

Subtitle, to be under the new Article V, "Franchises", to read as follows:

Section 12-1715.

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations, shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

(1) "Cable Television System" means a system for the transmission of visual and/or audio signals by means of electrical impulses over coaxial cables or other suitable means, consistent with the services being offered and the state-of-the art within the industry.

(2) "Council" means the County Council of Anne Arundel County.

(3) "County" means Anne Arundel County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic, and/or the geographical area comprising Anne Arundel County, Maryland, or both, as the context requires.

(4) "Franchisee" means the grantee or rights under this franchise.

(5) "Northern franchise district" means that geographical portion of Anne Arundel County north of the John Hanson Highway (U.S. Route No. 50).

(6) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(7) "Southern franchise district" means that geographical portion of Anne Arundel County south of the John Hanson Highway (U.S. Route No. 50).

(8) "Subscriber" means any "person" so described in part (6) who purchases service from the "franchisee". The person may purchase any or all of the services which the franchisee may provide.

Section 12-1716.

(a) A non-exclusive franchise is hereby granted to ~~Chesapeake Antenna Television, Inc.~~ NORTH ARUNDEL CATV, INC. for the Northern franchise district, subject to the provisions of this Article.

(b) A non-exclusive franchise is hereby granted to United CATV, ~~Incorporated~~ INC. for the Southern franchise district, subject to the provisions of this Article.

~~(c) Subject to other applicable County law (if any), the franchisees may erect a tower and associated reception facilities and transmission equipment in a geographical portion of Anne Arundel County outside of the franchise district; provided, that no subscribers~~