

Section 6: Waiver of Fees

The cost of the search for and copying of a public record may be waived or reduced if in the sole judgment of the FOIA Coordinator a waiver or reduced fee is in the public interest because it can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public. The township board may identify specific records or types of records it deems should be made available for no charge or at a reduced cost.

Section 7: Discounted Fees

Indigence

The FOIA Coordinator will discount the first \$20.00 of the processing fee for a request if the person requesting a public record submits an affidavit stating that they are:

- Indigent and receiving specific public assistance, or
- If not receiving public assistance, stating facts demonstrating an inability to pay because of indigence.

An individual is not eligible to receive the waiver if:

- The requestor has previously received discounted copies of public records from the Township twice during the calendar year; or
- The requestor requests information in connection with other persons who are offering or providing payment to make the request.

An affidavit is sworn statement. The FOIA Coordinator may make a Fee Waiver Affidavit Form available for use by the public.

Nonprofit organization advocating for developmentally disabled or mentally ill individuals

The FOIA Coordinator will discount the first \$20.00 of the processing fee for a request from:

- A nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the federal developmental disabilities assistance and bill of rights act of 2000, Public Law 106-402, and the protection and advocacy for individuals with mental illness act, Public Law 99-319, or their successors, if the request meets all of the following requirements:
 - Is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients.
 - 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.
 - Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the public body.

Section 8: Appeal of a Denial of a Public Record

When a requestor believes that all or a portion of a public record has not been disclosed or has been improperly exempted from disclosure, he or she may appeal to the Township Board by filing an appeal of the denial with the office of the Township Supervisor (*or "clerk" or "FOIA Coordinator," etc.*).

The appeal must be in writing, specifically state the word "appeal" and identify the reason or reasons the requestor is seeking a reversal of the denial. The Township FOIA Appeal Form (To Appeal a Denial of Records), may be used.

The Township Board is not considered to have received a written appeal until the first regularly scheduled Township Board meeting following submission of the written appeal.

Within 10 business days of receiving the appeal the Township Board will respond in writing by:

- Reversing the disclosure denial;
- Upholding the disclosure denial; or
- Reverse the disclosure denial in part and uphold the disclosure denial in part; or
- Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the Township Board shall respond to the written appeal. The Township Board shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

If the Township Board fails to respond to a written appeal, or if the Township Board 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 in Circuit Court.

Whether or not a requestor submitted an appeal of a denial to the Township Board, he or she may file a civil action in Manistee County Circuit Court within 180 days after the Township's final determination to deny the request.

If a court that determines a public record is not exempt from disclosure, it shall order the Township to cease withholding or to produce all or a portion of a public record wrongfully withheld, regardless of the location of the public record. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.

If a person asserting the right to inspect, copy, or receive a copy of all or a portion of a public record prevails in such an action, the court shall award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the person or Township prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements.

If the court determines that the Township 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 Township 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.

Section 9: Appeal of an Excessive FOIA Processing Fee

"Fee" means the total fee or any component of the total fee calculated under section 4 of the FOIA, including any deposit.

If a requestor believes that the fee charged by the Township to process a FOIA request exceeds the amount permitted by state law or under this policy, he or she must first appeal to the Township Board by submitting a written appeal for a fee reduction to the office of the Township Supervisor (or "clerk" or "FOIA Coordinator," etc.).

The appeal must be in writing, specifically state the word "appeal" and identify how the required fee exceeds the amount permitted. The Township FOIA Appeal Form (To Appeal an Excess Fee) may be used.

The Township Board is not considered to have received a written appeal until the first regularly scheduled Township Board meeting following submission of the written appeal.

Within 10 business days after receiving the appeal, the Township Board will respond in writing by:

- Waiving the fee;
- Reducing the fee and issuing a written determination indicating the specific basis that supports the remaining fee;
- Upholding the fee and issuing a written determination indicating the specific basis that supports the required fee; or
- Issuing a notice detailing the reason or reasons for extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the Township Board will respond to the written appeal. The Township Board shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

Where the Township Board reduces or upholds the fee, the determination must include a certification from the Township Board 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 of the FOIA.

