

The Ouachita CITIZEN

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City of West Monroe
2305 North 7th Street
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Dear Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Please accept this correspondence as *The Ouachita Citizen's* bid to serve as the Official Journal for the City of West Monroe for the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

The Ouachita Citizen is prepared to publish the public notices your office is required to publish at a cost of \$5.00 per each two-column by one-inch square, which represents a cost of \$2.50 per column inch, or about \$1.25 per 100 words.

The Ouachita Citizen's bid does not exceed the statutory maximum rate set by Louisiana Revised Statute 43:147. *The Ouachita Citizen* meets the qualifications set by Louisiana Revised Statute 43:142.

It should be noted *The Ouachita Citizen's* bid to serve as the Official Journal for the City of West Monroe is **LESS** than the maximum rate allowed under Louisiana law. It also should be noted *The Ouachita Citizen* publishes the public notices of the governing bodies it serves as the Official Journal on the newspaper's web site at www.ouachitacitizen.com and at www.louisianapublicnotice.com. We publish those public notices online at **NO CHARGE** to governing bodies we serve. It should be noted as well that *The Ouachita Citizen* will provide the City of West Monroe with a notarized affidavit for each public notice the City of West Monroe publishes in *The Ouachita Citizen*, and *The Ouachita Citizen* will provide the notarized affidavits at **NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE** to the City of West Monroe. Some newspapers charge as much as \$15 for each notarized affidavit, but *The Ouachita Citizen* provides this service for **FREE**.

As a family owned and locally owned newspaper that has served the people of Ouachita Parish since 1924, we take very seriously being named the Official Journal of the various governing bodies that choose *The Ouachita Citizen* as their Official Journal. Having said that, it is our hope the City of West Monroe will choose *The Ouachita Citizen* as its Official Journal once again.

In closing, I want to thank you in advance for your time and your consideration, and please know that we look forward to serving you in the future.

Yours truly,



Sam A. Hanna, Jr.
Publisher