulation has been legislatively preempted.

Approval of the documents in order to comply with the legislature's mandate is recommended.



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Attachments