Within 45 days after receiving notice of the Township Board's determination of an appeal, the requesting person may commence a civil action in Manistee County Circuit Court for a fee reduction.

If a civil action is commenced against the Township for an excess fee, the Township 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 in circuit court unless *one* of the following applies:

- The Township does not provide for appeals of fees,
- The Township Board failed to respond to a written appeal as required, or
- The Township Board issued a determination to a written appeal.

If a court determines that the Township required a fee that exceeds the amount permitted under its publicly available procedures and guidelines or Section 4 of the FOIA, the court shall reduce the fee to a permissible amount. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.

If the requesting person prevails in court 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.

If the court determines that the Township has arbitrarily and capriciously violated the FOIA by charging an excessive fee, the court shall order the Township 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.

Section 10: Conflict with Prior FOIA Policies and Procedures; Effective Date

To the extent that these Procedures and Guidelines conflict with previous FOIA policies promulgated by Township Board or the Township Administration these Procedures and Guidelines are controlling. To the extent that any administrative rule promulgated by the FOIA Coordinator subsequent to the adoption of this resolution is found to be in conflict with any previous policy promulgated by the Township Board or the Township Administration, the administrative rule promulgated by the FOIA Coordinator is controlling.

To the extent that any provision of these Procedures and Guidelines or any administrative rule promulgated by the FOIA Coordinator pertaining to the release of public records is found to be in conflict with any State statute, the applicable statute shall control. The FOIA Coordinator is authorized to modify this policy and all previous policies adopted by the Township Board or the Township Administration, and to adopt such administrative rules as he or she may deem necessary, to facilitate the legal review and processing of requests for public records made pursuant to Michigan's FOIA statute, provided that such modifications and rules are consistent with State law. The FOIA Coordinator shall inform the Township Board of any change these Policies and Guidelines.

These FOIA Policies and Guidelines become effective July 1, 2015.

Section 11: Appendix of Stronach Township FOIA Forms

- Request for Public Records Form
- Notice to Extend Response Time Form
- Notice of Denial Form
- Detailed Cost Itemization Form
- Appeal of Denial of Records Form
- Appeal of Excess Fee Form

Inspection of Records

Public Inspection of Records

Upon receiving a verbal request to inspect township records, the township shall furnish the requesting person with a reasonable opportunity and reasonable facilities for inspection and examination of its public records.

A person shall be allowed to inspect public records during usual business hours, not less than four hours per day. The public does not have unlimited access to township offices or facilities, and a person may be required to inspect records at a specified counter or table, and in view of township personnel.

Township officials, appointees, staff or consultants/contractors assisting with inspection of public records shall inform any person inspecting records that only pencils, and no pens or ink, may be used to take notes.

In coordination with the official responsible for the records, the FOIA coordinator shall determine on a case-by-case basis when the township will provide copies of original records, to allow for blacking out exempt information, to protect old or delicate original records, or because the original record is a digital file or database not available for public inspection.

The (*clerk, FOIA coordinator, other*) is responsible for identifying if records or information requested by the public is stored in digital files or e-mail, even if the public does not specifically request a digital file or e-mail.

A person cannot remove books, records or files from the place the township has provided for the inspection.

No documents shall be removed from the office of the custodian of those documents without permission of that custodian, except by court order, subpoena or for audit purposes. The official shall be given a receipt listing the records being removed. Documents may be removed from the office of the custodian of those documents with permission of that custodian to accommodate public inspection of those documents.

Copies May Be Required to Enable Public Inspection of Records

In coordination with the official responsible for the records, the FOIA coordinator will determine (*by policy, on a case-by-case basis, or both*) when the township will provide copies of original records, to allow for blacking out exempt information, to protect old or delicate original records, or because the original record is a digital file or database not available for public inspection.

