

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST FORM

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FOR MUNICIPAL USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Date of Response: _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

Name of Requestor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Day) _____

Fax Number _____ email: _____

Information Requested:

Copy of Minutes (specify board or entity, date, topic or other identifying information)

Copy of Ordinance or Resolution (specify date, number, or other identifying information)

Other (specify) _____

License Information (Specify) _____

Information on a Specific Property Address _____

Block _____ Lot _____

Municipal Lien Search Fee: \$ 10.00
Municipal Lien Searches are provided by the designated search officer and will be provided within 15 days after the request is received and the fee paid, as provided in *N.J.S.A. 54:5-11, et seq.*

List of Property Owners within 200' Fee: _____
As provided in *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-12*, the fee is the greater of \$.25 per name or \$10.00

A request for a copy of Public Records should be submitted on this form which has been adopted by the Municipal Clerk as the Custodian of Records. Some records will be immediately available during normal business hours. Some records will require time to compile and to make the copies requested, but will normally be available during normal business hours and within (7) business days. If any document or copy which has been requested is not a public record or cannot be provided within the seven (7) business days, you will be provided with a response with that information within the seven (7) business days. Some records requested have specific fees or other response times established by statute. There is no fee involved in simply inspecting a document during normal business hours. This request may be filed electronically. In general:

- Immediate access is ordinarily available for budgets, bills, vouchers, contracts, including collective negotiations agreements and individual employment contracts, and public employee salary and overtime information. Minutes of public meetings will be generally available immediately after the minutes have been approved.
- Records which are not readily available or which will require a search of records will be made available as soon as possible and the applicant will be provided with an interim report within seven (7) business days indicating the time which will be required to provide the records.
- Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a printed record may be up to; first page to tenth page, \$0.75 per page; eleventh page to twentieth page, \$.50 per page; all pages over twenty, \$0.25 per page; for a police accident report there is an additional fee when the request is not made in person of \$5.00 for the first 3 pages and \$1.00 for each additional page, as provided by N.J.S.A. 39:4-131.
- Where a request is for a copy in format other than a photocopy, reasonable efforts will be made to provide the information in the format requested. The cost will be based on the costs of producing the format requested.
- Where a legal determination must be made as to whether records are "public records" as provided by law, the request will be reviewed by the Municipal Attorney and the Municipal Clerk will provide the document as soon as possible after receiving a determination by the Municipal Attorney or a Court that the records are "public records" as provided by law.

The term "public records" generally includes those records determined to be public in accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1. The term does not include employee personnel files, police investigation records, public assistance files or other matters in which there is a right of privacy or confidentiality or which is specifically exempted by law.

The Applicant hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this form with the date on which the information is expected to be available and the estimated cost. The applicant hereby certifies that he or she has not been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of this State, any other state or the United States and is not seeking government records containing personal information pertaining to the victim or the victim's family as provided by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq..

This form, when signed by the municipal official shall constitute a receipt for any deposit received.

The information requested will be ready on _____

Estimated Number of Pages _____

Estimated Cost _____

Deposit _____

[required where the anticipated cost of reproduction exceeds \$5.00]

Applicant _____

Municipal Official _____

1. First Page to 10th page: \$0.75 per page.
2. Eleventh page to 20th page: \$0.50 per page.
3. All pages over 20: \$0.25 per page.
4. Police accident reports: five dollars (\$5.00) for the first three (3) pages and one dollar (\$1.00) for each page thereafter when a report is ordered by mail; fifty cents (\$0.50) if purchased in person during business hours.
5. Copy of audio tape/CD: \$10.00

Mailing:

When copies of documents requested to be mailed, other than police reports, fees for which are set by statute, there will be a minimum mailing charge of \$0.50 in addition to any copying charges. Additional mailing charges will be assessed where the size or weight of the requested document(s) so requires. In the event that a tape of a public meeting is to be mailed, there shall be a postage and handling fee of \$2.00 per tape.