

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Council Meeting: August 12, 2025

Subject: Resolution 25-072: official newspaper designation

Presenter: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Summary and Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution designating the Volga Tribune as the City of Brookings official newspaper.

Item Details:

Due to the unfortunate closure of News Media Corp., effecting the closure The Brookings Register and other newspapers in South Dakota, staff is recommending the proposed Resolution to designate the Volga Tribune as the City of Brookings official newspaper.

State Statue 9-12-6 states each municipality shall designate an official newspaper for all legal and other official notices which must be published by law.

SDCL 9-12-6. Designation of newspaper.

Each municipality shall designate at a meeting of its governing body an official newspaper or newspapers, for all legal and other official notices that must be published by law, for a period of time, not to be less than twelve months, specified by the governing body in a resolution. The newspaper must be published in the municipality. If no newspaper is published in the municipality, the municipality shall comply with the requirements provided in § 17-2-11.

Source: SL 1913, ch 119, § 34; RC 1919, § 6169 (83); SL 1921, ch 309; SDC 1939, § 45.0201 (22); SL 1964, ch 137; SL 1985, ch 57, § 1; SL 2013, ch 36, § 1; SL 2025, ch 39, § 1.

Legal Consideration:

The City Attorney has approved the Resolution.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Fiscal Responsibility – The City of Brookings will responsibly manage resources through transparency, efficiency, equity, and exceptional customer service.
- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.

- Service and Innovation Excellence – The City of Brookings will provide an accessible environment committed to ongoing innovation and outstanding service through listening and engagement.
- Economic Growth – The City of Brookings will support effective diversified community investment and equitable opportunities for prosperity.

Financial Consideration:

Legal rates for publications is set by Legislation.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution