



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Secretary
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Account Code: _____

Subject

Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2021-07(R) establishing a public newspaper of general circulation to be the “Official Newspaper” for the City of Wylie.

Recommendation

Motion to approve, Resolution No. 2021-07(R) establishing the _____ as the “Official Newspaper” of the City of Wylie.

Discussion

There are two requirements that must be met for a newspaper to meet the statutory requirements as a newspaper of general circulation.

(a) **Designating Official Newspaper.** The publication must be a newspaper as defined by §2051.044(a), Government Code. The section defines the term newspaper as:

- (1) devote not less than 25 percent of its total column lineage to general interest items;
- (2) be published at least once each week;
- (3) be entered as second-class postal matter in the county where published; and
- (4) have been published regularly and continuously for at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative publishes notice.

(b) **Publication of Notice in Newspaper.** Where a law, which requires or authorizes the publication of a notice in a newspaper by a municipality, and does not specify the manner of the publication, including the number of times that the notice is required to be published and the period during which the notice is required to be published, the above requirements pertain; additionally, a municipality shall publish notices in a newspaper that is published in the municipality, and which meets the above requirements and will publish the notice at or below the legal rate. If no newspaper published in the municipality meets these requirements, then the municipality shall publish the notice in a newspaper that is published in the county in which the municipality is located and will charge the legal rate or a lower rate. GC §2051.048.

Publication rates for the Dallas Morning News did not change from 2019 and are \$5.55/per line for \$3,000/yr., \$2.70/per line for \$10,000/yr., and \$5.55/per line with contract (\$3,000/yr.).

The Wylie News Legal Notices increased in 2021 from \$3.05 to \$3.20, Classified Rates did not change (\$15.99), and Display Rates did not change (\$15.50).

The City of Wylie Home Rule Charter additionally states in Article X1, Section 2; The City Council shall declare an official newspaper of general circulation in the city. All captions of ordinances, notices and other matters required to be published by this charter, by city ordinances, or by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, shall be published in the official newspaper.

The Wylie News and Dallas Morning News meet the criteria for the official publication as provided by the statute.