

**Chapter 288  
P.E.G. Commission**

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Cable Television Systems - see Ch. 816

**288.01 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED, COMPOSITION**

- A. The Public, Education, and Government (P.E.G.) commission is hereby created and established to advise the City Council, the Filer Township Board and Staff on matters relating to cable television services and specifically public access.
  
- B. The Commission shall consist of five members. Up to two members may be appointed by the Charter Township of Filer Board of Trustees. All other Commission members shall be Manistee County residents and appointed by the City Council provided, however, that an employee of the P.E.G. operator, or a member of their immediate family, may not serve on the P.E.G. Commission. Employees of the P.E.G. operator will be provided notice of all meetings and invited to attend and participate in discussions of the P.E.G. Commission.  
(Ord. 12-5 Passed 10-16-12) (Ord. 19-15 adopted 5-21-19)
  
- C. The term of each member shall be for a period of three years except that members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one, two and three years, as evenly as possible. Members shall serve without compensation. All terms shall expire at the end of the calendar year.

**288.02 RATE REGULATION AUTHORITY**

The P.E.G. Commission shall have no responsibility or authority for rate regulation, rate change request processing, financial analysis, or any responsibilities relating to the cable franchise except to the extent that they relate to the P.E.G. channel(s).

**288.03 DUTIES**

- A. The P.E.G. commission shall meet as often as is necessary to carry out its duties. The commission may elect its own officers and create its own rules of procedure so long as they are not inconsistent with rules or procedures adopted by the City Council or Township Board.

The duties of the Commission shall include:

1. To gather information, including input from the public via public hearings, the practices of other communities and current developments in cable technology relating to the selection of an operator for the governmental access channel.

2. To advise the attorneys regarding a contract or agreement by which a P.E.G. operator is selected for a term not to exceed five years, with the agreement providing appropriate methods of monitoring the operator's performance in creating and encouraging public access opportunity.
  3. To review and critique any plans of the cable operator for the development of new services.
  4. To review, monitor, suggest modification and generally evaluate scheduling and programming services and activities.
  5. To monitor complaints that may be filed regarding the operator and the provision of public access to the community.
  6. To submit an annual report to the City Council and Township Board describing the activities of the P.E.G. Commission during the preceding year.
- B. The P.E.G. commission shall insure that all rules, regulations, procedures and policies regulating the P.E.G. channel are content neutral except as standards established by the Federal Communications Commission may otherwise allow. (Ord. 94-3 Passed 8-3-94) (Ord. Unno., Passed 12-5-95) (Ord. 12-05 Passed 10-16-12)