

CHAPTER 17
MISCELLANEOUS UTILITIES REGULATIONS

Sec. 17.01 Electric And Gas Utility

1. **FRANCHISE.** The Wisconsin Public Service Corporation is granted the right, authority and permission to construct, maintain and operate a system for the furnishing and distribution of electric energy and natural gas for light, heat and power, and to use the streets, alleys, lanes and public grounds for constructing and operating its transmission and distribution lines.
2. **UNDERGROUND WIRING URGED.** Whenever feasible, the Village of Whiting encourages the burying of electric cable in lieu of aerial transmission of electrical energy. In all new developments this method shall be given prime consideration, and poles for overhead transmission shall be erected only after consultation with the Village Public Works Committee. Wherever present overhead wiring by one or more utilities uses both sides of a Village Street or highway, a continuing program shall be developed to reduce this unsightly and hazardous condition to the use of no more than one side of the street. Utility companies will report annually to the Village Board concerning progress made in this direction.
3. **STATE STATUTES ADOPTED.** All statutory provisions and regulations of State regulatory bodies relating to utility operation, application of rates and the use of public highways are hereby incorporated into this Chapter by reference.
4. **TELEPHONE UTILITY.**
 - a. **FRANCHISE.** The Wisconsin Telephone Company division of the Bell System is granted the right, authority and permission to operate a system for the distribution of telephonic communication in and through the Village of Whiting, and to use the streets, alleys, lanes and public grounds for the operation of its transmission lines.
 - a. **UNDERGROUND WIRING URGED.** The provisions of section 17.01(2) of this Chapter are hereby made a part of this Section, and shall be equally applicable to the telephone utility.
 - b. **STATE STATUTES ADOPTED.** All statutory provisions and regulations of State regulatory bodies relating to utility operation, applications of rates and the use of public highways are hereby incorporated into this Chapter by reference.

Sec. 17.02 Community Antenna System (Catv)

1. Charter Internet is granted the right, authority and permission to construct, maintain and operate a system for the distribution of television and radio signals or other intelligences over a Broadband Communications Network to subscribers living in the Village of Whiting.
2. **UNDERGROUND WIRING URGED.** The provisions of section 17.01(2) of this Chapter are hereby made a part of this Section, and shall be equally applicable to the cable television authority.
3. **CITY ORDINANCE ADOPTED.** The Broadband Communications Network which operates in the Village of Whiting under the authorities granted herein shall be an extension of the system originating and operating in the City of Steven Point, and all applicable sections of the Broadband Telecommunications Franchise Enabling Ordinance passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Stevens Point are hereby incorporated into this Municipal Code by reference.