TEXAS ASSOCIATION *of* COUNTIES

County Web Site Posting Requirements

Set forth below is a list of the county Web site posting requirements of which the Texas Association of Counties is presently aware. Also included are citations to the statutes that contain these requirements and a summary of each requirement. TAC hopes this information is helpful to counties, but it does not constitute legal advice. County officials should review all of the statutes and consult with the county attorney or other counsel if there are questions about the requirements.

1. **Proposed County Budget**
   Local Government Code 111.006 (b);
   111.037 (pop. over 250,000)

   If the county maintains an Internet Web site, the county clerk shall take action to ensure that the proposed budget is posted on the Web site.

2. **Final Approved Budget**
   Local Government Code 111.009 (b);
   111.040 (pop. over 250,000)

   If the county maintains a Web site, the governmental body shall take action to ensure that a copy of budget is posted on the Web site.

3. **County Treasurer's Report**
   Local Government Code 114.026 (d)

   The affidavits of the members of the commissioners court certifying compliance with Section 114.026(c) (regarding the County Treasurer's Report) must be posted on the county Web site if the county has one at the end of each monthly term.

4. **Conflicts Disclosure Documents**
   Local Government Code 176.009

   A local governmental entity that maintains an Internet Web site shall provide access to the statements and questionnaires (disclosing relationships between local governmental officials and persons who seek to contract with the county) filed pursuant to Chapter 176.

5. **Report of Political Expenditures**
   Local Government Code 176.009;
   Election Code Chapter 254

   For counties over 800,000 and cities over 500,000, post on the Internet the reports of political contributions and expenditures filed under Election Code Chapter 254 by members of governing body.

6.   Tax-Rate Increase
        Tax Code 26.05 (b)

        If a governing body proposes to adopt a tax rate higher than the effective tax rate, and if the entity has a Web site, it must post on the Web site notice that the entity intends to raise more taxes than last year and state approximately how much the taxes on a $100,000 home will increase.

7.   Hearing on Tax Increase
        Tax Code 26.06 (c)

        This section requires published notice for the hearings necessary to increase a tax rate. Each notice that must be published must also be posted on the entity's Internet Web site, if it has one.

8.   Supplemental Notice on Tax Increase
        Tax Code 26.065

        This section, in addition to other posting requirements, requires notices of any hearing be posted on the Internet Web site, if any, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

9.   Notice of Open Meeting
        Government Code 551.056

        This section requires notices of meetings be posted on the Web site in addition to normal physical posting. Municipalities over 48,000 and counties over 65,000 must also post the agenda.

10.   Utility Bills
        Government Code 2264.001

        A governmental entity shall record in an electronic repository the amount of electricity, water, or natural gas consumed and the aggregate costs for those utility services. The governmental entity shall report the recorded information on a publicly accessible Internet Web site with an interface designed for ease of navigation if available, or at another publicly accessible location.

11.   Juvenile Court Information
        Family Code 58.352.

        Not later than the tenth day of each quarter, the juvenile judge must post on the county's Web site information about the number of children committed to a correctional facility, the offenses for which they were committed and their age, race and gender. No information should be posted that allows an individual child to be identified.

12.   Property Owner's Bill of Rights
        Property Code 21.0112

        Before negotiating with a property owner prior to exercising eminent domain, governmental entity must provide property owner(s) with Property Owner's Bill of Rights as contained in Government Code 402.031, and must post on the entity's Web site if feasible.