

March 26, 2025

Cecile Wehrman, Executive Director North Dakota Newspaper Association 501 East Main Avenue #75 Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear North Dakota Newspaper Association,

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code section 46-05-03, the Office of Management and Budget has computed the standard legal notice rates for the 2025-2027 biennium. These rates were adjusted using a methodology agreed upon between the Office of Management and Budget and the North Dakota Newspaper Association which considered changes in economic conditions within the newspaper industry and the general economy. Input was received from representatives of the daily and weekly newspaper industry of the state and from representatives of state agencies and institutions, counties, cities, and public schools.

The legal notice rates will be adjusted as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE STANDARD RATES	2023-2025 RATES (HOLD EVEN)	2025-2026 RATES (3.25%)	2026-2027 RATES (3.25%)
Туре	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Base Line Rate	.86	.86 x 1.0325 = .89	.89 x 1.0325 = .92
		(Current rate x % increase above)	(Current rate x % increase above)
Column Inch – Daily	14.24	14.24 x 1.0325 = 14.70	14.70 x 1.0325 = 15.18
Column Inch – Small Daily	9.67	9.67 x 1.0325 = 9.98	9.98 x 1.0325 = 10.30
Column Inch – Weekly	6.98	6.98 x 1.0325 = 7.21	7.21 x 1.0325 = 7.44

North Dakota Century Code section 46-05-04 requires that these rates apply in all cases in which publication of legal notices of any kind, proceedings of the board of county commissioners, reports, election returns, and other publications and reports are required and allowed by law.

Newspapers must contact OMB by email at infospo@nd.gov if they change font, size or column width to get a new rate calculated. The newspaper must provide a font sample, tear sheet, and legal notice rate verification confirmation.

Please contact Sara Bilden at 701-328-0819 with any questions regarding the legal notice rates.

Sincerely,

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