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House Bill 2166 Summary Publications for Cities

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports HB 2166. This measure represents an agreement between the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Press Association.

Under the agreement, cities would no longer have to publish full ordinances in the newspaper, but could instead publish a shorter summary version. The full version would be available on the city website and in the City Clerk's office.

This measure will save the Unified Government an estimated \$20,000 a year. Not only is it an important step in saving tax dollars, but it will improve efforts to keep the public well informed. What better place to find city ordinances than on the official City website. And in today's world, accessing the internet for news and information is the norm.

Allowing *all* legal notices to be published on the official Unified Government website instead of printed in a newspaper of record would save our taxpayers more than \$200,000 a year. While the House Bill 2166 is a small step, it is still important in modernizing the way government communicates with its citizens and saving taxpayers money.