## VILLAGE OF FIFE LAKE

# **1FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT RECORDS REQUEST PACKET**

## **Instructions:**

Please review enclosed FOIA Procedures and Guidelines. A Summary of these FOJA Procedures and Guidelines is provided as Attachment A, and a FOTA Request Form is provided as Attachment B for your convenience.

A Cost Worksheet is provided as Attachment C; the Cost Worksheet will be completed by the FOJA Coordinator upon completing your request.

Please return your completed FOIA Request Form(s) and Cost Worksheet(s) to the office of the Village of Fife Lake.

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as adopted by the Village of Fife Lake (the "Village") on v, 2015, these FOIA Policies set forth the procedures and guidelines for processing a FOIA request submitted to the Village in accordance with the Act.

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b. A certificate that the documents you requested do not exist.

A complete or partial denial. Any denial will include the reasons for denial and describe your rights to appeal the denial.

d. A notice of extension of the response period for 10 days. If you receive a notice of extension, you can expect a second response in the form of 2a., 2b., and/or 2c. above within the time-line stated in the notice of extension.

# **FOIA Costs**

The Village of Fife Lake will charge for copies and actual mailing costs for FOIA responses. It will also charge for document searches, examination, review, and deletion or separation of exempt documents, when failure to do so would result in unreasonably high costs to the Village. Your invoice will be attached to the FOIA response as set out above. Costs will be set out on the attached invoice form. In cases where the charges are estimated to exceed \$50.00, you will be required to make a good-faith deposit of 50% of the estimated charges.

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If your FOJA request is denied, either in whole or in part, you will have the right to appeal. You can appeal in one of two ways.

- a. You can appeal to the Village Council, asking for the Council to reverse the denial; or
- b. You can appeal to the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court asking a judge to reverse the denial.

# **FOIA Questions**

If you have further questions, the Village of Fife Lake Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines sets out the rules in more detail. You may also ask the Village Clerk.

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- b. FOIA Request Sufficiency. All FOIA Requests must contain the following:
  - b.i. The name of the requesting party.
  - b.ii. The mailing address of the requesting party or, if no mailing address, a statement that the requesting party will return on the fifth business day to receive the Village's FOIA response.
  - b.iii. A statement that the requesting party will pay the costs allowable under the FOJA, or documentation that the requesting party is receiving public assistance or other facts demonstrating an inability to pay due to indigence.
  - b.iv. A description of the public record sought by the requesting party.
  - b.v. A statement as to whether the requesting party would like to inspect, copy, or receive copies of the public record(s) (if copies, what form of copy is desired; e.g., paper, disc, electronic mail, etc.).
- **c.** Alternative Delivery of FOIA Request. A written request made by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic transmission shall be considered received 1 business day after the transmission is completed. If the transmission is delivered to a spam or junk-mail folder, then the transmission shall be considered received business day after the transmission is discovered.

# d. Oral FOIA Requests.

d.i. If an oral request for a public record(s) of the Village is for information that the Village makes available on-line, the Village employee receiving such a request shall inform the requesting party of the website address (to the extent practicable). If hard copies or an inspection of public records are requested, then a written FOIA Request will be required.

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copies of any public record as provided for in the Act and shall retain a copy of all written requests on file for a period of not less than one (1) year.

**5. FOIA Processing by Village.** The FOIA Coordinator shall process each FOJA Request according to the following procedures:

- a. **FOIA Response.** Once received, the FOIA Coordinator shall respond to a FOIA Request within 5 business days by doing one of the following (unless otherwise agreed to by the requesting party):
  - a.i. Granting the request;
  - a.ii. Issuing a signed written notice denying the request that contains:
    - a. ii. l. An explanation of the basis under the Act for which the FOIA Coordinator found the record exempt from disclosure;
    - a.ii.2. A certificate that the public record does not exist by the name given or another name reasonably known to the FOIA Coordinator;
    - a.ii.3. A description of the public record that is separated or deleted; and
    - a.ii.4. The following, verbatim: "Ifyou receive written notice that your request was denied in whole or in part, you may, at your option, either 1) submit to the FOIA Coordinator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason (S) you believe the denial should be reversed; or 2) file a civil action in the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court to compel the Village of Fife Lake disclosure of public records within 180 days after the Village final determination to deny a request. If, after judicial review, the Circuit Court determines that the Village has not complied with the FOIA and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record, you may be awarded attorney fees and damages as provided by Section 10 of the FOJA."
  - a.iii. Granting the request in part and issuing a signed written notice denying the request in part which includes the requirements in subsection ii. above; or
  - a.iv. Issuing a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the FOJA Coordinator shall respond to the request which includes the reason for the extension and the date by which he or she shall respond in a manner set out in this subsection 5(a)(i) through (iii).

