

Three Proofs

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A certificate records what ran here. An affidavit swears to those facts. A hash detects a silent edit. None of them is the statute.

Public notice work mixes three documents that look alike and are not the same. A certificate of placement records what ran on this register: the text, the county, the publication number, and the time it went live. It is a publisher's record of a filing.

An affidavit of publication swears to facts under oath. Courts and clerks have long asked for that form when a statute still names a newspaper run. The affidavit speaks to what was published and when. It does not rewrite the statute that required the run.

A content hash fingerprints the exact words on the page. Change a comma and the digest changes. That is useful for detecting a silent edit. It is not a substitute for mailing a known address, posting at the courthouse, or meeting whatever the code still names.

None of the three is the statute. The statute says where notice must run and what counts. The certificate, the affidavit, and the hash each do one job. Notice Nearby keeps them labeled so a resident, a clerk, and a lawyer can tell which job they are holding.

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