

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 2015-12**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RAMSEY/WASHINGTON  
SUBURBAN CABLE COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF PEG FEE  
STRUCTURE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ramsey/Washington Counties Suburban Cable Communications Commission (R/WSCC) has been established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 471.59 for the purpose of monitoring the operation and activities of cable communications and in particular, the Cable Communications System of the Members to provide coordination of administration enforcement, and renewal of the franchises of Members for their respective System; to promote, coordinate, administer and develop community cable television programming and to conduct such other activities authorized herein as may be necessary to insure equitable and reasonable rates and service levels for the citizens of the Members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Elmo is a member of the R/WSCC under a Joint Cooperative Agreement for the Administration of Cable Communications Franchises; and

**WHEREAS**, the current franchise agreement with Comcast includes the provision of a number of Public, Educational and Government Access channels (PEG Channels). These community television channels, including the studio facilities and the technical support operations, are funded by an operating grant paid by Comcast to the Cable Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Comcast recoups these funds through a PEG fee charged to Comcast subscribers as part of their monthly service, currently set at \$4.29 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, this PEG fee rate is one of the highest in the Twin Cities metro area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, that the Ramsey/Washington Counties Suburban Cable Communications Commission and its members should re-evaluate the current PEG fee structure, rate, and provision of services to determine if the subscribers are receiving a fair and reasonable value for the fee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Lake Elmo, as stewards of taxpayer funds, believes that a reduction in the PEG fee rate would be appropriate to be more in line with other communities in the area and to promote more effective and efficient services.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO THIS  
THIRD DAY OF MARCH 2015.**

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LAKE ELMO**

By:   
Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Adam Bell, City Clerk