Township: Keep original and provide copies of both sides of each sheet, along with Public Summary, to requestor at no charge.

_____ Township, _____ County

Detailed Cost Itemization

Phone: _____

Freedom of Information Act Request Detailed Cost Itemization

Date: _____ Prepared for Request No.: _____ Date Request Received: _____

<p>The following costs are being charged in compliance with Section 4 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.234, according to the township's FOIA Policies and Guidelines.</p>			
<p>1. Labor Cost for Copying / Duplication</p> <p>This is the cost of labor directly associated with duplication of publication, including making paper copies, making digital copies, or transferring digital public records to be given to the requestor on non-paper physical media or through the Internet or other electronic means as stipulated by the requestor.</p> <p>This shall not be more than the hourly wage of the township's lowest-paid employee capable of necessary duplication or publication in this particular instance, regardless of whether that person is available or who actually performs the labor.</p> <p>These costs will be estimated and charged in 15 minute time increments as set by the township board (for example: 15-minutes or more); all partial time increments must be rounded down. If the number of minutes is less than one increment, there is no charge.</p> <p>Hourly Wage Charged: \$20 Charge per increment: \$5 OR Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$-0- OR Multiply the hourly wage by the percentage multiplier: 0 % (up to 50% of the hourly wage) and add to the hourly wage for a total per hour rate. Charge per increment: \$5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overtime rate charged as stipulated by Requestor (overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost)</p>	<p>To figure the number of increments, take the number of minutes: _____, divide by _____-minute increments, and round down. Enter below:</p> <p>Number of increments</p> <p>x _____ =</p>	<p>1. Labor Cost</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	
<p>2. Labor Cost to Locate:</p> <p>This is the cost of labor directly associated with the necessary searching for, locating, and examining public records in conjunction with receiving and fulfilling a granted written request. This fee is being charged because failure to do so will result in unreasonably high costs to the township that are excessive and beyond the normal or usual amount for those services compared to the township's usual FOIA requests, because of the nature of the request in this particular instance, specifically: _____</p> <hr/> <p>The township will not charge more than the hourly wage of its lowest-paid employee capable of searching for, locating, and examining the public records in this particular instance, regardless of whether that person is available or who actually performs the labor.</p> <p>These costs will be estimated and charged in 15-minute time increments (must be 15-minutes or more); all partial time increments must be rounded down. If the number of minutes is less than 15, there is no charge.</p> <p>Hourly Wage Charged: \$20 Charge per increment: \$5 OR Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$-0- OR Multiply the hourly wage by the percentage multiplier: 0 % (up to 50% of the hourly wage) and add to the hourly wage for a total per hour rate. Charge per increment: \$5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overtime rate charged as stipulated by Requestor (overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost)</p>	<p>To figure the number of increments, take the number of minutes: _____, divide by _____-minute increments, and round down. Enter below:</p> <p>Number of increments</p> <p>x _____ =</p>	<p>2. Labor Cost</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	

3a. Employee Labor Cost for Separating Exempt from Non-Exempt (Redacting):

(Fill this out if using a township employee. If contracted, use No. 3b instead).

The township will not charge for labor directly associated with redaction if it knows or has reason to know that it previously redacted the record in question and still has the redacted version in its possession.

This fee is being charged because failure to do so will result in unreasonably high costs to the township that are excessive and beyond the normal or usual amount for those services compared to the township's usual FOIA requests, because of the nature of the request in this particular instance, specifically: _____

This is the cost of labor of a **township employee**, including necessary review, directly associated with separating and deleting exempt from nonexempt information. This shall not be more than the hourly wage of the township's **lowest-paid employee** capable of separating and deleting exempt from nonexempt information in this particular instance, regardless of whether that person is available or who actually performs the labor.

These costs will be estimated and charged in _____-minute time increments (*must be 15-minutes or more*); all partial time increments must be rounded down. *If the number of minutes is less than 15, there is no charge.*

Hourly Wage Charged: \$20

Charge per increment: \$5

OR

Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$-0-

OR

Multiply the hourly wage by the percentage multiplier: 0 %
(up to 50% of the hourly wage) and add to the hourly wage for a total per hour rate.

