

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BAR NUNN, WYOMING,
DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL LEGAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE YEARS 2025-2026**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Sect 15-1-110, the Governing Bodies of municipalities are to designate a legal newspaper for certain purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bar Nunn is presently in litigation with Lee Enterprises, which publishes the only print newspaper generally regarded as being in circulation in Natrona County, although it is not printed every day of the week and it is not printed in Natrona County; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1-5-9 of the Bar Nunn Town Code provides:

1-5-9 Legal Advertisements.

The term “newspaper”, in so far as it is used by the Statutes of the State of Wyoming, requiring publication by municipalities of certain notices and information is undefined. This ordinance, therefore, sets forth the meaning of the term “newspaper” and is published for the purpose of complying with Wyoming State Statutes by the Town of Bar Nunn and the matters to be considered by the town in regard to the same.

- A. Whenever possible the, Town shall take into consideration the circulation of the newspaper when placing notices, with such consideration to consider ultimate circulation, timeliness, and the cost of placing the notice. While cost or circulation need not alone dictate which newspaper is chosen, it shall be a matter that shall be taken into consideration.

- B. Whenever the term “newspaper” is used by a Wyoming State Statute which requires a municipality to place a notice or publication in the same, the town may:
 - i. Rely on the common understanding of the meaning of the term “newspaper” as it existed at the time of the first Wyoming Statute to use the same. If this is done, it will require not any further act by the Town Council in order for that understanding to apply.

 - ii. Adopt, by resolution, the 21st Century understanding of “newspaper” for any particular purpose, which shall mean an electronic publication satisfying the following criteria:
 - a. An electronic publication, to include a website which;
 - b. Is published or maintained on a daily basis, and which;
 - c. Is published for the purpose of distributing information and news in a fashion similar to that of a print newspaper and which;

d. Includes Natrona County, Wyoming as part of its routine coverage.

C. Whenever the term “publish” is used by a Wyoming State Statute which requires a municipality to publish a notice in a “newspaper”, the following shall be presumed to apply:

- i. “Publish”, in the case of a print newspaper, shall be presumed to mean “printed and distributed”, wherever the statute makes reference to a locality, such as within a municipality or county, unless the town establishes a good and sufficient basis for reading the same in another manner, and records the same by way of a resolution.
- ii. “Publish”, in the case of electronic media, shall be presumed to mean electronically issued on a website which meets the definition of a “newspaper” as set forth above, which can reasonably be determined to be directed towards or read within a municipality or county.

D. In any instance in which the town determines to publish a notice in an electronic newspaper, such as is described in 1-5-9(B)ii above, it shall publish the same on its website and store a copy of the electronic notice for a period of five (5) years, unless a statute, ordinance or resolution requires a longer time period. Publication of a notice in an electronic newspaper may include an active link to the town’s publication on its website, which shall suffice for publication as long as it was specifically done for the purpose of giving notice.

and:

NOW, THEREFORE, The Governing Body of the Town of Bar Nunn, Wyoming hereby designates The Casper Star-Tribune as the municipalities official newspaper, while reserving the right to alter, repeal or amend this resolution at any point through a resolution of the Governing Body

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of January, 2025.

By:

Peter Boyer
Town of Bar Nunn, Wyoming

Steven Clark, Council

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Dan Sabrosky, Council

ATTEST: _____
Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer