



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** May 17, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** B. Francis, City Manager

**Subject:** New Law on Legal Notices

**Background:** Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law a measure that revamps laws about publishing local-government legal notices. The notice law (HB 7049), in part, will allow local governments to publish legal notices on publicly available county websites if it would be cheaper than publishing them in newspapers. The law will go into effect Jan. 1. Under the bill, in counties with fewer than 160,000 residents, government agencies that want to publish notices online will have to hold public hearings to determine if residents have sufficient access to broadband service “such that publishing advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website will not unreasonably restrict public access.

Since this may not apply to Belle Isle, the City Attorney will provide a briefing to the Council on this new law.

**Staff Recommendation:** None at this time

**Suggested Motion:** **None Needed**

**Alternatives:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Attachments:** None, but the link to the 40-page bill is listed here:  
<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/7049/?Tab=BillText>