

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date: March 12, 2026

Staff Contact: Abby Schneweis, City Clerk

Agenda Item: Consider adopting Resolution 152-2026 to establish The Legal Record as the official newspaper.

Background / Description of Item

During the December 18, 2025, City Council Meeting, the Governing Body adopted [Charter Ordinance No. 20](#), exempting the City of Westwood from K.S.A. 12-1651, a statute requiring Kansas Cities of the third class to utilize a generally circulated newspaper for legal notices.

Additionally, Charter Ordinance No. 20 allows the City to adopt by Resolution the City of Westwood's official website as the City's official newspaper. Charter Ordinance No. 20 requires that the designation of the City website as the official newspaper be formally established by resolution.

Staff Comments

Pursuant to Kansas law, all notices required in connection with the adoption of Charter Ordinance No. 20 were duly published, and the ordinance became effective sixty-one (61) days following the date of the final publication of the Charter Ordinance.

Charter Ordinance No. 20 was published in The Legal Record once per week for two consecutive weeks on December 30, 2025 and January 6, 2026. The statutory publication requirement was satisfied on March 8, 2026.

At this time, no legal notices have been posted on the City's website. If Resolution No. 152-2026 is approved, legal notices will be published under the Government > Government Resources section of the City's website.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of **Resolution No. 152-2026**, designating the City of Westwood website, westwoodks.org, as the official City newspaper and identifying **The Legal Record** as the official newspaper of record in the event state law requires publication in a printed newspaper.

Suggested Motion

I move to adopt Resolution No. 152-2026, designating the City of Westwood website as the official City newspaper, and further designating The Legal Record as the official City newspaper in the event state law requires publication in a newspaper of record, including notices required by K.S.A. 79-2929 and K.S.A. 60-307(d).