

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2024-196

RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEADERS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ELECTRONICALLY PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN A NEWSPAPER'S WEBSITE OR DIGITAL PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, current law requires purchasing officials, clerks of the boards, planning departments, improvement authorities, sheriffs, and other local government professionals to publish printed legal notices in local newspaper publications; and,

WHEREAS, such legal notices typically include contract awards, contract addendums, public meeting notices, RFP and RFQ advertisements, election announcements, sheriff sales, and much more; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials have long decried that publishing these voluminous documents in print media is costly, time consuming, and outdated; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials have found it increasingly difficult to comply with the notice requirements under current law as the newspaper industry has evolved into an online platform and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation to authorize the online publishing of legal notices will streamline the antiquated process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and,

WHEREAS, while the current legal notice publication requirements do not impose significant difficulties upon the City of Brigantine, the City Council recognizes that a Resolution in support of proposed changes to this law would demonstrate proactive alignment with modern, cost-effective governance practices and provide beneficial support to neighboring jurisdictions that may face challenges under the current system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brigantine, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize counties, municipalities, school districts, and all local governments to electronically publish legal notices in a daily or weekly newspaper's website or digital publication and on the City's website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, and the Clerk of the Board of Atlantic County Commissioners.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Municipal Council for the City of Brigantine, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, on the 6th Day of December, 2024.

City of Brigantine


 Lynn Sweeney, RMC
 City Clerk

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RECORD VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE				
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Y	N	NV	AB
SERA	✓			
RIORDAN	✓			
KANE	✓			
BEW	✓			
LETTIERI	✓			
HANEY	✓			
DeLUCRY				✓

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