Charge per increment: \$5

Overtime rate charged as stipulated by Requestor (*overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost*)

To figure the number of increments, take the number of minutes: _____, divide by _____-minute increments, and round down. Enter below:

Number of increments

3a. Labor Cost

x _____ = \$ _____

3b. Contracted Labor Cost for Separating Exempt from Non-Exempt (Redacting):

(Fill this out if using a contractor, such as the attorney. If using in-house employee, use No. 3a instead.)

The township will not charge for labor directly associated with redaction if it knows or has reason to know that it previously redacted the record in question and still has the redacted version in its possession.

This fee is being charged because failure to do so will result in unreasonably high costs to the township that are excessive and beyond the normal or usual amount for those services compared to the township's usual FOIA requests, because of the nature of the request in this particular instance, specifically: _____

As this township does not employ a person capable of separating exempt from non-exempt information in this particular instance, as determined by the FOIA Coordinator, this is the cost of labor of a **contractor** (i.e.: outside attorney), including necessary review, directly associated with separating and deleting exempt information from nonexempt information. This shall not exceed an amount equal to 6 times the state minimum hourly wage rate of _____ (currently \$8.15).

Name of contracted person or firm: _____

These costs will be estimated and charged in _____-minute time increments (*must be 15-minutes or more*); all partial time increments must be rounded down. *If the number of minutes is less than 15, there is no charge.*

Hourly Cost Charged: \$ _____

Charge per increment: \$ _____

To figure the number of increments, take the number of minutes: _____, divide by _____-minute increments, and round down to: _____ increments. Enter below:

Number of increments

3b. Labor Cost

x _____ = \$ _____

<p>4. Copying / Duplication Cost:</p> <p>Copying costs may be charged if a copy of a public record is requested, or for the necessary copying of a record for inspection (for example, to allow for blacking out exempt information, to protect old or delicate original records, or because the original record is a digital file or database not available for public inspection).</p> <p>No more than the <u>actual</u> cost of a sheet of paper, <u>up to maximum 10 cents per sheet</u> for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter (8 ½ x 11-inch, single and double-sided): 10 cents per sheet • Legal (8 ½ x 14-inch, single and double-sided): 10 cents per sheet <p>No more than the <u>actual</u> cost of a sheet of paper for <u>other</u> paper sizes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other paper sizes (single and double-sided): 0 cents / dollars per sheet <p><u>Actual and most reasonably economical cost of non-paper physical digital media:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circle applicable: Disc / Tape / Drive / Other Digital Medium Cost per Item: _____ <p>The cost of paper copies must be calculated as a total cost per <u>sheet</u> of paper. The fee cannot exceed 10 cents per sheet of paper for copies of public records made on 8-1/2- by 11-inch paper or 8-1/2- by 14-inch paper. A township must utilize the most economical means available for making copies of public records, including using double-sided printing, if cost saving and available.</p>	<p>Number of Sheets:</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>No. of Items:</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p>	<p>Costs:</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>4. Total Copy Cost</p> <p>\$ _____</p>
<p>5. Mailing Cost:</p> <p>The township will charge the actual cost of mailing, if any, for sending records in a reasonably economical and justifiable manner. Delivery confirmation is not required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The township may charge for the <u>least expensive form</u> of postal delivery confirmation. • The township cannot charge more for expedited shipping or insurance unless specifically requested by the requestor.* <p style="text-align: right;">Actual Cost of Envelope or Packaging: \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Actual Cost of Postage: \$ _____ per stamp \$ _____ per pound \$ _____ per package</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Actual Cost (least expensive) Postal Delivery Confirmation: \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Expedited Shipping or Insurance as Requested: \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Requestor has requested expedited shipping or insurance</p>	<p>Number of Envelopes or Packages:</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p> <p>x _____ = \$ _____</p>	<p>Costs:</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>\$ _____</p> <p>5. Total Mailing Cost</p> <p>\$ _____</p>

6a. Copying/Duplicating Cost for Records Already on Township's Website:

If the public body 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 non-paper physical digital media, the township will provide the public records in the specified format and may charge copying costs to provide those copies.

