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2025 Certification of Legal Notice Rates for Newspapers

This letter certifies that the newspaper listed above may collect a fee for publishing legal notices required by Wisconsin law. Certification requirements are reviewed and legal are updated annually pursuant Chapter 10 ELECTION DATES AND NOTICES and 985 PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES; PUBLIC NEWSPAPERS; FEES of the Wisconsin Statutes.

- Part One lists information currently on file about this newspaper
- Part Two addresses general legal/public notices
- Part Three covers election facsimile ballots
- Part Four contains general information about the certification process

Effective Dates

Unless otherwise updated and amended, this certification letter governs notices published on:
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

The information below will determine the rates/fee for this newspaper and is published on the Internet. Contact the Department of Administration IMMEDIATELY with changes to any of the information listed in this document:

Circulation:	11,940	Telephone:	(414) 224-2121
Circulation Adjust:	15%	Fax:	(877) 943-0443
Day(s) Published:	W	E-Mail:	thamm@gannett.com
County:	Milwaukee	Parent Co.:	Gannett Satellite Info Sys dba Gannett WI Media
Place of Publication:	Milwaukee, WI		
Areas Covered:	Cudahy, Franklin, Greendale, Hales Corners, Milwaukee, Oak Creek, Saint Francis, South Milwaukee		

Insertion Rates

Your newspaper is certified for the fonts and column widths in the following list. Use the corresponding adjusted line rates to calculate fees.

Font(s)	Point Size	Alphabet Length	Column Width	Font Base	ADJUSTED RATES	
					First Insert	Subsqt Insert
Arial	6	72	9.17	0.8761	1.0076	0.7959
Arial	6	72	19.33	1.8478	2.1249	1.6785
Arial	6	72	29.50	2.8195	3.2424	2.5612
Arial	6	72	39.67	3.7912	4.3599	3.4439
Arial	6	72	49.83	4.7628	5.4773	4.3265
Arial	6	72	60.00	5.7345	6.5947	5.2092
Arial	7	84	9.17	0.7510	0.8636	0.6822
Arial	7	84	19.33	1.5838	1.8214	1.4387
Arial	7	84	29.50	2.4167	2.7792	2.1953

2021-22 Wisconsin Statutes updated through 2023 Wis. Act 272 and through all Supreme Court and Controlled Substances Board Orders filed before and in effect on November 8, 2024. Published and certified under s. 35.18. Changes effective after November 8, 2024, are designated by NOTES. (Published 11-8-24)