- b. Additional Writing to Requesting Party. All responses to a FOIA Request shall also include the following:
  - b.i. An invoice containing a detailed itemization of the fee charged pursuant to Section 6 below.
  - b.ii. Information indicating where to inspect or receive copies and pay the charged fee;
  - b.iii. If the public record is made available on-line by the Village, the internet address where such information is available and a statement that there will be an additional charge for production of copies of those records;
  - b.iv. The following statement: "The Village does not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Rather, it provides the documents in good faith and in compliance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, and not for any other purpose."

**Failure to Respond.** Failure to respond pursuant to subsection 5(a), above, shall constitute a final determination to deny the request if either of the following applies:

- c.i. The failure was willful and intentional; or
- c.ii. The written request made the request for public records within the first 250 words of the request, or specifically included the following on the front of an envelope or in the subject line of the request: (a) "freedom of information"; (b) "information"; (c) "FOJA"; (d) "copy"; (e) a recognizable misspelling of the foregoing; or (f) reference to the FOIA statute or code.
- **d. Procedures for Separation of Records.** If a request is made for an existing public record that includes information which is exempt from disclosure under the Act and information which is not exempt, the FOIA Coordinator must separate the material and make the non-exempt material available for examination, copying, and/or production. Additionally, the FOJA Coordinator is directed to generally describe the material which had to be separated, unless doing so would reveal the contents of the exempt information and thus defeat the purpose of the exemption. The labor cost associated with such procedures shall be treated in accordance with Section 6.
- e. Non-Traditional Records. The Village of Fife Lake has limited in-house capabilities for copying photographs, audio or videotapes, microforms, maps or plans. If a person requests copies of these types of media or other large

documents which must be copied off-site, the FOIA Coordinator will determine and assess those costs pursuant to Section 6 below. If an employee of the public body is required to deliver and/or pick up the public records and/or copies of public records, the labor hours spent and applicable mileage (at Village rates) will also be applied to the charges to the requesting party.

**6. FOIA Fees and Costs.** The FOIA Coordinator may charge a fee for copies and actual mailing costs for a FOIA response. In addition, the FOIA Coordinator may charge a fee for the cost of search, examination, review, and the separation and deletion of exempt from non-exempt records if the failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to the Village of Fife Lake because of the nature of the request in the particular instance, and the FOIA Coordinator identifies the nature those unreasonably high costs in the FOIA response. All charged fees and costs shall be determined and adopted by separate resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Fife Lake, and shall be reviewed and amended, from time to time, as necessary.

Black and White Photocopies	\$0.10 per page
Compact Disc	\$1.00 per disc
Mailing	Actual mailing costs
Contracted Services for Producing Copies	Actual invoiced charge to Village of Fife Lake

## a. Material, Equipment, and Mailing Costs.

- **b.** Labor Costs. Labor costs shall be charged in increments of 15 minutes, with all partial time increments rounded down. Costs for labor are as follows:
  - b.i. **Copies.** Labor charges for making copies, creating compact discs, scanning documents, or faxing documents to respond to a FOIA Request shall be at the hourly wage of the lowest-paid Village of Fife Lake clerical employee, regardless of who makes said copies, plus fringe benefits as set forth below.
  - b.ii. Searching, Locating, and Examining. Labor charges for the necessary searching for, locating, and examining of public records to respond to a FOIA Request shall be at the hourly wage of the lowest-paid Village of Fife Lake employee capable of searching for, locating, and examining public records, regardless of who actually does such work, plus fringe benefits as set forth below.
  - b.iii. Separation and Deletion of Exempt Information. Labor charges for the necessary review associated with separating and deleting exempt information from non-exempt information shall be at the hourly wage of the lowest paid Village of Fife Lake employee capable of separating and deleting exempt information from non-exempt information, regardless of who actually does such work, plus fringe benefits as set forth below.