No more than the actual cost of a sheet of paper, up to maximum 10 cents per sheet for:

- Letter (8 1/2 x 11-inch, single and double-sided): 10 cents per sheet
- Legal (8 1/2 x 14-inch, single and double-sided): 10 cents per sheet

No more than the actual cost of a sheet of paper for other paper sizes:

- Other paper sizes (single and double-sided): 0 cents / dollars per sheet

Actual and most reasonably economical cost of non-paper physical digital media:

- Circle applicable: Disc / Tape / Drive / Other Digital Medium Cost per Item: _____

Requestor has stipulated that some / all of the requested records that are already available on the township's website be provided in a paper or non-paper physical digital medium.

Number of Sheets:

x _____ = \$ _____
x _____ = \$ _____

Costs:

x _____ = \$ _____

No. of Items:

x _____ = \$ _____

6a. Web Copy Cost

\$ _____

6b. Labor Cost for Copying/Duplicating Records Already on Township's Website:

This shall not be more than the hourly wage of the township's lowest-paid employee capable of necessary duplication or publication in this particular instance, regardless of whether that person is available or who actually performs the labor. These costs will be estimated and charged in _____-minute time increments (i.e.: 15-minutes or more); all partial time increments must be rounded down. If the number of minutes is less than 15, there is no charge.

Hourly Wage Charged: \$20

Charge per increment: \$5

OR

Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$-0-

OR

Multiply the hourly wage by the percentage multiplier: _____% and add to the hourly wage for a total per hour rate.

Charge per increment: \$5

The township may use a fringe benefit multiplier greater than the 50% limitation, not to exceed the actual costs of providing the information in the specified format.

To figure the number of increments, take the number of minutes: _____, divide by _____-minute increments, and round down. Enter below:

Number of increments

6b. Web Labor Cost

x _____ = \$ _____

Overtime rate charged as stipulated by Requestor

6c. Mailing Cost for Records Already on Township's Website:

Actual Cost of Envelope or Packaging: \$ _____

Actual Cost of Postage: \$ _____ per stamp / per pound / per package

Actual Cost (least expensive) Postal Delivery Confirmation: \$ _____

*Expedited Shipping or Insurance as Requested: \$ _____

Number:

Costs:

x _____ = \$ _____

x _____ = \$ _____

x _____ = \$ _____

x _____ = \$ _____

6c. Web Mailing Cost

\$ _____

* Requestor has requested expedited shipping or insurance

<p>Subtotal Fees Before Waivers, Discounts or Deposits:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Estimated Time Frame to Provide Records:</p> <p>_____ (days or date)</p> <p>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 the township from any of the other requirements of this act.</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>** Cost estimate</p> <p>** Bill</p> </div>	<p>1. Labor Cost for Copying: \$ _____</p> <p>2. Labor Cost to Locate: \$ _____</p> <p>3a. Labor Cost to Redact: \$ _____</p> <p>3b. Contract Labor Cost to Redact: \$ _____</p> <p>4. Copying/Duplication Cost: \$ _____</p> <p>5. Mailing Cost: \$ _____</p> <p>6a. Copying/Duplication of Records on Website: \$ _____</p> <p>6b. Labor Cost for Copying Records on Website: \$ _____</p> <p>6c. Mailing Costs for Records on Website: \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Subtotal Fees: \$ _____</p>
<p>Waiver: Public Interest</p> <p>A search for a public record may be conducted or copies of public records may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if the township determines that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> All fees are waived OR <input type="checkbox"/> All fees are reduced by: _____ % </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Subtotal Fees After Waiver: \$ _____</p>	
<p>Discount: Indigence</p> <p>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:</p> <p>1) Submits an affidavit stating that the individual is indigent and receiving specific public assistance, OR</p> <p>2) If not receiving public assistance, stating facts showing inability to pay the cost because of indigence.</p> <p>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:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(i) The individual has previously received discounted copies of public records from the same public body twice during that calendar year, OR</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for Indigence Discount</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Subtotal Fees After Discount (subtract \$20): \$ _____</p>	
<p>Discount: Nonprofit Organization</p> <p>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 federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the federal Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, if the request meets ALL of the following requirements:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(i) Is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(ii) Is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the Michigan Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(iii) Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the township.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for Nonprofit Discount</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Subtotal Fees After Discount (subtract \$20): \$ _____</p>	

