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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- recommitted to the Committee on Local Government in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring municipalities to maintain municipal websites

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new article 13-E to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13-E
MUNICIPAL WEBSITES

Section 300. Municipal websites.

§ 300. Municipal websites. 1. All municipal corporations shall maintain an official website with a ".gov" domain name that is accessible to the public and update such website regularly. The official website shall contain basic information on the municipality including but not limited to hours of operations, elected officials and services provided. The website shall contain a privacy policy that is prominently posted and written in plain language that informs website visitors of any personal information that is being collected and how it is being used.

2. Municipal websites shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:

a. all documents required by subdivision seven of section thirty of this chapter;

b. notice of all municipal elections, public hearings and public meetings including regular board or legislative meetings;

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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c. agenda and minutes of municipal meetings as required by article seven of the public officers law; and

d. an up to date version of, or an active hyperlink to, the municipality's codes or local laws and resolutions.

§ 2. Subdivision 7 of section 30 of the general municipal law, as added by section 10 of part O of chapter 56 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

7. [~~**To the extent practicable, each**~~] **Each** municipal corporation shall make accessible to the public [~~**via its official internet web site**~~] **on its official municipal website required under article thirteen-E of this chapter** documentation pertaining to its most recent annual financial reports, current year budget, most recent independent audit report and most recent fiscal performance plan or multiyear financial plan required pursuant to paragraph g of subdivision ten of section fifty-four of the state finance law, unless such information is covered by subdivision two of section eighty-seven of the public officers law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.