

Public Notice Amendments

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SYNOPSIS

Provides for publication of required legal notices on government Internet websites and through certain online news publications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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Background

- Law enacted June 30, 2025 (P.L. 2025, c.72)
- Relates to all legal notices published by the Commission
- Affects various notice requirements in the CMP
- Move from publishing notices in newspapers to website
- Requires Secretary of State to create new webpage containing hyperlinks to public entity legal notices

Requirements Applicable to Public Entities	Due Date	Action
Publish all required legal notices on website	March 1, 2026	In Process
Optional publication in on-line newspaper(s) in addition to website posting	Ongoing	Ongoing
Post direct hyperlinks to legal notices on home page, conspicuously placed & free of charge	March 1, 2026	In Process
Submit hyperlinks to the Secretary of State (NJ-OIT) and keep updated	March 1, 2026	Email hyperlink once State Department webpage is operational
Display legal notices on website for at least one week or as otherwise provided by law.	March 1, 2026	In Process
Create and maintain an internet archive for legal notices no longer displayed on home page	March 1, 2026	In Process

Legal Notices Published by the Commission

- Commission/Committee meetings (scheduling; cancellations)
- RFPs
- Public hearings:
 - Municipal master plans and ordinances
 - CMP amendments
 - MOAs
 - Local communications facilities plans and amendments
 - Compelling public need waivers
 - Resource extraction permitting issues

Legal Notices Required by the CMP for **Public** Entities

- Public development applications for major development
- Letters of Interpretation (other than for PDC allocations)
- Waivers of Strict Compliance (extraordinary hardship only)
- CMP amendment petitions
- Historic district designations

New Legal Notice Requirements for Private Entities

- Publish legal notices in eligible on-line news publication
- Eligibility based on:
 - Geographic target area of new publication
 - Accessible and searchable database of legal notices
 - No charge/subscription to view legal notices
 - # of unique website visits from NJ and in each county

Legal Notices Required by the CMP for **Private Entities**

- Letters of Interpretation (other than for PDC allocations)
- Waivers of Strict Compliance (extraordinary hardship only)
- CMP amendment petitions
- Public hearings to determine consistency of local permits and approvals with the CMP (“call up hearings”)

Next Steps



Draft and include CMP amendments in next rule package



Implement website edits, including creation of archive



Share links with Secretary of State and NJ-OIT



During transition, publish legal notice both on website and online newspaper publication



Prepare updated guidance, letters, hearing procedures and other regulatory documents