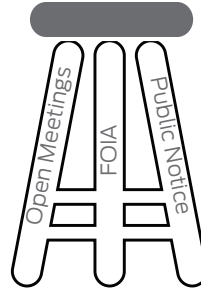


Why Public Notice Should Remain in Newspapers

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

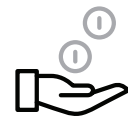


Verifiability



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



Land and Water Use



Meeting Minutes or Summaries



Creation of Special Tax Districts



Agency Proposals



School District Reports



Proposed Budgets and Tax Rates



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



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Name Changes



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