

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0161

Publication of municipal ordinances.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Martin, Barnard, Berger, Latta, Powers, Semlek and Walsh and Senator(s) Cooper and Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to publication of municipal ordinances;  
2 providing for publication as specified; and providing for  
3 an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 15-1-101(a) by creating new  
8 paragraphs (xv) and (xvi) and by renumbering (xv) as  
9 (xvii), 15-1-110(a) and 15-1-116(a) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (d) are amended to read:

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12 **15-1-101. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in W.S. 15-1-101 through 15-10-117:

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1           (xv) "Legal newspaper" means a newspaper capable  
2 of publishing legal notices as provided in W.S. 18-3-519;

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4           (xvi) "Newspaper business office" means a  
5 physical office of a legal newspaper wherein advertisements  
6 are accepted and composed and which is open to the public  
7 during set business hours;

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9           ~~(xv)~~ (xvii) "This act", unless otherwise  
10 specified, means W.S. 15-1-101 through 15-10-117.

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12           **15-1-110. Minutes of meetings and titles of**  
13 **ordinances passed to be published; exception; contents;**  
14 **publication of names, salaries and wages of specified**  
15 **officials and employees; "department head" defined.**

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17           (a) The governing body of any city or town in which a  
18 legal newspaper is generally circulated and maintains a  
19 newspaper business office shall designate a legal newspaper  
20 and publish once therein the minutes of all regular and  
21 special meetings of the governing body and the titles of  
22 all ordinances passed. If ~~a~~ there is no legal newspaper ~~is~~  
23 ~~not published in~~ which maintains a newspaper business  
24 office within the boundary of the city or town the

1 proceedings or ordinances shall be posted for at least ten  
2 (10) days in the city or town clerk's office and in such  
3 other places as the governing body determines. The clerk of  
4 each city or town shall within twelve (12) days after  
5 adjournment of every meeting, furnish the newspaper a copy  
6 of the proceedings of the meeting. Except for salaries and  
7 wages published under subsection (b) of this section, the  
8 copy shall include any bill presented to the governing body  
9 stating the amount of the bill, the amount allowed, the  
10 purpose of the bill and the claimant. Claims for part-time  
11 employees may be summarized by department without listing  
12 each part-time employee. The newspaper shall publish the  
13 copy of proceedings within nine (9) days after receipt.

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15 **15-1-116. Ordinances; publication required;**  
16 **exception; attestation; recodification or revision.**

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18 (a) Every ordinance before becoming effective shall  
19 be published at least once in a legal newspaper of general  
20 circulation which maintains a newspaper business office  
21 within the boundary of the city or town. The newspaper  
22 shall publish the ordinance within nine (9) days from the  
23 date of receipt. If there is no such legal newspaper which  
24 maintains a newspaper business office within the boundary

1 of the city or town, the ordinance shall be posted for at  
2 least ten (10) days in the city clerk's office and in such  
3 other places as the governing body determines. Emergency  
4 ordinances are effective upon proclamation of the mayor,  
5 and as soon thereafter as is practicable they shall be  
6 published and posted in the manner required of other  
7 ordinances.

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9 (d) Ordinances adopted by the governing bodies of all  
10 incorporated cities and towns prior to March 15, 2005 which  
11 were posted for at least ten (10) days in the city clerk's  
12 office and in such other places as the governing body  
13 determined, are deemed to be in compliance with the  
14 requirements of this section.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective March 15, 2005.

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