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1 AN ACT Relating to requirements for publishing notice of actions of
2 counties, cities, and towns; and amending RCW 35.22.288, 35.23.310,
3 35.24.220, 35.27.300, 35.30.018, 35A.12.160, and 65.16.160.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.22.288 and 1988 c 168 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Promptly after adoption, the text or title of each ordinance ((~~or~~
8 ~~a summary of the content of each ordinance~~)) shall be published at
9 least once in the official newspaper of the city. ((~~For purposes of~~
10 ~~this section, a summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly~~
11 ~~describes the main points of the ordinance. When the city publishes a~~
12 ~~summary, the publication shall include a statement that the full text~~
13 ~~of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.~~)) When the city publishes
14 the title, the publication shall include:

- 15 (1) The name of the city;
16 (2) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;
17 (3) The full title of the ordinance; and
18 (4) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request made
19 within ninety days after publication of the title.

1 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the title's text
2 or (~~(a summary of)~~) the content of an ordinance shall not render the
3 ordinance invalid.

4 The full text of any ordinance, the title rather than the text of
5 which is published under this section, shall be mailed without charge
6 to any person who requests the text within ninety days after
7 publication of the title from the adopting city.

8 In addition to the requirement that a city publish the text or (~~(a~~
9 ~~summary of the content)~~) title of each adopted ordinance, every city
10 shall establish a procedure for notifying the public of upcoming
11 hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council
12 meeting. Such procedure may include, but not be limited to, written
13 notification to the city's official newspaper, publication of a notice
14 in the official newspaper, posting of upcoming council meeting agendas,
15 or such other processes as the city determines will satisfy the intent
16 of this requirement.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.23.310 and 1988 c 168 s 2 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 Promptly after adoption, the text or title of each ordinance (~~(or~~
20 ~~a summary of the content of each ordinance)~~) shall be published at
21 least once in the official newspaper of the city. (~~(For purposes of~~
22 ~~this section, a summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly~~
23 ~~describes the main points of the ordinance. When the city publishes a~~
24 ~~summary, the publication shall include a statement that the full text~~
25 ~~of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.)~~) When the city publishes
26 the title, the publication shall include:

- 27 (1) The name of the city;
28 (2) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;
29 (3) The full title of the ordinance; and
30 (4) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request made
31 within ninety days after publication of the title.

32 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the title's text
33 or (~~(a summary of)~~) the content of an ordinance shall not render the
34 ordinance invalid.

35 The full text of any ordinance, the title rather than the text of
36 which is published under this section, shall be mailed without charge
37 to any person who requests the text within ninety days after
38 publication of the title from the adopting city.

1 In addition to the requirement that a city publish the text or ((a
2 ~~summary of the content~~)) title of each adopted ordinance, every city
3 shall establish a procedure for notifying the public of upcoming
4 hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council
5 meeting. Such procedure may include, but not be limited to, written
6 notification to the city's official newspaper, publication of a notice
7 in the official newspaper, posting of upcoming council meeting agendas,
8 or such other processes as the city determines will satisfy the intent
9 of this requirement.

10 A certified copy of any ordinance certified to by the clerk, or a
11 printed copy of any ordinance or compilation printed by authority of
12 the city council and attested by the clerk shall be competent evidence
13 in any court.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.24.220 and 1988 c 168 s 4 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 Promptly after adoption, the text or title of each ordinance ((~~or~~
17 ~~a summary of the content of each ordinance~~)) shall be published at
18 least once in the city's official newspaper. ((~~For purposes of this~~
19 ~~section, a summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly~~
20 ~~describes the main points of the ordinance. When the city publishes a~~
21 ~~summary, the publication shall include a statement that the full text~~
22 ~~of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.~~)) When the city publishes
23 the title, the publication shall include:

- 24 (1) The name of the city;
25 (2) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;
26 (3) The full title of the ordinance; and
27 (4) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request made
28 within ninety days after publication of the title.

29 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the title's text
30 or ((~~a summary of~~)) the content of an ordinance shall not render the
31 ordinance invalid.

32 The full text of any ordinance, the title rather than the text of
33 which is published under this section, shall be mailed without charge
34 to any person who requests the text within ninety days after
35 publication of the title from the adopting city.

36 In addition to the requirement that a city publish the text or ((a
37 ~~summary of the content~~)) title of each adopted ordinance, every city
38 shall establish a procedure for notifying the public of upcoming

1 hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council
2 meeting. Such procedure may include, but not be limited to, written
3 notification to the city's official newspaper, publication of a notice
4 in the official newspaper, posting of upcoming council meeting agendas,
5 or such other processes as the city determines will satisfy the intent
6 of this requirement.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.27.300 and 1988 c 168 s 5 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Promptly after adoption, the text or title of each ordinance (~~or~~
10 ~~a summary of the content of each ordinance~~) shall be published at
11 least once in the official newspaper of the town. (~~For purposes of~~
12 ~~this section, a summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly~~
13 ~~describes the main points of the ordinance. When the town publishes a~~
14 ~~summary, the publication shall include a statement that the full text~~
15 ~~of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.~~) When the town publishes
16 the title, the publication shall include:

- 17 (1) The name of the town;
18 (2) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;
19 (3) The full title of the ordinance; and
20 (4) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request made
21 within ninety days after publication of the title.

