



WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO HIDE?

KEEP PUBLIC NOTICES IN PUBLIC.

Public notices inform citizens of the changes that affect them and their community. Some state and local officials want to move these notices from newspapers to government-run websites, where they may not be easily accessed.

URGE FLORIDA LAWMAKERS TO OPPOSE HB 35 AND SB 402

These bills seek to eliminate the newspaper requirement for public notice and allow local governments to post notices on publicly accessible government websites and government access channels.



DON'T LET FLORIDA LAWMAKERS REMOVE YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW!

Call your legislators and voice your opinion today.



ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal and state public notice statutes generally establish four fundamental criteria for a public notice.

Each of these elements are critical aspects of the checks and balances that public notice was designed to foster.



1. Accessible

Every citizen in the jurisdiction affected by the notice must have a realistic opportunity to read it



2. Archivable

Notices must be capable of being archived in a secure and publicly available format for the use of the judicial system, researchers and historians



3. Independent

Notices must be published by organizations independent of the government body or corporation whose plans or actions are the subject of the notice



4. Verifiable

There must be a way to verify that each notice was an original, unaltered notice and actually published in accordance with the law



Types Of Public Notices

Citizen Participation Notices

- Government Meetings and Hearings
- Meeting Minutes or Summaries
- Agency Proposals
- Proposed Budgets and Tax Rates

Land and Water Use

Creation of Special Tax Districts

School District Reports

Zoning, Annexation and Land Use Changes

Commercial Notices

- Unclaimed Property, Banks or Governments
- Delinquent Tax Lists, Tax Deed Sales
- Government Property Sales
- Permit and License Applications

Court Notices

- Mortgage Foreclosures
- Name Changes
- Probate Rulings
- Divorces and Adoptions
- Orders to Appear in Court

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