
Rockwall County News

The Only Newspaper Qualified for Publishing Legal Notices in Rockwall County

Rockwall County News is Rockwall County's Newspaper of Record, and is the only newspaper which meets all of the statutory requirements for publication of legal notices:

§ 2051.044. TYPE OF NEWSPAPER REQUIRED.

(a) The newspaper in which a notice is published must:

- (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) A weekly newspaper has been published regularly and continuously under Subsection (a) if the newspaper omits not more than two issues in the 12-month period.

(c) This section does not apply to the publication of a notice to which Section 2051.0441 applies.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1130, § 1, eff. June 20, 2003.

§ 2051.045. LEGAL RATE CHARGED FOR PUBLICATION. The legal rate for publication of a notice in a newspaper is the lowest published rate for classified advertising.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 2051.048. NOTICE OF OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

(a) This section applies only to a political subdivision other than a county or a conservation and reclamation district under Section 2051.047.

(b) A notice of a political subdivision shall be published in a newspaper that is published in the political subdivision and that will publish the notice at or below the legal rate.

Rockwall County News is published in Rockwall County with offices at 107 E. Bourn in Rockwall and maintains a Second Class Periodical Permit with the Rockwall, Texas U.S. Postal Service.

(c) If no newspaper published in the political subdivision will publish the notice at or below the legal rate, the political subdivision shall publish the notice in a newspaper that:

- (1) is published in the county in which the political subdivision is located; and
- (2) will charge the legal rate or a lower rate.

(d) If no newspaper published in the county in which the political subdivision is located will publish the notice at or below the legal rate, the political subdivision shall post the notice at the door of the county courthouse of the county in which the political subdivision is located.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

The qualified newspaper must be "of the city" (Texas Attorney General Opinion H-1081, page two): "[The law] requires the city council to contract with a public newspaper of the city as the official paper.."

Legal notices placed in an unqualified newspaper may result in challenge for failure of lawful notice.

There are two types of legal notices: (1) word (or line) ads and (2) display ads with borders and specified sizes required by statute or regulation, which retain the format of the original notice (such as type size, bold type, headers and signatures).

Advertising rates:

Word Ads - measured by MS Word's word count at the rate of \$.75 per word.

Display Ads - measured by columns wide and inches deep, open rate \$10 per column inch (applies only for those notices required by law for specific display advertising size).

Please email legal notices as word documents for word ads or PDF for display ads to rcn.advertising@yahoo.com

Deadline 5 p.m. Tuesdays.

Rockwall County News advertising staff will prepare notices at no cost and send proof by email with cost of legal notice.

Tearsheets, publisher's affidavits and invoices will be provided following payment.

Payment may be made by MasterCard, VISA or by check.