Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

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Proposed Amendment of Rule 2.106 of the Michigan Court Rules Megan K. Cavanagh, Chief Justice

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On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an amendment of Rule 2.106 of the Michigan Court Rules. Before determining whether the proposal should be adopted, changed before adoption, or rejected, this notice is given to afford interested persons the opportunity to comment on the form or the merits of the proposal or to suggest alternatives. The Court welcomes the views of all. This matter will also be considered at a public hearing. The notices and agendas for each public hearing are posted on the <u>Public Administrative Hearings</u> page.

Publication of this proposal does not mean that the Court will issue an order on the subject, nor does it imply probable adoption of the proposal in its present form.

[Additions to the text are indicated in underlining and deleted text is shown by strikeover.]

Rule 2.106 Notice by Posting or Publication

(A)-(E) [Unchanged.]

- (F) Newspaper Defined.
 - (1) The term "newspaper" as used in this rule <u>means a print publication is limited</u> to a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of <u>local news of a general charactergeneral news and information</u> or for the dissemination of legal news, to which all of the following apply:
 - (a) There is The newspaper must have a bona fide list of paying subscribers to the publication or the publication has or have been published at least once a week in the same community without interruption for at least 2 years.
 - (b) The publication has and have been published and of general circulation at not less than weekly intervals established, published, and circulated at least once a week without interruption for at least 1 year in the county where publication is to occur. A newspaper shall not lose

eligibility for interruption of continuous publication due to any of the following:

- (i) An act of God.
- (ii) <u>Labor disputes.</u>
- (iii) The COVID-19 pandemic, for the period beginning March 10, 2020 through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (iv) Military service of the publisher for a period not to exceed 2 years and provided the publication is resumed within 6 months following the termination of such military service.
- (c) The publication annually averages at least 25% news and editorial content per issue.
- (d) The publication must offer a print and website version. During the full publication period, any notice must appear in the publication's print and website versions and be placed on the website established and maintained by a state association of newspapers that represents a majority of newspapers in this state as a central repository for notices.
- (2) [Unchanged.]
- (G) [Unchanged.]

Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2022-31): The proposed amendment of MCR 2.106 would update the definition of "newspaper" for notice by publication. See MCL 691.1051.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of a new rule or amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by this Court.

A copy of this order will be given to the Secretary of the State Bar and to the State Court Administrator so that they can make the notifications specified in MCR 1.201. Comments on the proposal may be submitted by February 1, 2026 by clicking on the "Comment on this Proposal" link under this proposal on the Court's Proposed & Adopted Orders on Administrative Matters page. You may also submit a comment in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909 or via email at ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov. When

filing a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2022-31. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal.



I, Elizabeth Kingston-Miller, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

October 22, 2025

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