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Online Posting Required for all Public Meetings

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In light of recent discussions regarding online meeting posting requirements, we are sending out a summary of the basic Open Meetings Act posting requirements with a reminder that all types of public meetings require dual posting, both at City Hall and on the City website, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. These requirements apply to all cities that currently have a city website.

In addition to traditional public meeting posting requirements, the Open Meetings Act has certain additional **online** posting requirements for cities. As far as the actual information that needs to be posted, cities with websites are required to publish meeting “notices” online on the city website, as well as physically at City Hall. This online posting requirement extends to every **regular, special or called governmental meeting** subject to Open Meetings Act requirements. Only cities with populations greater than 48,000 are required to post the actual meeting “agenda” on the city website. An online notice of the meeting date, time, place and subject is sufficient for cities with populations under 48,000, in addition to the physical meeting notice posted at City Hall.

Please note, cities that have made a good faith effort to comply with the online posting requirement will not be affected by a failure to comply with the online posting requirement caused by a technical problem beyond their control.

See Tex. Gov’t Code § 551.056 (a), (b) and (d).

See also § 551.043 (b)(3).