

331A.10 CHANGE OF NAME OR DISCONTINUANCE OF NEWSPAPER.

Subdivision 1. **Change of name.** When a public notice is required or ordered to be published in a particular newspaper and the name of the newspaper is changed before the publication is completed, the publication shall be made or continued in the newspaper under its new name with the same effect as if the name had not been changed. The proof of the publication, in addition to other requirements, shall state the change of name and specify the period of publication in the newspaper under each name.

Subd. 2. **Discontinuance.** (a) When a newspaper ceases to be published before the publication of a public notice is commenced, or when commenced ceases before the publication is completed, the following procedures apply: (1) when the publication is required by court order, the order for publication may be amended by order of the court or judge, to designate another newspaper, as may be necessary; or (2) when the publication is required by law, rule, or ordinance, the publication may be made or completed in any other qualified newspaper.

(b) If no qualified newspaper is available for publication of a public notice after the discontinuance of a newspaper, the political subdivision must post the information required to be published on the political subdivision's website until another qualified newspaper is identified, which shall then be designated. During the time when no qualified newspaper is available, the political subdivision must also post the public notice on the Minnesota Newspaper Association's statewide public notice website, at no additional cost to the political subdivision.

(c) Any time during which the notice is published in a newspaper prior to the newspaper's discontinuance shall be calculated as a part of the time required for the publication, proof of which may be made by affidavit of any person acquainted with the facts.

History: 1984 c 543 s 29; 2004 c 182 s 25; 2025 c 39 art 6 s 5