



CHAPTER 160A
ARTICLE 16A - PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE BY CITIES

N.C.G.S. § 160A-340.

Definitions.

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The following definitions apply in this Article:

City-owned communications service provider. - A city that provides communications service using a communications network, whether directly, indirectly, or through an interlocal agreement or a joint agency.

Communications network. - A wired or wireless network for the provision of communications service.

Communications service. - The provision of cable, video programming, telecommunications, broadband, or high-speed internet access service to the public, or any sector of the public, for a fee, regardless of the technology used to deliver the service. The terms "cable service," "telecommunications service," and "video programming service" have the same meanings as in G.S. 105-164.3. The following is not considered the provision of communications service:

- a.The sharing of data or voice between governmental entities for internal governmental purposes.
- b.The remote reading or polling of data from utility or parking meters, or the provisioning of energy demand reduction or smart grid services for an electric, water, or sewer system.
- c.The provision of free services to the public or a subset thereof.

High-speed internet access service. - Internet access service with transmission speeds that are equal to or greater than the requirements for basic broadband tier 1 service as defined by the Federal Communications Commission for broadband data gathering and reporting.

Interlocal agreement. - An agreement between units of local government as authorized by Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

Joint agency. - A joint agency created under Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. (2011-84, s. 1(a); 2025-25, s. 29(3).)

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