City Council Introduction: 11-25-13

Bill Number 13-145

Public Hearing: 12-9-13

FACT SHEET

<u>TITLE</u>: Amending Title 5 of the LMC

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Steve Huggenberger

REASON FOR LEGISLATION:

Amending Title 5 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to establish the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board by amending Section 5.15.500 to replace the Cable Advisory Board with Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board; repealing Section 5.15.510, Cable Advisory Board; and adding a new section numbered 5.17.575 to establish the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board is powers and functions.

DISCUSSION

The telecommunications industry and services provided have increased dramatically over the last 20 years. The City now owns a couple dozen cell towers, has begun an effort to install and manage a conduit system available to the business community and has been influential in determining the scope of telecommunication services. The City may benefit from the assistance of a citizen board in crafting future policies in this area. The creation of the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board would involve the reappointment of the current Cable Television Advisory Board as members of the new board. The Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board shall advise the Mayor and Council on general telecommunication policy issues, as well as specific questions as determined by the Mayor or Council. This represents an expansion of duties from the previous focus of cable television only.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:

SOURCE OF FUNDS: CITY:

NON CITY:

BENEFIT COST:

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OPPONENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: