

**RESOLUTION NO. JR-014-2026**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL DESIGNATING THE ACADIANA ADVOCATE AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT FOR ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council designate an Official Journal for a period of one (1) year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

**SECTION 1:** All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

**SECTION 2:** *The Acadiana Advocate* is hereby designated as the Official Journal of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for a period of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2026.

**SECTION 3:** All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette City Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette Parish Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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JOSEPH GORDON-WILTZ  
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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April 14, 2026

Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government  
Office of Purchasing  
Attn: Keirston St. Amant  
705 W. University Avenue  
Lafayette, LA 70502

RE: Bid Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government – 2026-27 Official Journal

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to your advertisement for a qualified newspaper to act as Official Journal for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for a one-year period beginning, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, I submit The Acadiana Advocate for your consideration.

The Acadiana Advocate meets all requirements to serve as an official journal, as specified under Louisiana R.S. 43:140, Qualifications of Newspaper, and all criteria specified in the bid notice.

We furnish the following information in response to the requirements listed in the bid specifications:

1. The Acadiana Advocate is a daily publication.
2. The Acadiana Advocate has a total paid daily circulation of 2,771 and we have a total paid Sunday Circulation of 3,157 as stated in the Alliance for Audited Media Audit Report dated January 2025.
3. We have 61,115 paid digital subscribers.
4. All public notices published in the print edition participate in a free online database of Louisiana public notices at [www.louisianapublicnotice.com](http://www.louisianapublicnotice.com)
5. City-Parish notices will be charged \$.21 cents per agate line or \$2.94 per column inch/day published. Full Page equivalent rate \$529.20.
6. State Notices will be charged the State contracted rate of \$.28 cents per agate line or \$3.92 per column inch/day published.
7. Affidavits are available upon request for \$15 per affidavit and come with a free system printed tearsheet.
8. All agencies listed under the City Parish umbrella will receive this rate. Please provide a list of all offices that are to be included in this bid.
9. Open rate is \$1.50 per agate line or \$21 per column inch. Full Page rate \$3,780.
10. All submissions must be sent in Word Format. You will be provided with proof for your approval prior to publication.
11. If any notice is published incorrectly and is the fault of The Acadiana Advocate, we will re-run the notice free of charge.
12. Deadline for publication is 3 days prior to publication date. We are able to get late notices before publication in emergency cases.
13. All submissions must be submitted electronically in Word Format to [acadianalegals@theadvocate.com](mailto:acadianalegals@theadvocate.com). If you have any questions, you may contact our Legals Department by email [acadianalegals@theadvocate.com](mailto:acadianalegals@theadvocate.com) or phone 225-388-0128.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as their Official Journal for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

Sincerely,



Joy Newman  
Classified Director  
The Acadiana Advocate  
[jnewman@theadvocate.com](mailto:jnewman@theadvocate.com)

**RS 43:140****CHAPTER 4. OFFICIAL JOURNALS OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
PART I. OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF PARISHES,  
MUNICIPALITIES, AND SCHOOL BOARDS****§140. Definitions**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

(1) "Bona fide paying subscribers" shall mean persons who have subscribed at a subscription rate which is not nominal, whether by mail subscriptions, purchases through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sellers, or any combination thereof, but shall not include free circulation, sales at token or nominal subscription price, and sales in bulk for purposes other than for resale for individual subscribers.

(2) "General paid circulation" shall not include publications when one-half or more of all copies circulated are provided free of charge to the ultimate recipients, or are paid for at nominal rates by the ultimate recipients.

(3) "Newspaper" shall mean a publication that complies with the requirement of R.S. 43:141.1(A) and during each year of the two-year period prior to the first publication of any legal or official notice therein:

(a) Has been published at regular intervals of not less than weekly.

(b) Has been originated and published for the dissemination of current news and intelligence of varied, broad, and general public interest, including regular news coverage of local public meetings and events, and is not devoted to the interests of, or published for the entertainment or instruction of, or has a circulation restricted to, any particular sect, denomination, labor or fraternal organization, or other special group or class of citizens.

(c) Has not been published primarily for advertising purposes and has not contained more than seventy-five percent advertising in more than one-half of its issues, excluding separate advertising supplements inserted into but separately identifiable from any regular issue or issues.

(d) Has maintained a general paid circulation to bona fide paying subscribers within the area the publication is required.

(4) "Nominal rate(s)" shall mean a price which is so small or slight that it is not considered real or substantial in comparison with what might reasonably be expected.

(5) "Office" shall mean the newspaper's principal public business office and need not be the place at which the newspaper's printing presses are physically located. A newspaper shall have only one principal public business office; however, any newspaper with a principal business office in a parish adjoining Jefferson Parish which within one year prior to June 1, 1986, has actually published official proceedings of any municipal corporation, parish council, police jury, or school board in Jefferson Parish shall be deemed to be published in an office physically located in both the parish where the newspaper maintains its principal business office and Jefferson Parish.

Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 36, §1; Acts 2023, No. 178, §1; Acts 2024, No. 464, §1.

**RS 43:140.1****§140.1. Exception due to certain publishing requirements**

A newspaper that meets the requirements of this Part but would be precluded from selection as an official journal because specific notice publication requirements require a more frequent publishing schedule than the newspaper's established schedule may be selected as an official journal if the newspaper can publish the notice in a time period that is not more than five days longer than the period otherwise required by law. If such a newspaper is selected, any notice publication that could not be completed timely because of the newspaper's publishing schedule but that is completed within five days after the required period is deemed to be in compliance with the applicable publishing requirements.

Acts 2024, No. 464, §1.

**RS 43:140.2**

## §140.2. News deserts

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 43:140(3) and 142, the provisions of this Section are applicable to a parish or a political subdivision in a parish that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) There is not a newspaper that is eligible to be selected as an official journal.
- (2) The population of the parish is fewer than two hundred thousand persons as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.
- (3) If the population of the parish is greater than one hundred thousand persons, it is not adjacent to a parish with a population greater than two hundred thousand persons, all as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

B.(1) In such a parish, "newspaper" shall mean a publication that complies with the requirement of R.S. 43:141.1(A) and during the year prior to the first publication of any legal or official notice therein:

- (a) Has been published at regular intervals of not less than weekly.
  - (b) Has been originated and published for the dissemination of current news and intelligence of varied, broad, and general public interest, including regular news coverage of local public meetings and events, and is not devoted to the interests of, or published for the entertainment or instruction of, or has a circulation restricted to, any particular sect, denomination, labor or fraternal organization, or other special group or class of citizens.
  - (c) Has not been published primarily for advertising purposes and has not contained more than seventy-five percent advertising in more than one-half of its issues, excluding separate advertising supplements inserted into but separately identifiable from any regular issue or issues.
  - (d) Has maintained a general paid circulation to bona fide paying subscribers within the area the publication is required.
- (2) In such a parish, to be selected as an official journal, the newspaper:
- (a) Shall have been published in an office physically located in the parish in which the body is located for one year preceding the selection.
  - (b) Shall not have missed during that period as many as three consecutive issues unless caused by fire, flood, strike, or natural disaster.
  - (c) Shall have maintained a general paid circulation in the parish in which the body is located for one year prior to the selection.
  - (d) Shall have been entered in a U.S. post office in the state of Louisiana under a periodical permit in the state for one year prior to the selection.

Acts 2024, No. 464, §1.

**RS 43:141**

§141. Official journal to be selected by police juries, city and parish councils, municipal corporations, and school boards

A. The police juries, city and parish councils, municipal corporations, and school boards in all the parishes, the parish of Orleans excepted, at their first meeting in June of each year, shall select a newspaper as official journal for their respective parishes, towns, or cities for a term of one year.

B. In any parish which is divided by the Mississippi River and has a population of not less than one hundred thousand the governing body shall have the authority to select two official journals for their respective parishes, one of which shall be located on one bank of the river and the other which shall be located on the opposite bank thereof and no act heretofore performed shall be considered invalid because of any such parish having heretofore designated two such official journals.

Amended by Acts 1958, No. 515, §1; Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986.

**RS 43:141.1****§141.1. Requirement for website**

A. Every official journal selected pursuant to this Part shall have a website and shall post all official proceedings and public notices that it publishes on that website and on a collective website in which a majority of the state's official journals participate.

B. Parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards may publish on their respective websites a copy of the official proceedings and public notices that they are required to publish in their official journals.

Acts 2023, No. 178, §1.

**RS 43:142**

## §142. Qualifications of newspaper

## The newspaper:

(1) Shall have been published in an office physically located in the parish in which the body is located for a period of two years preceding the selection.

(2) Shall not have missed during that period as many as three consecutive issues unless caused by fire, flood, strike, or natural disaster.

(3) Shall have maintained a general paid circulation in the parish in which the body is located for two consecutive years prior to the selection.

(4) Shall have been entered in a U.S. post office in the state of Louisiana under a periodical permit in the state for a period of two consecutive years prior to the selection.

Acts 1950, No. 289, §1; Acts 1952, No. 276, §1; Acts 1970, No. 111, §1; Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986; Acts 1997, No. 422, §1; Acts 2011, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 36, §1; Acts 2014, No. 197, §1, eff. May 22, 2014; Acts 2024, No. 464, §1.

NOTE: See also R.S. 43:140(3) regarding definition of newspaper.

**RS 43:143**

§143. Newspaper selected to be known as official journal; duties

The newspaper selected shall be known as the official journal of the parish, town, city or school board, and it shall publish all minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets and other official proceedings of the police jury, town or city councils, or the school board.

**RS 43:143.1****§143.1. Publications; errors and omissions; billing; retention period**

A. Except where constitutionally infirm, any fault in the publication of any official proceeding or public notice to be published in the official journal that is not due to the negligence of the public body shall not affect the validity of the publication of the proceeding or notice.

B.(1) An official journal that publishes official proceedings and public notices shall, within thirty days after such a publication, submit a bill for the publication with a copy of the original published proceeding or notice and a verified statement that does both of the following:

(a) States the rate charged to the political subdivision for the publication.

(b) Certifies the number and dates of publication.

(2) No compensation for such publishing is payable unless the bill is accompanied by the verified statement required in this Subsection.

C.(1) Official proceedings and public notices shall be retained by the Louisiana Public Notice program promulgated by the Louisiana Press Association for a minimum period of three years.

(2) Official proceedings and public notices shall be retained by the political subdivision in accordance with R.S. 44:36.

Acts 2023, No. 178, §1.

**RS 43:144****§144. Penalty for failure to have proceedings published**

The official of any municipal corporation, police jury, or school board by law responsible for the preparing and recording of the official proceedings who, within twenty days from the date of any meeting at which the official proceedings were had, wilfully neglects or fails to furnish the official journal with a copy of the minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and proceedings for publication, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or both.

Acts 2010, No. 251, §1.

**RS 43:145**

§145. Municipalities to select newspaper located within their boundaries

Municipal corporations shall select an official journal published in an office physically located within their municipal boundaries if a newspaper as defined in R.S. 43:140(3) is published therein. If no qualified newspaper is published within the municipal boundaries, a newspaper published in the parish of the municipal corporation which meets the requirements of a newspaper as defined in R.S. 43:140(3) shall be selected.

Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986.

**RS 43:146**

**§146. Designation of other newspaper when no newspaper published in the parish**

Where there is no newspaper published in an office physically located within the parish which meets the requirements of R.S. 43:140(3), a newspaper in an adjoining parish may be designated as the official journal.

Acts 1986, No. 378, §1, eff. July 2, 1986.

**RS 43:147**

NOTE: §147 eff. until July 1, 2027. See Acts 2023, No. 178.

§147. Compensation for printing

A. The parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards of this state may have their official proceedings and public notices published by contract, compensation for which shall not exceed the amounts provided by this Section unless agreed by both parties in writing. Payment may be made monthly or quarterly at the option of the governing authority or school board.

B. When publication is not done by contract, the cost of advertisement in all parishes which do not contain a city of over one hundred thousand population shall not exceed the rate of six dollars per square of one hundred words or a fraction thereof. When the insertion contains material to be set in tabular form, the tabulated matter shall be computed on the basis of the number of words of straight matter which would occupy identical space.

C. The agate line shall be the unit of basis of measurement and charges for all official proceedings published in parishes containing a city of more than one hundred thousand, but less than three hundred thousand population. When the publication of the proceedings is not done by contract providing for a lesser amount, the printing shall be let at not over thirty-three cents per agate line of space occupied by each insertion.

D. The agate line shall be the unit or basis of measurement and charge for all official proceedings published in parishes containing a city of more than three hundred thousand population. When the publication of the proceedings is not done by contract providing for a lesser amount, the printing shall be let at not over thirty-seven cents per agate line of space occupied by each insertion.

NOTE: §147 as repealed by Acts 2023, No. 178, eff. July 1, 2027.

*§147. Repealed by Acts 2023, No. 178, §2, eff. July 1, 2027.*

Amended by Acts 1962, No. 138, §1; Acts 1972, No. 89, §1; Acts 1976, No. 485, §1; Acts 1980, No. 317, §1, eff. June 1, 1981; Acts 1999, No. 501, §2, eff. June 28, 1999; Acts 2023, No. 178, §1; Acts 2023, No. 178, §2, eff. July 1, 2027.

**RS 43:147.1****§147.1. Compensation for printing; per character**

A. The parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards of this state may have their official proceedings and public notices published by contract, compensation for which shall not exceed the amounts provided by this Section unless agreed to by both parties in writing. Payment may be made monthly or quarterly at the option of the governing authority or school board.

B.(1) In all parishes that do not contain a city with a population of more than one hundred thousand, the cost of publishing official proceedings and public notices shall not exceed the rate of one and one-half cents per character. When the insertion contains material to be set in tabular form or is submitted prebuilt, the rate will be computed at two dollars seventy-six cents per square inch based on six-point type and six-point font. If the notice is set in larger type or font, the rate shall be prorated. Regardless of the size of type the notice is set in, the rates specified in this Paragraph are based on a printable space of one-inch-high and one-inch-wide column. If the page width is either wider or narrower for a single column, the rate per column shall be prorated.

