

**Village of Chesapeake**  
Lawrence County, Ohio

**ORDINANCE: 2023-07**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE TO BE PAID BY ANY VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OFFERING VIDEO SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly enacted Sections 1332.21 through 1332.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, effective September 24, 2007 and as updated on April 3, 2023, to provide a statewide “uniform regulatory framework” for the provision of cable television and/or other video service (the “Video Law”); and

WHEREAS, under the Video Law a video service provider that is providing video service to subscribers in the Village pursuant to a state-issued video service authorization must pay the Village a video service provider fee (“VSP Fee”) based on a percentage of the provider’s gross revenues received from providing video service in the Village, not to exceed five percent (5%) of such gross revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Video Law requires that the percentage of gross revenues on which VSP Fees are paid must be the same as the percentage of gross revenues that a cable operator pays pursuant to a franchise agreement that is in effect in the Village (the VSP Fee Percentage”) or, if there is no effective franchise agreement under which franchise fees are payable for a given calendar quarter, the VSP Fee percentage shall be zero percent (0%) of gross revenues unless the Village determines by Ordinance that the VSP Fee will be a percentage of gross revenues not to exceed five percent (5%) of gross revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Video Law further requires the Village to provide a video service provider with written notice of the VSP Fee Percentage within ten (10) days of receiving notice from the video service provider, pursuant to R.C. 1332.27(A), that it will begin offering service in the Village; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide timely notice to a video service provider of the VSP Fee Percentage, it is necessary for this Council (i) to establish the VSP Fee Percentage; and (ii) to authorize the Mayor to provide the appropriate notice of the VSP Fee Percentage to a video service provider within ten (10) days of the Village receiving notice that a video service provider will begin providing service in the Village.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the village and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the village that this ordinance takes effect at an early date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESAPEAKE, OHIO:

- Section 1      That this Council of the Village of Chesapeake hereby establishes a VSP Fee that is calculated by applying a VSP Fee Percentage of five percent (5%) to the video service provider’s gross revenues as defined in Section 1332.32(B) of the Video Law. All video service providers and cable television operators providing video service in the Village shall apply the VSP Fee Percentage against gross revenues as defined in the Video Law.
- Section 2      That the VSP Fee shall be paid by each video service provider providing service in the Village on a quarterly basis but not sooner than forty-five (45) days nor later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar quarter. R.C. §1332.32(A)

Section 3 That the Mayor is authorized and directed to provide any video service provider with notice of the VSP Fee Percentage as determined by this Council above, which notice shall be given by certified mail, upon receipt of notice from such video service provider that it will begin providing video service in the Village pursuant to a state-issued video service authorization.

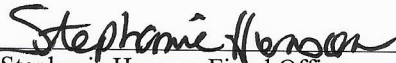
Section 4 That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Date Passed: 8/7, 2023

  
Mayor Griffin

  
President Pro Tempore Wells

Attest:

  
Stephanie Henson, Fiscal Officer

Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> 6/15

2<sup>nd</sup> 7/3

3<sup>rd</sup> 8/7

Council Votes on Passage:

Mrs. Blake: ✓

Mr. Wells: ✓

Mr. Martin: ✓

Mr. Hart: Absent

Mr. Henson: ✓

Ms. Bentley: ✓