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## ITEM SUMMARY

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**MEETING DATE:** February 3, 2025  
**FROM:** Tanya Earley, City Attorney's Office  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Electronic Publication of Legal Advertisements and Public Notices

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## BACKGROUND

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Florida Law requires municipalities to publish various legal advertisements and public notices.

The City has historically published such notices in the Lake Worth Herald. The cost of publication in the Lake Worth Herald was significantly lower than the cost of publishing notices in other local newspapers. However, the recent closure of the Lake Worth Herald has forced the City to utilize more expensive options for newspaper publication.

Sections 50.011 and 50.0311, Florida Statutes, authorize electronic publication of legal advertisements and public notices via Palm Beach County's designated publicly accessible website, <https://pbcfllegalnotices.com>, if the cost of electronic publication would be less than the cost of publishing in a newspaper.

Staff estimates that the cost of electronic publication will be less than the cost of publishing in a newspaper. Furthermore, staff anticipates that electronic publication will allow for speedier and more efficient publication.

The proposed Resolution authorizes the use of electronic publication in accordance with section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, which requires the creation of a registry for property owners and residents who would like to receive notice by mail or email, an annual newspaper notice advertising the same, and a link to the County's designated website from the City's website.

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## ANALYSIS

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The proposed Resolution is believed to be in the best interests of the City and provides for cost savings and efficiency in publishing legal advertisements and public notices.

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Electronic advertising is expected to reduce annual advertising costs.

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## LEGAL

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The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the proposed Resolution for legal sufficiency and compliance with the law.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff is recommending approval of the Resolution.