<p>Deposit: Good Faith The township may require a good-faith deposit in either its initial response or a subsequent response before providing the public records to the requestor if the entire fee estimate or charge authorized under this section exceeds \$50.00, based on a good-faith calculation of the total fee. The deposit cannot exceed 1/2 of the total estimated fee. Percent of Deposit: _____ %</p>	<p>Date Paid: _____</p>	<p>Deposit Amount Required: \$ _____</p>
<p>Deposit: Increased Deposit Due to Previous FOIA Fees Not Paid In Full After a township has granted and fulfilled a written request from an individual under this act, if the township has not been paid in full the total amount of fees for the copies of public records that the township made available to the individual as a result of that written request, the township may require an increased estimated fee deposit of up to 100% of the estimated fee before it begins a full public record search for any subsequent written request from that individual if ALL of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) The final fee for the prior written request was not more than 105% of the estimated fee. (b) The public records made available contained the information being sought in the prior written request and are still in the township's possession. (c) The public records were made available to the individual, subject to payment, within the best effort estimated time frame given for the previous request. (d) Ninety (90) days have passed since the township notified the individual in writing that the public records were available for pickup or mailing. (e) The individual is unable to show proof of prior payment to the township. (f) The township calculates a detailed itemization, as required under MCL 15.234, that is the basis for the current written request's increased estimated fee deposit.</p> <p>A township can no longer require an increased estimated fee deposit from an individual if ANY of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) The individual is able to show proof of prior payment in full to the township, OR (b) The township is subsequently paid in full for the applicable prior written request, OR (c) Three hundred sixty-five (365) days have passed since the individual made the written request for which full payment was not remitted to the township.</p>	<p>Date Paid: _____</p>	<p>Percent Deposit Required: _____ %</p> <p>Deposit Required: \$ _____</p>
<p>Late Response Labor Costs Reduction If the township does not respond to a written request in a timely manner as required under MCL 15.235(2), the township must do the following:</p> <p>(a) Reduce the charges for labor costs otherwise permitted by 5% for each day the township exceeds the time permitted for a response to the request, with a maximum 50% reduction, if EITHER of the following applies:</p> <p>(i) The late response was willful and intentional, OR</p> <p>(ii) The written request included language that conveyed a request for information within the first 250 words of the body of a letter, facsimile, electronic mail, or electronic mail attachment, or specifically included the words, characters, or abbreviations for "freedom of information," "information," "FOIA," "copy", or a recognizable misspelling of such, or appropriate legal code reference for this act, on the front of an envelope, or in the subject line of an electronic mail, letter, or facsimile cover page.</p>	<p>Number of Days Over Required Response Time: _____</p> <p>Multiply by 5% = Total Percent Reduction: _____</p>	<p>Total Labor Costs \$ _____</p> <p>Minus Reduction \$ _____</p> <p>= Reduced Total Labor Costs \$ _____</p>
<p>The Public Summary of the township's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines is available free of charge from: Website: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Request Will Be Processed, But Balance Must Be Paid Before Copies May Be Picked Up, Delivered or Mailed</p>	<p>Date Paid: _____</p>	<p>Total Balance Due: \$ _____</p>

(Form created by Michigan Townships Association, April 2015)