



Measure #: 2026-034

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 10/27/2025 Submitted By: Councilor Simmons Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval of Amendment to Council Rule- Section 3(c)(ii)(a)

Signed: _____

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose:

This measure proposes an amendment to Council Rule—Section 3(c)(ii)(a): Referral— a. Finance Measures-All Measures withint the following criteria, shall be introduced during an open session of a Town Council Meeting and then directed to the Finance Sub-Committee for recommendation: I. Transfer of appropriation amounts equal to or exceeding the value set by the Town Council as required in the North Attleborough Town Charter Art VI Section 6-6(c). II. Financial details fo the Town Manager's Annual Budget. III. Financial details of Contracts.

The new proposed rule would create the following exception and be placed after "recommendation", "excepting funding requests related to the Verizon and Comcast PEG access accounts which may be voted off the floor."

Justification:

The current rule ensures that the Town Council treat financial measures with a higher level of scrutiny and transparency as they are related to the expenditure of tax payer money and affect the operating budget. However, Comcast and Verizon PEG access funds are not taxpayer funds, but instead are funds paid directly by cable subscribers and held by the town to be used only for North TV. These funds do not affect the town's operating budget. North TV has a Board of Directors with subject matter expertise on where and how the funds should be used. The introduction of a measure, a referral to the sub-committee, the return to council and eventual vote by the Council creates an unnecessary delay.

Purpose of the Proposed Rule:

- To eliminate delay, effectively utilize the Finance Sub-Committee, and speed access to PEG access funds.

Legal and Charter Compliance:

There are no known Charter prohibitions as this was a Town Council Rule created pursuant to the powers granted to the Council by the Charter.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Rules

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