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Request Form Note: Requestors are not required to use this form. The township may complete one for recordkeeping if not used.

FOIA Request for Public Records

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

Request No.: Date Received:	Check if received via: Email Fax Other Electronic Method			
(Please Print or Type)	Date <u>delivered</u> to junk/spam folder: Date <u>discovered</u> in junk/spam folder:			
Name	Phone			
Firm/Organization	Fax			
Street	Email			
City	State Zip			
Request for: ☐ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Rec	cord inspection			
Delivery Method: □ Will pick up □ Will make own co □ Deliver on digital media provided by the township:				
Note: The township is not required to provide records in a dig technological capability to do so.	ital format or on digital media if the township does not already have the			
Describe the public record(s) as specifically as possible.	You may use this form or attach additional sheets:			
Consent to Non-Statutory Extension of Township's Response Time				
I have requested a copy of records or a subscription to records or the opportunity to inspect records, pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq. I understand that the township must respond to this request within five (5) business days after receiving it, and that response may include taking a 10-business day extension. However, I hereby agree and stipulate to extend the township's response time for this request until: (month, day, year).				
Requestor's Signature	Date			

Records Located on Website

If the township directly or indirectly administers or maintains an official internet presence, any public records available to the general public on that internet site at the time the request is made are exempt from any labor charges to redact (separate exempt information from non-exempt information).

If the FOIA coordinator knows or has reason to know that all or a portion of the requested information is available on its website, the township must notify the requestor in its written response that all or a portion of the requested information is available on its website. The written response, to the degree practicable in the specific instance, must include a specific webpage address where the requested information is available. On the detailed cost itemization form, the township must separate the requested public records that are available on its website from those that are not available on the website and must inform the requestor of the additional charge to receive copies of the public records that are available on its website.

If the township has included the website address for a record in its written response to the requestor and the requestor thereafter stipulates that the public record be provided to him or her in a paper format or other form, including digital media, the township must provide the public records in the specified format (if the township has the technological capability) but may use a fringe benefit multiplier greater than the 50%, not to exceed the actual costs of providing the information in the specified format.

