



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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SENT VIA EMAIL

**EagleHerald**

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Marinette, WI 54143-0077

**RE: Certification of Legal Notice Rates for January – December 2022**

This is a request for information to certify your newspaper for publishing legal notices per Chapters 10 and 985, Wis. Stats. Follow the steps below:

1. \*\*Review your current 2021 Certification Letter
2. \*\*Complete the attached Application form, DOA-3417 (pre-populated with information from the database)
3. \*\*Submit a Statement of Ownership (PS-3526) from your USPS office or alternative method listed on DOA-3417.
4. \*\*Send in a full-page tear sheet from your legal/public notice section of your newspaper

**\*\*Due to working out of my home, please send all items electronically to my email address**  
([william2.goff@wisconsin.gov](mailto:william2.goff@wisconsin.gov)).

All of the instructions are on the attached DOA form. Form DOA-3417 is also available as a fillable electronic form on our VendorNet website: Newspaper Rates for Publication of Legal Notices at <https://doa.wi.gov/Forms/DOA-3417ApplicationtoCertifyNewspaperLegalNoticeRates.docx>.

To be certified for 2022 you must return items 2 – 4 listed above. Please return by October 30, 2021 by email ([william2.goff@wisconsin.gov](mailto:william2.goff@wisconsin.gov)). **FAXED paperwork will not be accepted.**

*Failure to return the three items listed above (2 – 4) will deny your newspaper the legal right to collect a fee for publishing legal notices.*

This application process is performed annually for certifying newspapers to publish legal notices and updating information throughout the year concerning font sizes, column widths, address or name changes and closures. State agencies, universities and municipalities shall not be held to any rate changes until your newspaper is certified by the Department of Administration.

If you have, any questions in regard to this program please contact me, Bill Goff at [william2.goff@wisconsin.gov](mailto:william2.goff@wisconsin.gov) and I will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this process. I look forward to your certification paperwork.

Sincerely,

Bill Goff  
Procurement Specialist  
Newspaper Certification Program  
State Bureau of Procurement  
Division of Enterprise Operations  
Department of Administration  
101 E Wilson St, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53703-3405

Enclosure(s)  
Form DOA-3417



## Application to Certify Newspaper Legal Notice Rates

**Instructions:** State of Wisconsin newspapers must apply to receive any compensation or fee for publishing legal notices by completing this form. **To renew your certification or apply for the first time, please complete all five (5) sections of this form.**

After renewal, if you need to update your information, only fill in the spaces on this form that apply to the change(s) and submit ten days prior to the effective date of the change so that new rates issued by the Department of Administration can be sent to the newspaper.

Return all of the required documents to the address above by US mail.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Change to current information	Effective Date of Change January 1, 2022												
<b>1. Newspaper Name:</b> EagleHerald			Contact Person for placing legal notices Becki Minton												
Street Address 1809 Dunlap Avenue		PO Box PO Box 77	County Marinette												
City Marinette		State WI	Zip+4 54143-0077												
Telephone Number (715) 735-6611		Fax Number (715) 735-6562	Contact Email Address kspringberg@eagleherald.com												
Place of Publication, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 985.01(5) Marinette, WI			Will you accept emailed legal notices? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO												
Published on:	Monday X	Tuesday X	Wednesday X	Thursday X	Friday X	Saturday X	Sunday								
Total Circulation	Paid Circulation	WEB Address www.ehextra.com/				TAX ID NUMBER 39-1834125									
Column Width (measured in picas) ** Please Verify Column Widths and Font List **															
Col 1 9.600	Col 2 19.900	Col 3 30.000	Col 4 40.300	Col 5 50.600	Col 6 60.900	Col 7	Col 8	Col 9	Col 10	Col 11	Col 12	Col 13	Col 14	Col 15	Col 16
<b>New applicants must complete the section below.</b> Renewing applicants should skip to Section 2 unless changing or adding fonts.															
Font & Size		Font & Size		Font & Size		Font & Size		Font & Size		Font & Size		Font & Size		Font & Size	
Arial 6.5pt															
Arial Italic 6.5pt															
Arial Bold 6.5pt															
<b>ONLY if you are changing or adding fonts, submit a SAMPLE of the fonts.</b> A font sample consists of three (3) alphabet lengths a through z in <u>lowercase</u> , repeated in one continuous line. The sample must NOT contain kerning, ligatures, and must be flush left (ragged right) e.g.: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz															
<b>One sample of each point size and style (bold or italic) must be submitted with name and size of font on a separate sheet.</b>															
<b>2. Parent Company Information: (if different than #1 above)</b>															
Parent Company Name Adams Publishing Group										Parent Company Contact Person					
Street Address 103 W Summer St					PO Box					Tax ID Number 46-4356960					
City Greenville					State TN					Zip + 4 37743					
Telephone Number (423) 359-3113					Fax Number					Email for Parent Company info@adamspg.com					
Have you submitted the completed DOA-6448 Taxpayer Identification Number Verification form? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO **Please verify TAX ID # for both Newspaper Company and Parent Company**															

