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2024 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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:

Paid Circulation: 1,956 Telephone: (715) 453-2151
Circulation Adjust: 0% Fax: (715) 453-1865
Day(s) Published: W E-Mail: mtowne@mmclocal.com
County: Lincoln Parent Co.: Multi Media Channels, LLC

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.

Table with 7 columns: Font(s), Point Size, Alphabet Length, Column Width, Font Base, ADJUSTED RATES (First Insert, Subsq Insert)

2017-18 Wisconsin Statutes updated through 2019 Wis. Act 186 and through all Supreme Court and Controlled Substances Board Orders filed before and in effect on December 1, 2020. Published and certified under s. 35.18. Changes effective after December 1, 2020, are designated by NOTES. (Published 12-1-20)

Arial	7	90	48.66	3.7328	3.7328	2.9491
Arial	7	90	58.58	4.4937	4.4937	3.5503
Arial	8	102	9.00	0.6092	0.6092	0.4813
Arial	8	102	18.92	1.2804	1.2804	1.0116
Arial	8	102	28.83	1.9516	1.9516	1.5419
Arial	8	102	38.75	2.6228	2.6228	2.0722
Arial	8	102	48.66	3.2936	3.2936	2.6021
Arial	8	102	58.58	3.9651	3.9651	3.1326
Arial	9	114	9.00	0.5451	0.5451	0.4306
Arial	9	114	18.92	1.1456	1.1456	0.9051
Arial	9	114	28.83	1.7462	1.7462	1.3796
Arial	9	114	38.75	2.3468	2.3468	1.8541
Arial	9	114	48.66	2.9469	2.9469	2.3282
Arial	9	114	58.58	3.5477	3.5477	2.8029
Arial	10	128	9.00	0.4854	0.4854	0.3835
Arial	10	128	18.92	1.0203	1.0203	0.8061
Arial	10	128	28.83	1.5552	1.5552	1.2287
Arial	10	128	38.75	2.0901	2.0901	1.6513
Arial	10	128	48.66	2.6246	2.6246	2.0736
Arial	10	128	58.58	3.1597	3.1597	2.4963
Arial Bold	6	84	9.00	0.7397	0.7397	0.5844
Arial Bold	6	84	18.92	1.5547	1.5547	1.2283
Arial Bold	6	84	28.83	2.3698	2.3698	1.8723
Arial Bold	6	84	38.75	3.1849	3.1849	2.5162
Arial Bold	6	84	48.66	3.9994	3.9994	3.1597
Arial Bold	6	84	58.58	4.8147	4.8147	3.8039
Arial Bold	7	98	9.00	0.6340	0.6340	0.5009
Arial Bold	7	98	18.92	1.3326	1.3326	1.0528
Arial Bold	7	98	28.83	2.0313	2.0313	1.6048
Arial Bold	7	98	38.75	2.7299	2.7299	2.1568
Arial Bold	7	98	48.66	3.4280	3.4280	2.7083
Arial Bold	7	98	58.58	4.1269	4.1269	3.2605
Arial Bold	8	112	9.00	0.5548	0.5548	0.4383
Arial Bold	8	112	18.92	1.1660	1.1660	0.9212
Arial Bold	8	112	28.83	1.7773	1.7773	1.4042
Arial Bold	8	112	38.75	2.3887	2.3887	1.8872
Arial Bold	8	112	48.66	2.9995	2.9995	2.3698
Arial Bold	8	112	58.58	3.6110	3.6110	2.8529
Arial Bold	9	126	9.00	0.4931	0.4931	0.3896
Arial Bold	9	126	18.92	1.0365	1.0365	0.8189
Arial Bold	9	126	28.83	1.5799	1.5799	1.2482
Arial Bold	9	126	38.75	2.1233	2.1233	1.6775
Arial Bold	9	126	48.66	2.6663	2.6663	2.1065
Arial Bold	9	126	58.58	3.2098	3.2098	2.5359
Arial Bold	10	140	9.00	0.4438	0.4438	0.3506
Arial Bold	10	140	18.92	0.9328	0.9328	0.7370
Arial Bold	10	140	28.83	1.4219	1.4219	1.1234
Arial Bold	10	140	38.75	1.9109	1.9109	1.5097
Arial Bold	10	140	48.66	2.3996	2.3996	1.8958
Arial Bold	10	140	58.58	2.8888	2.8888	2.2823
Arial Bold Italic	6	84	9.00	0.7397	0.7397	0.5844
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Arial Bold Italic	6	84	28.83	2.3698	2.3698	1.8723
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Arial Bold Italic	10	140	48.66	2.3996	2.3996	1.8958
Arial Bold Italic	10	140	58.58	2.8888	2.8888	2.2823
Arial Italic	6	78	9.00	0.7966	0.7966	0.6294
Arial Italic	6	78	18.92	1.6743	1.6743	1.3228
Arial Italic	6	78	28.83	2.5521	2.5521	2.0163
Arial Italic	6	78	38.75	3.4299	3.4299	2.7098
Arial Italic	6	78	48.66	4.3070	4.3070	3.4028
Arial Italic	6	78	58.58	5.1851	5.1851	4.0965
Arial Italic	7	90	9.00	0.6904	0.6904	0.5455
Arial Italic	7	90	18.92	1.4511	1.4511	1.1464
Arial Italic	7	90	28.83	2.2118	2.2118	1.7475
Arial Italic	7	90	38.75	2.9726	2.9726	2.3485
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Arial Italic	10	127	18.92	1.0283	1.0283	0.8124
Arial Italic	10	127	28.83	1.5674	1.5674	1.2384
Arial Italic	10	127	38.75	2.1065	2.1065	1.6643
Arial Italic	10	127	48.66	2.6453	2.6453	2.0899
Arial Italic	10	127	58.58	3.1845	3.1845	2.5160

**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 **\$0.9493** first insert and **\$0.7499** 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
<b>First Insert: \$0.9493</b>		
8,000 or less	0%	\$0.9493
8,001-12,000	15%	\$1.1046
12,001-16,000	30%	\$1.2600
16,001-20,000	45%	\$1.4153
20,001-24,000	60%	\$1.5707
24,001 and up	75%	\$1.7260
<b>Subsequent Insert: \$0.7499</b>		
8,000 or less	0%	\$0.7499
8,001-12,000	15%	\$0.8726
12,001-16,000	30%	\$0.9953
16,001-20,000	45%	\$1.1180
20,001-24,000	60%	\$1.2407
24,001 and up	75%	\$1.3635

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](mailto:william2.goff@wisconsin.gov) or you can call me at (608) 266-1002.

Sincerely,  
Bill Goff  
Newspaper Certification Program

Attachment  
Chapter 985