Request for Copies/Duplication of Records on Township Website

I hereby stipulate that, even if some or all of the records are located on a township website, I am requesting that the township ma records on the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above. I understand that some FOIA fees may applicable to the records on the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above. I understand that some FOIA fees may applicable to the records on the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above. I understand that some FOIA fees may applicable to the records on the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above.		
Requestor's Signature	Date	
Overtime Labor Costs Overtime wages shall not be included in the calculation of labor costs unless overtime is specifically stipulated by the requestor the detailed cost itemization form. Consent to Overtime Labor Costs I hereby agree and stipulate to the township using overtime wages in calculating the following labor costs as itemized in the follow 1. Labor to copy/duplicate 2. Labor to locate 3a. Labor to redact 3b. Contract labor to 6b. Labor to copy/duplicate records already on township's website	ving categories:	
Requestor's Signature	Date	
A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first \$20.00 of the fee for each request by an individual who is entitled to information under this act and who: 1) Submits an affidavit stating that the individual is indigent and receiving specific public assistance, OR 2) If not receiving public assistance, stating facts showing inability to pay the cost because of indigence. If a requestor is ineligible for the discount, the public body shall inform the requestor specifically of the reason for ineligibility in the public body's written response. An individual is ineligible for this fee reduction if ANY of the following apply: (i) The individual has previously received discounted copies of public records from the same public body twice during that calendar year, (ii) The individual requests the information in conjunction with outside parties who are offering or providing payment or other remuneration to the individual to make the request. A public body may require a statement by the requestor in the affidavit that the request is not being made in conjunction with outside parties in exchange for payment or other remuneration.		
Office Use: ☐ Affidavit Received ☐ Eligible for Discount ☐ Ineligible for I am submitting an affidavit and requesting that I receive the discount for indigence for this FOIA request:	Discount Date:	
Requestor's Signature:		
Request for Discount: Nonprofit Organization A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first \$20.00 of the request by a nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the Developmental E Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, if the request m following requirements: (i) Is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients. (ii) Is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the Menta 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931. (iii) Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the township.	Disabilities eets ALL of the al Health Code,	
	le for Discount	
I stipulate that I am a designated agent for the nonprofit organization making this FOIA request and that this request is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients and is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931: Requestor's Signature:	Date:	
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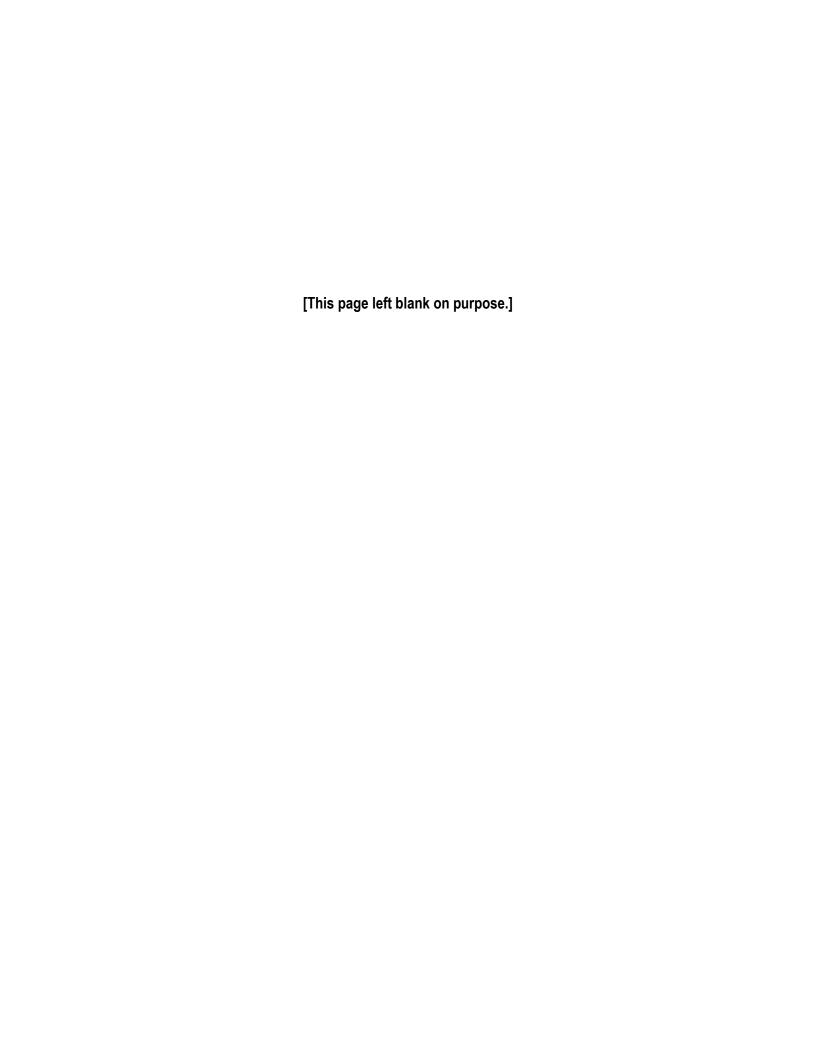
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Extension Form

Notice to Extend Response Time for FOIA Request Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

	Date Received:		
(Please Print or Type)		Date <u>discovered</u> in junk/spam folder:	
Name		Phone	
Firm/Organization		Fax	
Street		Email	
City		State Zip	
Request for:			
Only one extension ma Estimated Time Fram	ay be taken per FOIA request. If you atatat		
The time frame estimate is nonbinding upon the township, but the township is providing the estimate in good faith. Providing an estimated time frame does not relieve a public body from any of the other requirements of this act. Reason for Extension:			
		riately examine or review a voluminous amount of separate and distinct	
□ 2. The township needs to collect the requested public records from numerous field offices, facilities, or other establishments that are located apart from the township office. Specifically, the township must coordinate documents from the following locations:			
☐ 3. Other (describe):			
Signature of FOIA Co	ordinator:	Date:	



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Notice of Denial of FOIA Request

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

	Date Received:		☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Metho
Date of This Notice: (Please Print or Type)			pam folder: /spam folder:
Name			Phone
Firm/Organization			Fax
Street			Email
City		State	Zip
Request for: Copy	☐ Certified copy ☐ Red	cord inspection Su	bscription to record issued on regular basis
	Il pick up □ Will make own coprovided by the township:		address above Email to address above
Record(s) You Requested	: (Listed here or see attached cop	oy of original request)	
□ All OR □ Part of your request for records has been denied. Please refer to this form for an explanation. If you have any questions regarding this denial, contact at			
	Rea	son for Denial:	
	sure: This item is exempt from dis	sclosure under FOIA Section	n 13, Subsection(insert number
known to the township. A ce	ertificate that the public record doe	es not exist under the name	ur request or by another name reasonably given is attached. If you believe this record
•	•	• ` ` `	acted) as it is exempt under FOIA Section 13,
A brief description of the infe	ormation that had to be separated	l or dolotod:	
A brief description of the init	Jimation that had to be separated	or deleted.	
commence an action in the Cirllf, after judicial review, the cou	n 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Ir cuit Court to compel disclosure of the art determines that the township has	e requested records if you beli not complied with MCL 15.23	Review to appeal this denial to the township board or to eve they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure. 5 in making this denial and orders disclosure of all rovided in MCL 15.240. (See back of this form for
additional information on your		,	
Signature of FOIA Coordinate	or:		Date:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT) Act 442 of 1976

15.240.amended Options by requesting person; appeal; actions by public body; receipt of written appeal; judicial review; civil action; venue; de novo proceeding; burden of proof; private view of public record; contempt; assignment of action or appeal for hearing, trial, or argument; attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; assessment of award; damages.

