

2 **SB 6022** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Local Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 35.22.288 and 1988 c 168 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Promptly after adoption, the text of each ordinance or a summary of
10 the content of each ordinance shall be published at least once in the
11 official newspaper of the city. For purposes of this section, a
12 summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly describes the
13 main points of the ordinance. Publication of the title of an ordinance
14 authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of
15 indebtedness shall constitute publication of a summary of that
16 ordinance. When the city publishes a summary, the publication shall
17 include a statement that the full text of the ordinance will be mailed
18 upon request.

19 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the text or a
20 summary of the content of an ordinance shall not render the ordinance
21 invalid.

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

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

33 Promptly after adoption, the text of each ordinance or a summary of
34 the content of each ordinance shall be published at least once in the
35 official newspaper of the city. For purposes of this section, a

1 summary shall mean a brief description which succinctly describes the
2 main points of the ordinance. Publication of the title of an ordinance
3 authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of
4 indebtedness shall constitute publication of a summary of that
5 ordinance. When the city publishes a summary, the publication shall
6 include a statement that the full text of the ordinance will be mailed
7 upon request.

8 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the text or a
9 summary of the content of an ordinance shall not render the ordinance
10 invalid.

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

20 A certified copy of any ordinance certified to by the clerk, or a
21 printed copy of any ordinance or compilation printed by authority of
22 the city council and attested by the clerk shall be competent evidence
23 in any court.

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

26 Promptly after adoption, the text of each ordinance or a summary of
27 the content of each ordinance shall be published at least once in the
28 city's official newspaper.

29 For purposes of this section, a summary shall mean a brief
30 description which succinctly describes the main points of the
31 ordinance. Publication of the title of an ordinance authorizing the
32 issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness shall
33 constitute publication of a summary of that ordinance. When the city
34 publishes a summary, the publication shall include a statement that the
35 full text of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.

36 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the text or a
37 summary of the content of an ordinance shall not render the ordinance
38 invalid.

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

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

12 Promptly after adoption, the text of each ordinance or a summary of
13 the content of each ordinance shall be published at least once in the
14 official newspaper of the town.

15 For purposes of this section, a summary shall mean a brief
16 description which succinctly describes the main points of the
17 ordinance. Publication of the title of an ordinance authorizing the
18 issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness shall
19 constitute publication of a summary of that ordinance. When the town
20 publishes a summary, the publication shall include a statement that the
21 full text of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.

22 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the text or a
23 summary of the content of an ordinance shall not render the ordinance
24 invalid.

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

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

1 Promptly after adoption, the text of each ordinance or a summary of
2 the content of each ordinance shall be published at least once in the
3 official newspaper of the city.

4 For purposes of this section, a summary shall mean a brief
5 description which succinctly describes the main points of the
6 ordinance. Publication of the title of an ordinance authorizing the
7 issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness shall
8 constitute publication of a summary of that ordinance. When the city
9 publishes a summary, the publication shall include a statement that the
10 full text of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.

11 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the text or a
12 summary of the content of an ordinance shall not render the ordinance
13 invalid.

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

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

25 Promptly after adoption, the text of each ordinance or a summary of
26 the content of each ordinance shall be published at least once in the
27 city's official newspaper.

28 For purposes of this section, a summary shall mean a brief
29 description which succinctly describes the main points of the
30 ordinance. Publication of the title of an ordinance authorizing the
31 issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness shall
32 constitute publication of a summary of that ordinance. When the city
33 publishes a summary, the publication shall include a statement that the
34 full text of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.

35 An inadvertent mistake or omission in publishing the text or a
36 summary of the content of an ordinance shall not render the ordinance
37 invalid.

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

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

12 (1) Whenever any county, city, or town is required by law to
13 publish legal notices containing the full text of any proposed or
14 adopted ordinance in a newspaper, the county, city, or town may publish
15 a summary of the ordinance which summary shall be approved by the
16 governing body and which shall include:

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

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

19 (c) A descriptive title;

20 (d) A section-by-section summary;

21 (e) Any other information which the county, city, or town finds is
22 necessary to provide a complete summary; and

23 (f) A statement that the full text will be mailed upon request.

24 Publication of the title of an ordinance authorizing the issuance
25 of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness shall constitute
26 publication of a complete summary of that ordinance, and a section-by-
27 section summary shall not be required.

28 (2) Subsection (1) of this section notwithstanding, whenever any
29 publication is made under this section and the proposed or adopted
30 ordinance contains provisions regarding taxation or penalties or
31 contains legal descriptions of real property, then the sections
32 containing this matter shall be published in full and shall not be
33 summarized. When a legal description of real property is involved, the
34 notice shall also include the street address or addresses of the
35 property described, if any. In the case of descriptions covering more
36 than one street address, the street addresses of the four corners of
37 the area described shall meet this requirement.

1 (3) The full text of any ordinance which is summarized by
2 publication under this section shall be mailed without charge to any
3 person who requests the text from the adopting county, city, or town.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) It is the purpose of this section to provide a means whereby
7 all cities and towns may obtain, through a single source, information
8 regarding ordinances adopted by other cities and towns that may be of
9 assistance to them in enacting appropriate local legislation.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, (a) "clerk" means the city or
11 town clerk or other person who is lawfully designated to perform the
12 recordkeeping function of that office, and (b) "municipal research
13 council" means the municipal research council created by chapter 43.110
14 RCW.

15 (3) The clerk of every city and town is directed to provide to the
16 municipal research council or its designee, promptly after adoption and
17 publication of the text or title, a copy of the full text of each of
18 its regulatory ordinances and such other ordinances or kinds of
19 ordinances as may be described in a list or lists promulgated by the
20 municipal research council or its designee from time to time, and may
21 provide such copies without charge. The municipal research council may
22 provide that information to the entity with which it contracts for the
23 provision of municipal research and services, in order to provide a
24 pool of information for all cities and towns in the state of
25 Washington.

26 (4) This section is intended to be directory and not mandatory."

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