

SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2026-35

March 12, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NEWSPAPER NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REVISED REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT RE: PUBLIC ACCESS TO LEGAL NOTICES

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2025 then Governor Phil Murphy signed into law S-4654 which amended the notice requirements for public entities under New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, starting March 1, 2026, public entities are required to post all legal notices on their website which must remain for at least one (1) week and must be archived for a period of one (1) year; and


WHEREAS, in addition copies of all notices must be forwarded to the Secretary of State for inclusion on their website; and

WHEREAS, the revised law requires that public entities publish a notice at least twice a month through the end of calendar year 2026 in an online news publication which provides information on where the public may find information regarding the public entity's legal notices on the public entity's website. A copy of the proposed notice, as well as information regarding the revisions to the Open Public Meeting Law are attached and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by SCIA that in order to comply with said requirements, the Executive Director is authorized to publish the notice attached hereto as Exhibit A, in the South Jersey Times, at least twice a month through the end of calendar year 2026:

ATTEST:


Barry Davis, Secretary


Susan Bestwick, Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the SCIA at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2026.


Barry Davis, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO BE PUT IN ONLINE NEWS PUBLICATION TWICE A MONTH:

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to **P.L. 2025, c. 72**, the complete text of each legal notice of the **Salem County Improvement Authority**, including meeting notices and other legal advertisements required by law, may be obtained or viewed by the public on our official Internet website at: **scianj.com**

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the New Jersey Secretary of State's centralized legal notice directory for all public entities will be available at the following location:
<https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>

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INFORMATION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Effective March 1, 2026, New Jersey mandates that government entities publish legal notices on their official websites rather than exclusively in print newspapers (S-4654/A-5878). The reform requires notices to be free, searchable, and accessible via a homepage link. Private entities must use qualified online news publications, aiming to modernize notice access.

Key details of the New Jersey public notice reform:

- **Implementation Date:** The mandatory digital posting for government entities begins on March 1, 2026.
- **Website Requirements:** Public entities must post notices on their official website, with a, "conspicuous link" on the homepage.
- **Archiving:** Notices must remain on the website for at least one week and be archived for at least one year.
- **Qualified Online Publications:** Private parties must use online news outlets that have operated for at least three years, meet minimum unique monthly visitor counts, and provide free, searchable access.
- **Central Portal:** A Secretary of State portal will provide a centralized location linking to the public notices.
- **Exception/Transition:** Until March 1, 2026, public entities may continue to use newspaper publication, though they must also advertise where legal notices can be found online.