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A Local Law in relation to a cable service citywide franchise area coverage report

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Cable service citywide franchise area coverage report. a. No later than January 1, 2019, the department of information technology and telecommunications shall submit to the council a report on any franchise agreement in effect as of the effective date of this local law for which a nonexclusive franchise to operate a cable system throughout the entire territorial boundaries of the incorporated area of the city has been granted. Such report shall be issued annually thereafter until the commissioner of information technology and telecommunications determines that a final completion of the passage of all residences to be served under the relevant franchise agreement has occurred, such that any requesting residence would receive service within one year, or until all such franchise agreements have expired, at which point a final report shall be issued.

b. Such report shall include the following, to the extent known and can be disclosed by the department, disaggregated by council district:

1. the number of complaints received in the prior year, by any agency, regarding the unavailability of such cable service;
2. the percentage of required single dwelling units passed by such network, as measured by the ability of single dwelling units to receive service, if requested, within one year;
3. the percentage of required multiple dwelling units passed by such network, as measured by the ability of multiple dwelling units to receive service, if requested, within one year;

4. the number of completed residential installations of cable service;
5. the number of residential installations currently requested, but not yet completed;
6. the number of residential installations currently requested, but not yet completed after one year; and
7. a description of the efforts of the department to ensure the availability of service to all residences within the city and any findings or other information the commissioner deems useful to provide further context.

c. For the purposes of this section, the terms single dwelling unit, multiple dwelling unit and passed shall have the same meanings as used in the relevant franchise agreement.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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