

**RESOLUTION NO.: 23-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF CITY NOTICES ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION; DIRECTING ANNUAL NOTICE BY NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OF ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF RECEIVING CITY NOTICES; PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF A REGISTRY OF PERSONS DESIRING RECEIPT OF CITY NOTICES BY FIRST CLASS MAIL OR EMAIL; DIRECTING THAT A LINK TO THE NOTICE WEBSITE BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 50.0311, Florida Statute, authorizes the use of publicly accessible websites hosted by counties as an alternative means of publishing notices and advertisements otherwise required to be published in newspapers of general circulation; and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County has designated a private website accessible via the internet for purpose of publication of legal notices and advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of publishing legally required advertisements and public notices on Bay County's publicly accessible website is anticipated to be less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, residents within the City have sufficient access to the internet (by broadband service as defined in s. 364.02 or through other means), such that publication of City notices on Bay County's publicly accessible website will not unreasonably restrict public access; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds and determines that the internet publication of its City notices and advertisements is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Legally required advertisements and public notices of the City may be published on <https://publicnoticesbaycountyfl.gov/>, the County's publicly available website, in lieu of and as an alternative to publication in a newspaper.

**SECTION 2.** The appropriate officers of the City shall provide notice at least once a year in a newspaper of general circulation indicating that property owners and residents may receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the governmental agency by first-class mail or e-mail.

**SECTION 3.** The City shall maintain a registry of those persons who have requested in writing that they receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the governmental agency by first-class mail or email.

**SECTION 4.** A link to the City's advertisements and public notices which are published on <https://publicnoticesbaycountyfl.gov/> shall be conspicuously placed on the City's homepage at [www.springfieldfl.net](http://www.springfieldfl.net).

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.**

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

  
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Ralph Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Teresa Cox, City Clerk