(2) In all parishes that contain a city with a population of more than one hundred thousand, the cost of publishing official proceedings and public notices shall not exceed the rate of two cents per character. When the insertion contains material to be set in tabular form or is submitted prebuilt, the rate will be computed at three dollars ninety-six cents per square inch based on six-point type and six-point font. If the notice is set in larger type or font, the rate shall be prorated. Regardless of the size of type the notice is set in, the rates specified in this Paragraph are based on a printable space of one-inch-high and one-inch-wide column. If the page width is either wider or narrower for a single column, the rate per column shall be prorated.

(3) For purposes of this Subsection, "character" means an alphanumeric character and any punctuation or other character, all of which have been requested by the public body, and shall not include letting, kerning, or spacing unless additional letting, kerning, or spacing is ordered by the public body at a cost agreed to in writing.

C. The charge for publication of official proceedings and public notices on the website of either the official journal or a public notice website in which official journals participate shall be subsumed within the applicable publication rate.

Acts 2023, No. 178, §1.

**RS 43:147.2**

NOTE: §147.2 eff. until July 1, 2027. See Acts 2023, No. 178.

§147.2. Compensation for printing; January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 43:147.1, from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, any qualified newspaper may submit a bid using the provisions of R.S. 43:147 or the provisions of R.S. 43:147.1, or both, at the newspaper's option, and the bid may be accepted by the governing authority.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2027, qualified newspapers shall submit to parish and municipal governing authorities and school boards, upon the request of any such body, bids for official proceeding and public notice by online publication pursuant to R.S. 43:147.1, unless the governing body requests otherwise.

C. Any online publication pursuant to this Section shall include, at no additional charge unless agreed by the parties, a printed advertisement that describes the subject matter of the publication by the parish or municipal governing authority or school board and directs readers to the location of the full online publication on the website of the official journal or on a public notice internet website in which a majority of the state's official journals participate.

NOTE: §147.2 as repealed by Acts 2023, No. 178, eff. July 1, 2027.

§147.2. Repealed by Acts 2023, No. 178, §2, eff. July 1, 2027.

Acts 2023, No. 178, §1; Acts 2023, No. 178, §2, eff. July 1, 2027.

**RS 43:147.3****§147.3. Cost of publication**

The official journal of a political subdivision shall include a statement of the cost charged to the political subdivision for publication with any proceeding, notice, or other information that it publishes for the political subdivision pursuant to a legal requirement that the information be published. The official journal shall not charge the political subdivision for printing this statement of cost.

Acts 2024, No. 464, §1.

**RS 43:148**

§148. Bids may be required

In printing what is generally designated as job work, or commercial printing, bids may be required for any work exceeding twenty-five dollars, and the contract shall then be awarded to the lowest bidder.

**RS 43:149**

§149. Vacancy; how filled

In case of vacancy the governing body shall select an official journal for the unexpired term.

**RS 43:150****§150. Official journal; notification of secretary of state**

Prior to January 1, 1985, and at least thirty days after effecting any change in its official journal, each parish, municipality, and school board shall file with the secretary of state the name and address of its official journal, the effective date of the selection, and the period for which the selection is effective. For purposes of meeting the requirements of Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the official journal on file with the secretary of state shall be the official journal of the parish, municipality, or school board.

Acts 1984, No. 427, §1.



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Internal Memorandum

Lafayette Consolidated Government  
Finance & Management/CFO

Finance & Management  
Purchasing & Property Management (0150)

TO: Rachel Godeaux

DATE: May 5, 2026

THRU: Karen Fontenot *KF*

THRU: Spencer Lormand *SL*

FROM: Lee Francis

SUBJECT: JOINT COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM – OFFICIAL JOURNAL

State Law requires selection of an official journal at the first Council meeting of June of each year for a term of one year. Accordingly, the attached resolution is submitted for City Council & Parish Council consideration at the meeting on June 2, 2026. After requesting quotes from The Daily Advertiser and The Acadiana Advocate, it was determined, that The Advocate shall be named as the Official Journal based on the quote rate received for City Parish Notices.

Proposed Rates shall be as follows:

**Proposed Rates 7/1/24-6/30/25**

City Parish Notices	\$0.21 per line
State Notices	\$0.28 per line
Affidavit of Publication (Only if required or requested)	\$15.00 per affidavit

The Advocate states that all publications for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government shall fall under the City Parish Notice rate of \$0.21 per line.

The resolution designates The Advocate as the official journal for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for a one-year period commencing July 1, 2026. Expenditures for FY 24/25 were approximately \$111,517.74.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please call me at X8047.

  
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**Lee Francis**  
*Purchasing Supervisor*

Attachments

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