

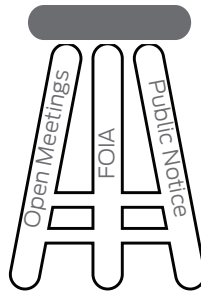






# Why Public Notice Should Remain in Newspapers

Along with open meeting and freedom of information laws, public notice is an essential element of the **three-legged stool of government transparency**



This is not about “newspapers vs the internet”.

**It’s newspapers *and* newspaper websites vs government websites**

and newspaper websites have a much larger audience. Moving notice from newspapers to government websites would **reduce the presence of public notices on the internet**



Requiring independent, third-party newspapers to ensure that public notices run in accordance with the law helps

**prevent government officials from hiding information**

they would prefer the public not to see

Since the first U.S. Congress, public officials have understood that newspapers are the best medium to notify the public about official matters because they contain the **essential elements of public notice:**



**Accessibility**



**Independence**

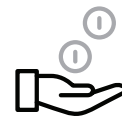


**Verifiability**



**Archivability**

**Publishing notices on the internet is neither cheap nor free**



Newspapers remain the primary vehicle for public notice in **all 50 states**



## 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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