

**Resolution # \_\_\_\_-2026 Official Newspaper**

**Whereas,** The Enfield Town Board must annually designate an official newspaper; and

**Whereas,** The Ithaca Journal, a daily newspaper regularly published and having general circulation in the Town, is the only newspaper that fulfills New York State Requirements for the official publication of legal notices by this Town; and

**Whereas,** despite that legal distinction, The Ithaca Journal in recent years has continually neglected to cover the news of Enfield, including that of this Town Board, a dereliction of journalistic duty for which this Board wishes to express its displeasure; and

**Whereas,** the nature of local journalism has changed measurably since New York State adopted current state requirements for legal notice publication, including the advent of online news publications and print/online hybrids, several of which hold wider circulation within the local community than does The Ithaca Journal, publications that include Tompkins Weekly; and

**Whereas,** legislative efforts at the state level have been undertaken, but have so far failed to revise the legal definition of an “official newspaper” so as to broaden the opportunities available to municipalities for the publication of legal notices; and

**Whereas,** this Board supports renewed efforts to revise that legal definition; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Enfield Town Board designates The Ithaca Journal, a daily newspaper regularly published and having general circulation in the Town, as the Official Newspaper for the Town of Enfield, the only publication meeting state requirements; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that this Town Board encourages the New York State Senate and Assembly to adopt, and for the Governor to sign legislation that amends whatever law or laws are deemed applicable to broaden the definition of an “official newspaper” to also include regularly-published weekly, online, or print/online hybrid news publications circulated within the municipality’s community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that this Town Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution and its call for legislative change to: New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senator Lea Webb, State Assemblymember Dr. Anna Kelles, and to the leaders of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that should such revised legislation be adopted, signed and become effective within calendar year 2026, the Supervisor shall bring to this Town Board a Resolution to discontinue The Ithaca Journal as its official newspaper and instead designate Tompkins Weekly as its official newspaper for the balance of calendar year 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that in addition to publication in the official newspaper, the Town will post all Public Notices on the town website at [www.townofenfield.gov](http://www.townofenfield.gov).