



Date of Council Meeting: February 23, 2015

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**Subject:** Removal of cable franchise-related duties from the Technology and Communications Commission

**Staff Contacts:** Annie Carlson, IT Manager

**Council Action Requested:** None – Informational only

**Staff Recommendation:** None

**Commission Recommendation:** The Technology and Communications Commission voted on January 6, 2015 to eliminate their cable franchise-related duties in the Town Code.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Executive Summary:** At the request of Councilmember Hammler, Town staff this informational memorandum is provided regarding a potential amendment to the Town Code amending *Sec. 2-228.(c) (2) Leesburg Technology and Communications Commission, Additional powers and duties. Specifically, the potential amendment is to remove reference to oversight or review of cable system franchise operations by the Technology and Communications Commission.*

**Background:** At Councilmember Hammler's request, staff has researched and drafted an amendment to the Town Code to eliminate references to cable franchise involvement by the Technology and Communications Commission. This action would require an initiation of a code amendment and a subsequent Public Hearing.

At their meeting on January 6, 2015, the Technology and Communications Commission voted to eliminate their cable franchise-related duties in the Town Code. When there was only one cable provider in Leesburg, the Town Council was receiving numerous and frequent complaints about cable service from residents. A Cable Commission was established to vet and create solutions and was then merged with the IT Commission to form the Technology and Communication Commission. Now that there are two providers (Verizon and Comcast) competing for business, complaints to the Town have become significantly less frequent. Complaints that do come in are being handled expeditiously by staff designated by the Town Manager.