Arial	7	84	39.67	3.2496	3.7370	2.9519
Arial	7	84	49.83	4.0824	4.6948	3.7084
Arial	7	84	60.00	4.9153	5.6526	4.4650
Arial	8	96	9.17	0.6571	0.7557	0.5969
Arial	8	102	9.17	0.6185	0.7112	0.5618
Arial	8	102	19.33	1.3043	1.5000	1.1848
Arial	8	96	19.33	1.3858	1.5937	1.2589
Arial	8	96	29.50	2.1146	2.4318	1.9209
Arial	8	102	29.50	1.9902	2.2888	1.8079
Arial	8	102	39.67	2.6761	3.0776	2.4310
Arial	8	96	39.67	2.8434	3.2699	2.5829
Arial	8	96	49.83	3.5721	4.1079	3.2448
Arial	8	102	49.83	3.3620	3.8663	3.0540
Arial	8	102	60.00	4.0479	4.6551	3.6770
Arial	8	96	60.00	4.3009	4.9460	3.9069
Arial	9	114	9.17	0.5534	0.6364	0.5027
Arial	9	114	19.33	1.1670	1.3421	1.0601
Arial	9	114	29.50	1.7807	2.0478	1.6176
Arial	9	114	39.67	2.3944	2.7536	2.1751
Arial	9	114	49.83	3.0081	3.4593	2.7325
Arial	9	114	60.00	3.6218	4.1651	3.2900
Arial Bold	6	80	9.17	0.7885	0.9068	0.7163
Arial Bold	6	80	19.33	1.6630	1.9124	1.5106
Arial Bold	6	80	29.50	2.5375	2.9182	2.3050
Arial Bold	6	80	39.67	3.4121	3.9239	3.0995
Arial Bold	6	80	49.83	4.2865	4.9295	3.8938
Arial Bold	6	80	60.00	5.1611	5.9353	4.6882
Arial Bold	7	92	9.17	0.6857	0.7885	0.6229
Arial Bold	7	92	19.33	1.4461	1.6630	1.3136
Arial Bold	7	92	29.50	2.2066	2.5375	2.0044
Arial Bold	7	92	39.67	2.9670	3.4121	2.6952
Arial Bold	7	92	49.83	3.7274	4.2865	3.3859
Arial Bold	7	92	60.00	4.4879	5.1611	4.0767
Arial Bold	8	106	9.17	0.5951	0.6844	0.5406
Arial Bold	8	112	9.17	0.5632	0.6477	0.5116
Arial Bold	8	112	19.33	1.1878	1.3660	1.0790
Arial Bold	8	106	19.33	1.2551	1.4433	1.1401
Arial Bold	8	106	29.50	1.9151	2.2024	1.7397
Arial Bold	8	112	29.50	1.8125	2.0844	1.6465
Arial Bold	8	112	39.67	2.4372	2.8028	2.2139
Arial Bold	8	106	39.67	2.5752	2.9614	2.3392
Arial Bold	8	106	49.83	3.2351	3.7204	2.9387
Arial Bold	8	112	49.83	3.0618	3.5211	2.7813
Arial Bold	8	112	60.00	3.6865	4.2395	3.3487
Arial Bold	8	106	60.00	3.8952	4.4794	3.5383
Arial Bold	9	126	9.17	0.5007	0.5758	0.4548
Arial Bold	9	126	19.33	1.0559	1.2142	0.9591
Arial Bold	9	126	29.50	1.6111	1.8528	1.4635
Arial Bold	9	126	39.67	2.1664	2.4914	1.9679
Arial Bold	9	126	49.83	2.7216	3.1299	2.4723
Arial Bold	9	126	60.00	3.2769	3.7684	2.9767
Arial Bold Italic	8	112	9.17	0.5632	0.6477	0.5116
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Ballots

Fees for publishing ballots are calculated by area. The fee is charged as if the area occupied by the ballot were set in the standard line described in s. 985.08 (2)(a), Wis. Stats.

“All legal notices shall be in Arial type face. A standard line shall be 6-point Arial on a 6-point leading without spacing between the lines, and 11 picas in length. One inch equals 6 postscript pica and 72 postscript points. Nonstandard line lengths shall be allowed with adjustments in fees according to variations in line length.”

To calculate ballot rates use the current statute standard line rate of **\$0.9462** first insert and **\$0.7474** subsequent insertion, multiplying by 12 lines per inch, then dividing by 11 picas per column and applying the newspaper’s circulation adjustment.

Use the following worksheet to calculate fees for ballots:

- a) Measure the width of the ballot in picas (1 inch = 6 picas = 72 points): (a) _____
- b) Measure the height (single column) of the ballot in inches: (b) _____
- c) Multiply line (a) times line (b) equals: (c) _____
- d) Enter the appropriate adjusted facsimile ballot rate from the table below: (d) \$ _____

