



**TO:** Mayor Linda Gorton  
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

**FROM:**   
Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services

**DATE:** February 7, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Cable Franchise Settlement Agreement -- MetroNet

**Request:**

Request Council authorization for the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement with CMN-RUS, LLC (dba MetroNet) for the early termination of a non-exclusive cable franchise agreement.

**Purpose:**

MetroNet has elected to cease offering cable television services to customers in Lexington and will terminate the cable franchise agreement effective March 11, 2025. As part of the settlement agreement, MetroNet has agreed to provide mitigation to impacted cable subscribers in the form of a free Firestick streaming device. Also, MetroNet shall install fiber, at its sole expense, to the following LFUCG public facilities: Fire Stations (1, 2, 12, 14, and 21); the new Douglass Aquatic Center; and Shillito Park. MetroNet shall also pay \$20,000 to LFUCG for legal costs and publication expenses in connection with the settlement agreement.

MetroNet and LFUCG entered into a cable television franchise agreement in 2017, pursuant to Ordinance No. 169 – 2027, with the original term set to expire December 31, 2027.

**Budgetary Implication:** \$20,000 revenue

**Are the funds budgeted?** No

**File Number:** 0167-25

**Commissioner:** Ford

