

Cable Franchise Authority Certificate fee in S.C. and other Southeastern states

Included in the Secretary of State's (SoS) January 17, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's December 12, 2019, letter to the SoS: "49. Please provide a table listing the fee for application for a certificate of cable franchise authority in South Carolina and comparable fees in other Southeastern states."⁹

In addition to providing the information in this document, SoS provided the following response:

- Please see the table of the fees for cable franchise filings in the Southeastern states, including South Carolina, that is provided in Attachment M.

ATTACHMENT M

State Cable Franchise Fees by State

<i>State</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Statutes & Office</i>
Alabama	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
Arkansas	Application to Register as a Video Service Provider: \$1,500 Modification of Boundaries of Video Service Provider: \$100 Termination of Certificate of Franchise Authority for Video Service Provider: \$100 Application to Transfer Certificate of Franchise Authority for Video Service Provider: \$100	Title 23, Chapter 19 Secretary of State
Florida	Application for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority to Provide Cable and/or Video Service: \$10,035.00* Application to Amend a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority for Cable and/or Video Service: \$35.00 Renewal of an Existing State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority to Provide Cable and/or Video Service: \$1,035.00	Title XXXVI, Chapter 610 Department of State, Division of Corporations
Georgia	Application for State Franchise to Provide Cable and/or Video Service: \$500.00 Application to Amend a State Franchise: \$250.00 Notice of Transfer of a State Franchise: \$250.00 Notice of Termination of a State Franchise: No fee Application for Renewal of a State Franchise: \$50.00	Title 36, Chapter 76 Secretary of State
Kentucky	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
Louisiana	Application for a State Cable and Video Franchise: \$60.00 Renewals and Amendments: \$60.00 Additional Certified Copies: \$15.00 Additional Certificates: \$20.00	Chapter 10A, RS 45:1361-1378 Secretary of State
Mississippi	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
North Carolina	Notice of Franchise: \$125.00 Notice of Commencement of Service: \$0.00	Chapter 66, Article 42 Secretary of State

	Notice of Withdrawal: \$0.00 Notice of Change in Ownership: \$0.00 Articles of Correction: \$10.00	
South Carolina	Application for a State-Issued Certificate: \$110.00 Application to Amend a State-Issued Certificate: \$110.00 Notice of Change of Franchise Fee Rate: \$0.00 Notice of Change of PEG Access Channels: \$0.00 Notice of Termination: \$0.00 Notice of Transfer: \$0.00 Statement of Termination of Existing Franchise: \$0.00	Title 58, Chapter 12, Article 3 Secretary of State
Tennessee	<u>Certificate of Franchise Authority (by population)**:</u> (A) Up to and including 50,000 \$500; (B) Over 50,000, up to and including 100,000 \$1,000; (C) Over 100,000, up to and including 500,000 \$2,000; (D) Over 500,000, up to and including 1,000,000 \$5,000; (E) Over 1,000,000, up to and including 2,000,000 \$10,000; (F) Over 2,000,000 \$15,000. <u>Amendment (by population):</u> (A) Up to and including 50,000 \$250; (B) Over 50,000, up to and including 1,000,000 \$500; (C) Over 1,000,000 \$1,000.	Title 7, Chapter 59 Regulatory Authority (N/K/A Public Utility Commission)
Virginia	Cable franchises appear to be granted by localities; no statewide authority or fee seen.	
West Virginia	Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority: \$250.00 Renewals: \$250.00° Annual fee to commission: \$0.12 per subscriber Initial, renewal, or transfer documents filed with commission and franchise authority: \$50.00 per franchise, \$25.00 in years when filing of documents not required.	Chapter 24D Franchise authority can be a municipality, county, or Public Service Commission .

*Florida: filing is good for 5 years.

**Tennessee: according to agency website, certificate has a 10 year term.

°West Virginia: code indicates periods of renewal are not less than five nor more than twenty years each.

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