

Section 12-1720.

The construction and maintenance of the cable television system, including house connections, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code, prepared by the National Bureau of Standards, the National Electrical Code of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and such applicable law and regulations of Anne Arundel County, State of Maryland, and of the United States, affecting such installations, which may be presently in effect or may be from time to time in the future in effect, including a securing of all permits for such construction and maintenance required by applicable law. All installations of equipment shall be of permanent nature, durable, and installed in accordance with good engineering practice, and maintained in a safe, suitable and substantial condition in good order and repair.

Section 12-1721.

The franchisee shall have the right to prescribe reasonable services rules and regulations for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, and a copy of such service rules and regulations shall be kept on file at all times with the Secretary of the County Council. The franchisee shall also, submit to the County Council its proposed service agreement between the franchisee and its subscribers. The service agreement shall provide for continuity of reasonable maintenance system service to customers of the franchisee at all hours during which television programs are available through the facilities of the franchisee. Failure of the franchisee to perform any provision of the service agreement shall constitute grounds for forfeiture of the franchise herein granted. The franchisee shall not provide service to any subscriber without the subscriber's signature to the approved service agreement, and said service agreement shall contain a provision substantially as follows:

“The subscriber understands that in providing television antenna service (name of franchisee) is making use of the public rights-of-way within Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and that the continued use of these public rights-of-way is in no way guaranteed. In the event the continued use of such rights-of-way is denied to (name of franchisee) for any reason, (name of franchisee) will make every reasonable effort to provide service over alternate routes. Subscriber agrees that he will make no claim nor undertake any action against Anne Arundel County, Maryland, its officers or employees, if the service to be provided by (name of franchisee) hereunder is interrupted or discontinued.”

Section 12-1722.

(a) Rates charged by the franchisee for service hereunder shall be fair and reasonable and designed to meet all necessary costs of the service, including a fair rate of return on the net valuation of its properties devoted thereto, under efficient and economical management. The franchisee agrees that it shall be subject to the authority of the County to fix just, reasonable and compensatory