Sec. 10

- (1) If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do 1 of the following at his or her option:
 - (a) Submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial.
 - (b) Commence a civil action in the circuit court, or if the decision of a state public body is at issue, the court of claims, to compel the public body's disclosure of the public records within 180 days after a public body's final determination to deny a request.
- (2) Within 10 business days after receiving a written appeal pursuant to subsection (1)(a), the head of a public body shall do 1 of the following:
 - (a) Reverse the disclosure denial.
 - (b) Issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial.
 - (c) Reverse the disclosure denial in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial in part.
 - (d) Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the head of the public body shall respond to the written appeal. The head of a public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.
- (3) A board or commission that is the head of a public body is not considered to have received a written appeal under subsection (2) until the first regularly scheduled meeting of that board or commission following submission of the written appeal under subsection (1)(a). If the head of the public body fails to respond to a written appeal pursuant to subsection (2), or if the head of the public body upholds all or a portion of the disclosure denial that is the subject of the written appeal, the requesting person may seek judicial review of the nondisclosure by commencing a civil action under subsection (1)(b).
- (4) In an action commenced under subsection (1)(b), a court that determines a public record is not exempt from disclosure shall order the public body to cease withholding or to produce all or a portion of a public record wrongfully withheld, regardless of the location of the public record. Venue for an action against a local public body is proper in the circuit court for the county in which the public record or an office of the public body is located has venue over the action. The court shall determine the matter de novo and the burden is on the public body to sustain its denial. The court, on its own motion, may view the public record in controversy in private before reaching a decision. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.
- (5) An action commenced under this section and an appeal from an action commenced under this section shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.
- (6) If a person asserting the right to inspect, copy, or receive a copy of all or a portion of a public record prevails in an action commenced under this section, the court shall award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the person or public body prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. The award shall be assessed against the public body liable for damages under subsection (7).
- (7) If the court determines in an action commenced under this section that the public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated this act by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, the court shall order the public body to pay a civil fine of \$1,000.00, which shall be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury. The court shall award, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the person seeking the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record. The damages shall not be assessed against an individual, but shall be assessed against the next succeeding public body that is not an individual and that kept or maintained the public record as part of its public function.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977 ;-- Am. 1978, Act 329, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1978 ;-- Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997 ;-- Am. 2014, Act 563, Eff. July 1, 2015

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FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal a Denial of Records

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Request No.: Date of This Notice:			a: □ Email □ Fax nk/spam folder:	☐ Other Electronic Method
(Please Print or Type)			unk/spam folder:	
Name			Phone	
Firm/Organization			Fax	
Street			Email	
City		State	Zip	
Delivery Method: □ Will	☐ Certified copy ☐ Recorpick up ☐ Will make own copirovided by the township:	es onsite Mail	to address above	 Email to address above
Record(s) You Requested: (Li	isted here or see attached copy of orig	inal request)		
Reason(s) for Appeal: The appeal must specifically identify how the required fee(s) exceed the amount permitted. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:				
Requestor's Signature:				Date:
		ship Response:		
The township must provide a re	sponse within 10 business days after	eceiving this appeal, inc	cluding a determination of	or taking one 10-day extension.
(month, day, year). Only one ex	extending the date to respond to your tension may be taken per FOIA appearing extension:	ıl.		•
If you have any questions regard	ding this extension, contact:			
•	Townsh	- Determination		
Township Determination: ☐ Denial Reversed ☐ Denial Upheld ☐ Denial Reversed in Part and Upheld in Part The following previously denied records will be released:				
commence an action in the Circ If, after judicial review, the cour	Notice of Requestor's 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Info uit Court to compel disclosure of the re t determines that the township has no you have the right to receive attorney ghts.)	rmation Act, MCL 15.24 equested records if you t complied with MCL 15	40, to appeal this denia believe they were wrong .235 in making this deni	fully withheld from disclosure. al and orders disclosure of all
Signature of FOIA Coordinato	or:			Date:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT) Act 442 of 1976