### 3. Required Verification of Paid Circulation:

To verify your newspaper's total paid circulation, you are required to submit one of the forms listed below every year from an independent third party. The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration requires the most recent 12 months of your paid circulation numbers on or before the 15th of October of each year. This will certify that your publication meets the requirements of Statute 985.03.

- ☐ United States Postal Service Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation (PREFERRED)  
(All Periodicals Publications except Requester Publications) PS Form 3526
- ☐ Audit Bureau of Circulation: [www.accessabc.com](http://www.accessabc.com) ☐ Verified Audit Circulation: <http://www.verifiedaudit.com/>
- ☐ Circulation Verification Council: <http://www.cvcaudit.com/> ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wis. Stat. § 985.01 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

**(3g) "News content"** means written information and images, other than advertisements, that are printed in a publication.

**(3r)** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or in s. 985.03 (1) (am), **"newspaper"** means a publication that is published at regular intervals and at least once a week, with a minimum of 50 issues each year containing, on average, at least 25 percent news content per issue, including reports of happenings of recent occurrence of a varied character, such as political, social, moral and religious subjects, designed to inform the general reader. **"Newspaper"** includes a daily newspaper published in a county having a population of 750,000 or more, devoted principally to business news and publishing of records, which has been designated by the courts of record of the county for publication of legal notices for a period of 6 months or more. **"Newspaper"** also includes a newspaper published in the town of Washington, Door County, at least 2 times a month.

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**(5) A newspaper is "published" at the place** from which its mailing permit is issued, except that if the place where the newspaper has its major concentration of circulation has no primary post office, then at the place it shall designate as its place of publication in the affidavit required by s. 985.03 (1) (cm), but no newspaper shall have more than one place of publication during the same period of time.

#### **Wis. Stat. § 985.03 Qualifications of newspapers.**

**(1)(a)** Except as provided in par. (am), no publisher of any newspaper in this state shall be awarded or be entitled to any compensation or fee for the publishing of any legal notice unless the newspaper has had a bona fide paid circulation and one of the following applies:

**1m.** The newspaper has been published at least once each week for at least 50 consecutive issues prior to the first publication of the notice in the city, village, or town where published, or the newspaper can verify to the department of administration using postal records that the newspaper has been circulated to the minimum number of print, digital, or electronic subscribers required under s. 985.01 (1b) prior to the issuance of its mailing permit from its place of publication, as set forth in s. 985.01 (5).

**2m.** The newspaper is a successor to a newspaper described in subd. 1m. and the successor newspaper has resumed publication following succession within 30 days.

**3.** The newspaper has merged or consolidated with one or more newspapers and one of the newspapers subject to the consolidation or merger has been continuously published at regular intervals of at least once each week for at least 50 issues each year for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice.

**(am)** If there is not a newspaper in a city, village, or town that satisfies the requirements under par. (a), the publisher of a newspaper that satisfies all of the following may be awarded or be entitled to compensation or a fee for the publishing of a legal notice:

**1.** The newspaper has been circulated at least once each week for at least 50 issues each year for one year prior to the first publication of the notice in the city, village, or town and publishing in the newspaper is likely to give notice in the area or to the affected person.

**2.** The newspaper is otherwise qualified under this section.

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**(cm)** A newspaper in order to be eligible under this section shall also file a certificate with the county clerk stating that it qualifies under this section and stating its place of publication.

### 4. Required Sample

Please enclose a full page of your newspaper that displays your legal notice section.

### 5. Certification

By signing below, I certify that the newspaper named above meets the criteria in Wis. Stat. § 985.03(1) and that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false, misleading, or missing information may disqualify me from consideration.

Print Name	Print Title	Telephone Number ( ) -
Signature		Date (mm/dd/ccyy)