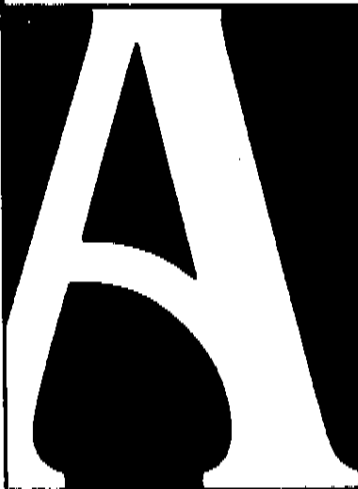




**WHAT DO
NEWSPAPERS
MEAN BY
FREEDOM
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In the simplest terms, freedom of information means that any information gathered and held by a government belongs to the people who support that government. As a citizen, you have a right to know what's going on in your government. That's freedom of information.

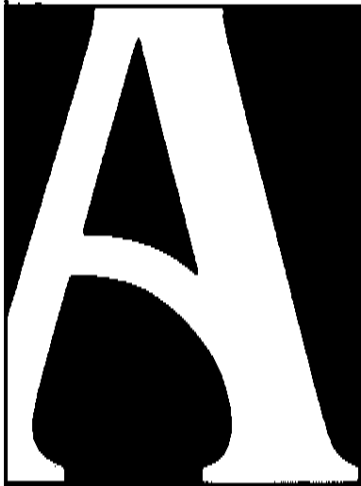
It doesn't always work that way. Government bureaucrats and elected officials all too often try to withhold from the people information which belongs to the people. That's where the press comes in.

Newspapers are constantly trying to find out for you what's happening in your government. That's one of the reasons they exist.

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TO KNOW**



**WHY DOES
A NEWSPAPER
TRY TO
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In the beginning, the leaders of this country knew it would be important for citizens to be informed. They knew that a free press has to be given a protected freedom to see the truth and print it.

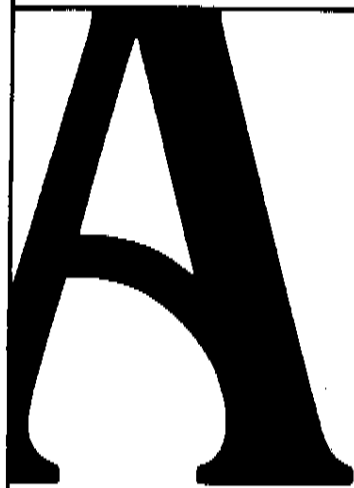
The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that right.

In the long run, you are the winner. An informed and free citizenry makes for a stronger democracy.

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**WHY DOES
OUR
NEWSPAPER
KEEP PRYING
INTO OFFICIAL
BUSINESS?**

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Hardly a week passes that there isn't some effort to prevent the public and the press from finding out what local governments are doing.

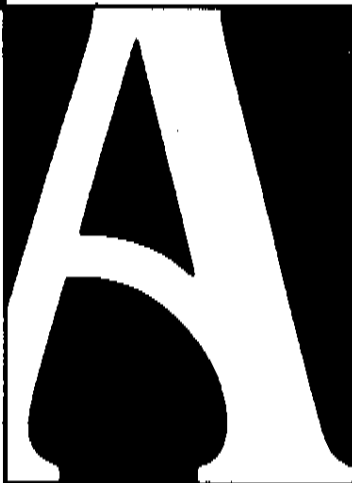
That's why the state legislature made most government meetings open to the public and most government records open.

It's our job to report to you what happened in those meetings and what those records show. After all, it's your government.

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**WHAT IS
A PUBLIC
NOTICE?**



Public notices, or legal advertisements, are an effective way for agencies of government to make official announcements. State law requires that these notices be printed in this newspaper.

It's your government, and it's important that you know how your government is operating. Public notices, printed in this newspaper, are the best way to make certain that you are informed about important actions of your local government.

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**WHAT DO
ALL THOSE
PUBLIC
NOTICES
COST US?**

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State law requires that citizens be informed of certain governmental activity through paid public notices such as appear in this newspaper. It's one way to make government accountable to the people.

Every once in a while someone complains that newspapers make lots of money from this legal advertising. That's not so.

Less than one percent of all newspaper advertising revenue comes from these notices, or about enough money to buy everybody in the state a cup of coffee.

So, what's it worth to you to be able to pick up this newspaper and find out what's going on in your town, your county, or your local schools?

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**WHY HAVE
OPEN
MEETINGS
IN KENTUCKY?**

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This Commonwealth has open meeting laws that allow you as a citizen to attend most meetings held by units of local government. It's a way to protect your interests.

Since you can't always go, we do. Then we print the story of what happened.

Government in Kentucky can't operate behind closed doors, even though some officials would like to. It's our goal to make certain you know what's going on in your government. The open meeting laws make that goal easier.

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**WHY HAVE
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The Kentucky Open Records Law protects the rights of every citizen of the Commonwealth. You have just as much authority under this law to request most records, for instance, as any newspaper reporter.

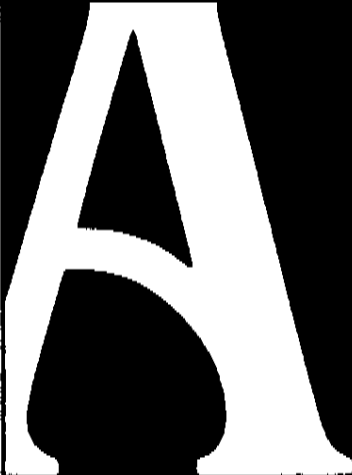
If you are prevented from seeing a public record, you can complain to the office of the Kentucky Attorney General, which has the power to help.

The government's business is your business.

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**WHY HAVE
OPEN COURTS
IN KENTUCKY?**



Kentucky's unified court system is run on the principle of openness. The Supreme Court of this state has declared this to be its policy, from the highest appeal court right down to the district courts. We think that's important.

The press, along with the Supreme Court, is pledged to see that you know how justice is administered.

It's our goal to make certain you have a full report of what happens in your courts, including photographs taken in the courtroom.

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**WHY DO WE
NEED TO
HAVE
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Public notices, or legal advertisements, tell you as a citizen what is being done by your government.

State law requires that actions of interest to you be published in these notifications.

It keeps you up to date about what's happening in your city, county and school board, as well as in other governmental bodies. Reading the public notices helps you become a more informed citizen.

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**WHO
BENEFITS
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PUBLIC
NOTICES?**



You do.

Hardly a week passes without some small notice being printed in this newspaper. These legal advertisements affect you and your family and friends.

They show how your government is being run, how much money is being spent and where. They keep you in touch with your government through this newspaper.

That's the whole idea.

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