

PREAMBLE

The [legislative body] of [city/county] finds and declares the following:

1. The [city/county] of [name] is comprised of individuals from many ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds, and continues to benefit from this rich diversity; and
2. Throughout the history of [city/county name] and the United States, the common thread binding individuals of differing backgrounds has been the English language. Command of the English language is necessary to participate in and take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by American life. Absent a rudimentary command of the English language, citizens of this state are unable to make their voices heard in the legislative process, effectively exercise their right to vote, or fully understand the rights afforded them by the United States, [state] and [city/county] Constitutions. Such citizens also have a more difficult time finding gainful employment, affordable housing, health insurance, and otherwise availing themselves of the full benefits of American life for themselves and their families.

COUNTY/CITY OF [city/ county name]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF [name]:

SECTION 1.

- (1) The English language is designated as the official language of [city/county name]
- (2) Except as otherwise provided by federal or state law, a [city/county] agency is not required to provide documents, publish written materials, or provide website content in any language other than the official language of [city/town].
- (3) As used in this section, “city/county agency” means that term as defined in section [x.x] of [state] law.