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Date of This Notice:		Date <u>delivered</u> to junk/spam folder:			
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Name	_		Phone		
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Street			Email		
City	_	State	Zip		
Delivery Method: □ V □ Deliver on digital media	a provided by the township:	pies onsite Mail to address	iption to record issued on regular basis above Email to address above		
The appeal must specifica	ally identify how the required fee(s) e	Reason(s) for Appeal: exceed the amount permitted. You	may use this form or attach additional sheets:		
Requestor's Signature:			Date:		
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(month, day, year). Only o	ne extension may be taken per FOI	A appeal.	ore than 10 business days, until		
If you have any questions	regarding this extension, contact: _				
Township Determination	n:	Reduced Fee Upheld			
Written basis for township	determination:				
	Notice of Regue	estor's Right to Seek Judicial	Review		
amount permitted under the afee reduction within 45 commenced in court, the determines that the towns	ction 10a of the Michigan Freedom ne township's written Procedures and days after receiving the notice of the township is not obligated to con	of Information Act, MCL 15.240a and Guidelines to the township boate required fee or a determination on the processing the request un	to appeal a FOIA fee that you believe exceeds the rd or to commence an action in the Circuit Court for an appeal to the township board. If a civil action is til the court resolves the fee dispute. If the court I reduce the fee to a permissible amount. (See back		
Signature of FOIA Coord	linator:		Date:		

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT) Act 442 of 1976

15.240a.added Fee in excess of amount permitted under procedures and guidelines or MCL 15.234.

Sec. 10a.

- (1) If a public body requires a fee that exceeds the amount permitted under its publicly available procedures and guidelines or section 4, the requesting person may do any of the following:
- (a) If the public body provides for fee appeals to the head of the public body in its publicly available procedures and guidelines, submit to the head of the public body a written appeal for a fee reduction that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies how the required fee exceeds the amount permitted under the public body's available procedures and guidelines or section 4.
- (b) Commence a civil action in the circuit court, or if the decision of a state public body is at issue, in the court of claims, for a fee reduction. The action must be filed within 45 days after receiving the notice of the required fee or a determination of an appeal to the head of a public body. If a civil action is commenced against the public body under this subdivision, the public body is not obligated to complete the processing of the written request for the public record at issue until the court resolves the fee dispute. An action shall not be filed under this subdivision unless 1 of the following applies:
- (i) The public body does not provide for appeals under subdivision (a).
- (ii) The head of the public body failed to respond to a written appeal as required under subsection (2).
- (iii) The head of the public body issued a determination to a written appeal as required under subsection (2).
- (2) Within 10 business days after receiving a written appeal under subsection (1)(a), the head of a public body shall do 1 of the following:
- (a) Waive the fee.
- (b) Reduce the fee and issue a written determination to the requesting person indicating the specific basis under section 4 that supports the remaining fee. The determination shall include a certification from the head of the public body that the statements in the determination are accurate and that the reduced fee amount complies with its publicly available procedures and guidelines and section 4.
- (c) Uphold the fee and issue a written determination to the requesting person indicating the specific basis under section 4 that supports the required fee. The determination shall include a certification from the head of the public body that the statements in the determination are accurate and that the fee amount complies with the public body's publicly available procedures and guidelines and section 4.
- (d) Issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the head of the public body must respond to the written appeal. The notice of extension shall include a detailed reason or reasons why the extension is necessary. The head of a public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.
- (3) A board or commission that is the head of a public body is not considered to have received a written appeal under subsection (2) until the first regularly scheduled meeting of that board or commission following submission of the written appeal under subsection (1)(a).
- (4) In an action commenced under subsection (1)(b), a court that determines the public body required a fee that exceeds the amount permitted under its publicly available procedures and guidelines or section 4 shall reduce the fee to a permissible amount. Venue for an action against a local public body is proper in the circuit court for the county in which the public record or an office of the public body is located. The court shall determine the matter de novo, and the burden is on the public body to establish that the required fee complies with its publicly available procedures and guidelines and section 4. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.
- (5) An action commenced under this section and an appeal from an action commenced under this section shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.
- (6) If the requesting person prevails in an action commenced under this section by receiving a reduction of 50% or more of the total fee, the court may, in its discretion, award all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. The award shall be assessed against the public body liable for damages under subsection (7).
- (7) If the court determines in an action commenced under this section that the public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated this act by charging an excessive fee, the court shall order the public body to pay a civil fine of \$500.00, which shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury. The court may also award, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of \$500.00 to the person seeking the fee reduction. The fine and any damages shall not be assessed against an individual, but shall be assessed against the next succeeding public body that is not an individual and that kept or maintained the public record as part of its public function.
- (8) As used in this section, "fee" means the total fee or any component of the total fee calculated under section 4, including any deposit.

History: Add. 2014, Act 563, Eff. July 1, 2015