

## Franchise Fee

It is a standard requirement for cable operators to pay a 5% franchise fee on gross revenues to the city or township in which they operate. It is also typical that cable operators itemize this fee on their bill. This has been standard practice since cable companies began offering service. AT&T, Comcast & WOW (as well as the other cable operators) all do this. Wyandotte Cable has always paid the 5% franchise fee to the city but had always included it in the cost of our cable service to simplify the billing. Wyandotte Cable has made the decision to follow standard cable billing procedures and break this charge out as a separate line item on the bill. The cost you see for the franchise fee should be the equivalent of 5% of the cost of the cable/internet/phone services you are receiving.

Note: If you see more than one line item on your bill for franchise fee: there will be a separate franchise fee line item billed for cable services, for internet & phone services and for other services (VOD, PPV, International Phone calls, etc.).

The total of the franchise fees should equal 5% of the total of the services you receive.

## Retransmission Consent Fee

The U.S. Congress has authorized local broadcast stations, such as those that air ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX programming, to grant or deny permission (provide "consent") for a cable television operator to "retransmit" their signal to its customers. In order to acquire consent the owner of the television station will demand some form of compensation from the cable operator, typically a monthly, per subscriber, cash payment. In order for Wyandotte Cable to carry ABC, NBC, FOX, WMYD (MY 20) & CBS/CW50 programming on its cable system we are required by our Retransmission Consent agreements with these broadcasters to pay a per month, per subscriber fee to the broadcasters. The Retransmission Consent fee that you see on your bill is a 'pass through' cost, meaning that the amount you pay is exactly the amount that Wyandotte Cable is paying to the local broadcasters each month.