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**Note to editor: You are encouraged to drive readers to the site by including “Search public notice ads from this newspaper at [SCPublicNotices.com](http://www.scpres.com)” in your story, graphic or sidebar. Print and digital ads can also be found at <http://www.scpres.com/PublicNoticeToolkit.html>.**

## **S.C. newspapers launch statewide website for public notices**

S.C. newspapers have launched a website where people can search for public notices published by newspapers across the state.

[SCPublicNotices.com](http://www.scpres.com) is a central repository of virtually all public notice/legal ads that have run in printed S.C. newspapers. Ads are searchable by keyword, type of notice, date and location.

Public notices are a critical part of the legal process, notifying citizens of actions or pending actions by public bodies or the courts. [SCPublicNotices.com](http://www.scpres.com) receives uploaded public notices daily from S.C. newspapers regarding foreclosures, hearings, advertisements for bids, zoning changes, financial reports, ordinances and other government activities.

Bill Rogers, executive director of the S.C. Press Association, which assists its members in managing the site, said that more than 16,000 public notices have already been posted to the site. Notices will remain on the site indefinitely.

“There’s no better way to notify the public of government and court actions than through the combination of S.C. newspapers and [SCPublicNotices.com](http://www.scpres.com),” Rogers said. “Newspapers are the best vehicle for public notices because of their reach and ability to offer publication in an independent entity that cannot be altered, removed or changed. The new site is a valuable add-on where ads are uploaded to a single, searchable site that’s updated daily.”

The service is provided by S.C. newspapers at no cost to taxpayers.

Most statewide press associations offer similar public notice sites. The S.C. Press Association worked with the Illinois Press Association to create the Palmetto State’s site.

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***The S.C. Press Association, an advocate for open government, is 166 years old and represents the state's 15 daily and 85 weekly newspapers.***