

Records Located on Website

If the City 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 City 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 City 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 requesting person of the additional charge to receive copies of the public records that are available on its website.

If the City includes the website address for a record in its written response to the requesting person and the requesting person thereafter stipulates that the public record be provided to him or her in a paper format or other form, including digital media, the City must provide the public records in the specified format (if the City 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 City Website

I hereby stipulate that, even if some or all of the records are located on a City website, I am requesting that the City make copies of those records on the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above. I understand that some FOIA fees may apply.

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 and clearly noted on the detailed cost itemization form.

Consent to Overtime Labor Costs

I hereby agree and stipulate to the City using overtime wages in calculating the following labor costs as itemized in the following categories:

- 1. Labor to copy/duplicate
- 2. Labor to locate
- 3a. Labor to redact
- 3b. Contract labor to redact
- 6b. Labor to copy/duplicate records already on City 's website

Requestor's Signature

Date

Request for Discount: Indigence

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 Discount

I am submitting an affidavit and requesting that I receive the discount for indigence for this FOIA request:

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 fee** for each request by a nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, if the request meets **ALL** of the 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 Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931.
- (iii) Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the City .

Office Use: Documentation of State Designation Received Eligible for Discount Ineligible 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:

Date:

Requestor's Signature:

City: Keep original and provide copy of both sides, along with Public Summary, to requestor at no charge.

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Phone: 616-696-1330

Fee Appeal Form

FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal an Excess Fee

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
Date of This Notice: _____ **Date delivered to junk/spam folder:** _____
(Please Print or Type) **Date discovered in junk/spam folder:** _____
Request for: Copy Certified copy Record inspection Subscription to record issued on regular basis

Name	Phone
Firm/Organization	Fax
Street	Email
City	State Zip

Delivery Method: Will pick up Will make own copies onsite Mail to address above Email to address above
 Deliver on digital media provided by the City : _____

Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original 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:** _____

City Council Response:

The City Council must provide a response within 10 business days after receiving this appeal, including a determination or taking one 10-day extension. The City Council is not considered to have received this appeal until the first regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council following submission of this appeal.

City Council Extension: We are extending the date to respond to your FOIA fee appeal for no more than 10 business days, until _____ *(month, day, year)*. Only one extension may be taken per FOIA appeal.
Unusual circumstances warranting extension: _____

If you have any questions regarding this extension, contact: _____

City Council Determination: Fee Waived Fee Reduced Fee Upheld

Written basis for City Council determination:

Notice of Requestor's Right to Seek Judicial Review

You are entitled under the City's written Procedures & Guidelines and Section 10a of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240a to appeal a FOIA fee to the City Council if you believe the fee exceeds the amount permitted under the City's written Procedures & Guidelines or the Freedom of Information Act. Following the City Council's determination on the appeal, you are then entitled to commence an action in the Circuit Court for a fee reduction within 45 days after receiving the notice of the required fee or a determination of an appeal to the City Council. If a civil action is commenced in court, the City is not obligated to complete processing the request until the court resolves the fee dispute. If the court determines that the City required a fee that exceeded the permitted amount, the court shall reduce the fee to a permissible amount. *(See back of this form for additional information on your rights.)*

Signature of FOIA Coordinator: _____ **Date:** _____

City: Keep original and provide copy of both sides, along with Public Summary, to requestor at no charge.

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FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal a Denial of Records

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Request No.: _____ **Date Received:** _____ Check if received via: Email Fax Other Electronic Method
Date of This Notice: _____ **Date delivered to junk/spam folder:** _____
(Please Print or Type) **Date discovered in junk/spam folder:** _____
Request for: Copy Certified copy Record inspection Subscription to record issued on regular basis

Name	Phone
Firm/Organization	Fax
Street	Email
City	State Zip

Delivery Method: Will pick up Will make own copies onsite Mail to address above Email to address above
 Deliver on digital media provided by the City : _____

Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* _____

Reason(s) for Appeal:

The appeal must identify the reason(s) for the denial. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:

Requestor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

City Response:

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City Council Determination:

Denial Reversed Denial Upheld Denial Reversed in Part and Upheld in Part

The following previously denied records will be released: _____

Notice of Requestor's Right to Seek Judicial Review

With or without the City Council's determination on this appeal, you are entitled under Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240, to commence an action in the Circuit Court to compel disclosure of the requested records if you believe they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure. If, after judicial review, the court determines that the City has not complied with MCL 15.235 in making this denial and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record, you have the right to receive attorneys' fees and damages as provided in MCL 15.240. (See back of this form for additional information on your rights.)

Signature of FOIA Coordinator: _____

Date: _____