

# City Council's Designation of the Official Newspaper(s) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Sandra Passailaigue, TRMC

City Secretary

City Council Meeting

October 17, 2023



# Summary

- Question
  - **City Council is being asked to consider the continuance of the Echo and the San Antonio Express News as the Official Newspapers for the publication of ordinances, public hearings, etc. pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 52, § 52.004.**
- Options
  - ✓ Recommended:
    1. No change.
  - Denial
  - Other
- Declaration
  - So that public notices are available to all residents of Leon Valley, staff recommends approval as presented.

# Purpose

- The purpose of this item is to formally designate the Echo and the San Antonio Express News as the official newspapers for the City of Leon Valley. The official newspapers are used to publish required notices for the City of Leon Valley for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 52, § 52.004 which reads:
  - *a)As soon as practicable after the beginning of each municipal year, the governing body of the municipality shall contract, as determined by ordinance or resolution, with a public newspaper of the municipality to be the municipality's official newspaper until another newspaper is selected.*
  - *b)The governing body shall publish in the municipality's official newspaper each ordinance, notice, or other matter required by law or ordinance to be published.*

# Purpose / Background

The City of Leon Valley currently has the Echo and the San Antonio Express News for publication of ordinances, public hearings, etc. and has for several years.

# Fiscal Impact

Costs for publications are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Adopted Budget. Staff will strive to keep its advertising and publication costs within allowed budgetary constraints.

# S.E.E. Statement

Social Equity – The use of recognized publications in the greater San Antonio Area will allow residents, business partners, and other interested parties to become informed of the City's legal publications.

Economic Development- The City of Leon Valley will ensure it meets its legal publication requirements including many of which involve Economic Development information required to be published and posted in a timely and legal manner.

Environmental Stewardship – N/A