

ORDINANCE NO. 72-85

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A BLOOMINGTON  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

SECTION I. Bloomington Telecommunications Council.

The Mayor, with advice and consent of the Common Council shall appoint a three member telecommunications council, such council being subject to the following conditions and responsibilities:

- (a) Appointment shall be for two years, and renewable, with terms running concurrently and beginning with enactment of this ordinance. In the event of a resignation, the Mayor shall appoint a replacement member for the remainder of the vacated term.
- (b) Council members shall serve without remuneration, save for expenses encountered directly in pursuit of the purposes of this ordinance.
- (c) The duties and responsibilities of this Council shall be as follows:
  - (i) To evaluate the quality of subscriber service by Cable Television Companies.
  - (ii) To evaluate whether the Company is operating in satisfaction of the terms of the Cable Television franchise and the applicable state and federal rules and regulations.
  - (iii) To study the communication needs of the Bloomington community and explore ways of using Cable Television to meet these needs.
  - (iv) To assist members of the public and non-profit organizations in the use of Cable Television, including, to the extent of the Council's ability, programming advice, production advice and assistance, and cable-casting arrangements.
  - (v) To seek out and retain the services of other persons, organizations and companies for purposes of satisfying the responsibilities laid upon the council by this ordinance.
  - (vi) To report at least once a year to the Mayor, the Common Council, and the Board of Public Works, in writing on the Council's activities and expenditures, such report to include the evaluations provided for in I-c-i and ii above, and such report further being made available to the public upon request.

- (vii) And to pursue the preceding responsibilities in the best public interest of the citizens of Bloomington.
- (viii) In order to carry out the above enumerated duties, the telecommunications council is empowered to expend such funds as the Common Council may appropriate and budget to the telecommunications council each year.

SECTION II. Budget.

- (a) The telecommunications council shall prepare and submit a budget of its proposed expenditures each year in conformity with the provisions of Indiana Code 18-1-6-6.
- (b) The telecommunications council Budget shall be a part of the General Fund and all expenditures shall be made in conformity with regular budgeting procedure.
- (c) It is the object of this ordinance that the telecommunications council will be supported from the receipt of cabletelevision franchise fees, and to that end, it is recommended that the proposed budget and expenditures of the telecommunications council bear an appropriate relationship to franchise receipts.

SECTION III. Enactment.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, promulgation, approval by the Mayor and publication in accordance with the law.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, on the 29 day of March, 1973.

Charlotte T. Zietlow  
Charlotte T. Zietlow,  
Council President

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson  
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, on the 3 day of April, 1973, at the hour of 4 o'clock P.m.

Grace E. Johnson  
Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk

This ordinance approved and signed by me upon the 3  
day of April, 1973, at the hour of 4 o'clock  
7.m.

Francis X. McCloskey  
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

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REFERRED TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

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APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:

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