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January 15, 1951 (OPINION)

CITIES

RE: Publication of Proceedings

Your letter of the eleventh instant asking for an interpretation of the above section has been received.

This section reads as follows:

"40-0812. Publication of Proceedings. The city council shall publish a complete record of all its proceedings in its official newspaper."

The Legislature has used the word "shall" and not the word "may." It is our opinion that this statute is mandatory and not permissive. Therefore, it is the duty of the city council to publish "a complete record of all of its proceedings." We do not think that this requires a verbatim publication of the minutes of the city auditor, but an analysis of the proceedings which shows the action of the city council upon each matter considered sufficient to inform the public will be sufficient.

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