22 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the title's text
23 or (~~a summary of~~) the content of an ordinance shall not render the
24 ordinance invalid.

25 The full text of any ordinance, the title rather than the text of
26 which is published under this section, shall be mailed without charge
27 to any person who requests the text within ninety days after
28 publication of the title from the adopting town.

29 In addition to the requirement that a town publish the text or (~~a~~
30 ~~summary of the content~~) title of each adopted ordinance, every town
31 shall establish a procedure for notifying the public of upcoming
32 hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council
33 meeting. Such procedure may include, but not be limited to, written
34 notification to the town's official newspaper, publication of a notice
35 in the official newspaper, posting of upcoming council meeting agendas,
36 or such other processes as the town determines will satisfy the intent
37 of this requirement.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 35.30.018 and 1988 c 168 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Promptly after adoption, the text or title of each ordinance ((~~or~~
4 ~~a summary of the content of each ordinance~~)) shall be published at
5 least once in the official newspaper of the city. ((~~For purposes of~~
6 ~~this section, a summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly~~
7 ~~describes the main points of the ordinance. When the city publishes a~~
8 ~~summary, the publication shall include a statement that the full text~~
9 ~~of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.~~)) When the city publishes
10 the title, the publication shall include:

- 11 (1) The name of the city;
- 12 (2) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;
- 13 (3) The full title of the ordinance; and
- 14 (4) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request made
15 within ninety days after publication of the title.

16 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the title's text
17 or ((~~a summary of~~)) the content of an ordinance shall not render the
18 ordinance invalid.

19 The full text of any ordinance, the title rather than the text of
20 which is published under this section, shall be mailed without charge
21 to any person who requests the text within ninety days after
22 publication of the title from the adopting city.

23 In addition to the requirement that a city publish the text or ((~~a~~
24 ~~summary of the content~~)) title of each adopted ordinance, every city
25 shall establish a procedure for notifying the public of upcoming
26 hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council
27 meeting. Such procedure may include, but not be limited to, written
28 notification to the city's official newspaper, publication of a notice
29 in the official newspaper, posting of upcoming council meeting agendas,
30 or such other processes as the city determines will satisfy the intent
31 of this requirement.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 35A.12.160 and 1988 c 168 s 7 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 Promptly after adoption, the text or title of each ordinance ((~~or~~
35 ~~a summary of the content of each ordinance~~)) shall be published at
36 least once in the city's official newspaper. ((~~For purposes of this~~
37 ~~section, a summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly~~
38 ~~describes the main points of the ordinance. When the city publishes a~~

1 ~~summary, the publication shall include a statement that the full text~~
2 ~~of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.))~~ When the city publishes
3 the title, the publication shall include:

4 (1) The name of the city;

5 (2) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;

6 (3) The full title of the ordinance; and

7 (4) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request made
8 within ninety days after publication of the title.

9 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the title's text
10 or (~~a summary of~~) the content of an ordinance shall not render the
11 ordinance invalid.

12 The full text of any ordinance, the title rather than the text of
13 which is published under this section, shall be mailed without charge
14 to any person who requests the text within ninety days after
15 publication of the title from the adopting city.

16 In addition to the requirement that a city publish the text or (~~a~~
17 ~~summary of the content~~) title of each adopted ordinance, every city
18 shall establish a procedure for notifying the public of upcoming
19 hearings and the preliminary agenda for the forthcoming council
20 meeting. Such procedure may include, but not be limited to, written
21 notification to the city's official newspaper, publication of a notice
22 in the official newspaper, posting of upcoming council meeting agendas,
23 or such other processes as the city determines will satisfy the intent
24 of this requirement.

25 **Sec. 7.** RCW 65.16.160 and 1977 c 34 s 4 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 (1) Whenever any county, city, or town is required by law to
28 publish legal notices containing the full text of any proposed or
29 adopted ordinance in a newspaper, the county, city, or town may publish
30 (~~a summary~~) the title of the ordinance (~~which summary shall be~~
31 ~~approved by the governing body and~~), which shall include:

32 (a) The name of the county, city, or town;

33 (b) The formal identification or citation number of the ordinance;

34 (c) (~~A descriptive~~) The full title of the ordinance; and

35 (d) (~~A section by section summary;~~

36 (~~any other information which the county, city, or town finds is~~
37 ~~necessary to provide a complete summary; and~~

1 ~~(f))~~) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request
2 made within ninety days after publication of the title.

3 ~~(2) ((Subsection (1) of this section notwithstanding, whenever any~~
4 ~~publication is made under this section and the proposed or adopted~~
5 ~~ordinance contains provisions regarding taxation or penalties or~~
6 ~~contains legal descriptions of real property, then the sections~~
7 ~~containing this matter shall be published in full and shall not be~~
8 ~~summarized. When a legal description of real property is involved, the~~
9 ~~notice shall also include the street address or addresses of the~~
10 ~~property described, if any. In the case of descriptions covering more~~
11 ~~than one street address, the street addresses of the four corners of~~
12 ~~the area described shall meet this requirement.~~

13 ~~(3))~~) The full text of any ordinance (~~which is summarized by~~
14 ~~publication~~), the title rather than the full text of which is
15 published under this section, shall be mailed without charge to any
16 person who requests the text within ninety days after publication of
17 the title from the adopting county, city, or town.

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