

Postings are the best way to be transparent

There is a challenge each year to the state requirements of the publication of legal notices and other public information in legal newspapers. The Minnesota Newspaper Association is telling newspapers to expect a similar challenge this year in the state Legislature.

This may not be a change our local government officials want, but any change would have impact on the public and public officials statewide

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The system in place now acts as a check and balance of local governments What checks and balances would be in place if the local government was solely responsible for publishing its own public information on its own Web site? ...

... (T)his must be considered in the broader picture — what if a public official, for ulterior motives, forgets on purpose or what's to prevent a public official from "hiding" a legal notice in some dark cavern of a local government Web site? ...

(S)ome local governments' Web sites remain clumsy and difficult to navigate. It's also doubtful that government Web sites will reach as much of the public as a newspaper and its Web site.

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Publication in a legal newspaper is still the best to help ensure government is transparent ...