Range	Circulation Adjustment	Ballot Rate per line
First Insert:	\$0.9462	
8,000 or less	0%	\$0.9462
8,001-12,000	15%	\$1.1010
12,001-16,000	30%	\$1.2559
16,001-20,000	45%	\$1.4107
20,001-24,000	60%	\$1.5655
24,001 and up	75%	\$1.7204
Subsequent Insert:	\$0.7474	
8,000 or less	0%	\$0.7474
8,001-12,000	15%	\$0.8697
12,001-16,000	30%	\$0.9920
16,001-20,000	45%	\$1.1143
20,001-24,000	60%	\$1.2366
24,001 and up	75%	\$1.3589

e) Multiply line (c) times line (d) = TOTAL \$ _____

Sample Ballots shall be published per the copy furnished by the county and municipal clerks. Introductory and descriptive text includes material which accompanies the ballot, but which in itself is not part of the actual ballot. Fees for such are not calculated as facsimile ballots. Unless directed otherwise by the election official, this material should be published using the appropriate legal notice font and line rate from this certification.

s. 5.94 "Sample ballots; publication. When an electronic voting system employing a ballot that is distributed to electors is used, the county and municipal clerk of the county and municipality in which the polling place designated for use of the system is located shall cause to be published, in the type B notices, a true actual-size copy of the ballot containing the names of offices and candidates and statements of measures to be voted on, as nearly as possible, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot on election day. The notice may be published as a newspaper insert. Municipal clerks may post the notice if the remainder of the type B notice is posted."

SIZE: Election ballots may **not** be enlarged. If appropriate to provide a proper fit for a newspaper's standard column width, ballots may be reduced in size photographically. If reduced, the fee calculations are based on the area covered by the ballot as published, i.e., after it is reduced.

Chapter 10 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides the information necessary to publish election ballots in newspapers.

OPTICAL SCAN BALLOTS: These were developed after the requirements of Chapter 985 Wisconsin Statutes were established. Responsibility for readability lies with the county or municipality placing the notice.

MEASUREMENTS: For purposes of this certification, 1 inch = 6 picas = 72 points.

RATES: Wisconsin Statutes establish the standard line rate for publication of legal notices and the annual adjustment procedure. The rates for each newspaper are calculated by adjusting for the font alphabet length, the newspaper's column width(s) and total paid circulation. (Please refer to s. 985.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats.)

INSERTION: Use first insert rates to calculate fees for the first date a notice or ballot is published. First insert rates include an allowance for preparatory work by the publisher. Use subsequent insert rates for repeat publications of the same notice or ballot, i.e., when no additional preparation is needed.

COPY: When electronic copy for the entire legal notice or substantial areas thereof is provided, eliminating typesetting, enlargements or reductions, or other changes by the newspaper, the maximum rate is the same as the maximum rate established under sub.(1) for subsequent insertions. (Please refer to s. 985.08 (2)(b), Wis. Stats.)

TEAR SHEETS: Upon request, a tear sheet proof of a multiple insertion notice shall be mailed to the advertiser or the advertiser's attorney within 72 hours after the first insertion, and an additional charge of \$1 for such tear sheet proof may be made. (Please refer to s. 985.08 (8), Wis. Stats.)

AFFIDAVITS: The fee for an affidavit of publication shall be \$1.00 (Please refer to s. 985.12(4), Wis. Stats.)
985.12(1) The affidavit of the editor, publisher, printer or proprietor of any newspaper, or of his or her foreman or principal clerk, of the publication of any legal notice, annexed to a copy of the notice clipped from the newspaper in **either hard copy or electronic format**, and specifying the date of each insertion, and the paper in which it was published, shall be received in all cases as presumptive evidence of the publication and of the facts stated therein.

RENEWALS: Annually updated legal notice rate certification to newspapers who meet the statutory requirements. Newspapers need to contact the State Bureau of Procurement for any changes in address, font size, column width or any of the items listed in this certification. (Please refer to s. 985.08(1), Wis. Stats.)

Newspapers must contact the Department of Administration for any changes in public notice contact personnel, address, font sizes, column width and/or any of the items listed in this certification.

If you have any questions about this certification, please email me at: william2.goff@wisconsin.gov or you can call me at (608) 266-1002.

Sincerely,
Bill Goff
Newspaper Certification Program

Attachment
Chapter 985