If the Village of Fife Lake does not employ a person capable of separating and deleting exempt information, then it may charge actual contracted hourly wage labor costs if the detailed itemization includes the name of the contracted person or firm. However, the hourly wage shall not exceed an amount equal to six (6) times the state minimum hourly wage as determined by Public Act 138 of 2014, as amended.

No charge for separation and deletion shall be made for public records already made available on-line by the Village.

- b.iv. Fringe Benefits. The Village shall charge a multiplier for fringe benefits of employees for the labor charges set out above in 6(b)(i) through (iii); the appropriate multiplier shall not exceed the actual fringe benefits of the employee, and in no case shall be greater than 50% of the charged hourly wage. However, if the public records requested are made available on-line by the Village and the requesting party stipulates that he or she wants copies then there is no 50% limitation and actual labor plus actual fringe benefit costs may be charged for those copies.
- c. Waiver or Reduction of Fees and Costs. Fees and costs may be waived or reduced under the following circumstances and shall be reflected in the detailed itemization:
  - c.i. **Public Interest.** Upon request in a FOIA Request, the Village may reduce or waive fees and costs if it determines that searching for or furnishing the public record primarily benefits the general public.
  - c.ii. **Waiver of first \$20.00.** When a requesting party meets either of the following conditions, the first \$20.00 of the fee shall be waived:
    - cii. 1. The requesting party submits an affidavit stating he or she is indigent by either showing that he or she receives public assistance, or provides facts demonstrating the inability to pay the cost, unless the requesting party has previously received this waiver from the Village of Fife Lake twice during the calendar year, or the requesting party makes the request in conjunction with another party offering payment for the fulfillment of the request. In the case of a denial, the FOIA Coordinator shall provide the reason in the FOIA response.
    - c.ii.2. The requesting party is a non-profit organization designated by the state of Michigan to carry out activities under subtitle C of

Public Law 106-402 of 2000 and Public Law 99-319, makes the request on its own or its clients' behalf, the reason for the request is wholly consistent with Section 931 of Public Act 258 of 1974, and the request is accompanied by documentation of the organization's designation by the state.

- **d.** Good-Faith Deposit. A FOIA response under Section 5(a) above, may include the requirement for a good-faith deposit prior to providing the requested public records if:
  - d.i. A detailed itemization estimate or charge is completed and the detailed itemization exceeds \$50.00;
  - d.ii. The FOIA response includes the detailed itemization;
  - d.iii. The required deposit does not exceed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the total charge on the detailed itemization; and
  - d.iv. The FOIA response includes a "best efforts" estimate of the time to comply with the FOJA.
- **e. Full Deposit.** The FOJA Coordinator shall require a 100% deposit of an estimated fee for a FOJA Request if the Village of Fife Lake has not been paid in full for *a* previous FOJA response to the same requesting party if all of the following apply:
  - e.i. The final charge for the previous response did not exceed 105% of the estimate;
  - e.ii. The public records compiled for the previous response remain in the possession of the Village of Fife Lake;
  - e.iii. The previous response was timely;
  - e.iv. Ninety days have passed since the FOJA Coordinator notified the requesting party of the previous response's availability;
  - e.v. The requesting party cannot show proof of payment for the previous response;
  - e.vi. The FOJA Coordinator provides a complete detailed itemization estimate; and
  - e.vii. No more than 364 days have passed since the date of the FOIA request for which the requesting party did not make payment.

- f. **Failure to Respond in a Timely Manner.** If the Village of Fife Lake fails to respond to a FOIA Request in a timely manner as required by Section 5 above, it shall do the following:
  - f.i. Reduce labor charges by 5% for each day the FOIA response is untimely with a maximum 50% reduction, if either of the following applies:
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  - f.ii. Fully note and account for a required charge reduction in the detailed itemization.
- 7. **FOIA Disclosure Appeals.** A requesting party may file an appeal of a disclosure denial to the Village of Fife Lake FOIA Coordinator or the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court. When a requesting party submits an appeal of a disclosure denial to the FOIA Coordinator, the FOIA Coordinator shall provide that appeal to the Village Council of the Village of Fife Lake at its next regularly scheduled meeting at which time the appeal shall be considered received.
  - a. Because the FOIA requires a response to the appeal within 10 business days of receipt, the Village Council shall consider and decide the appeal at the regularly scheduled meeting at which the appeal is received, and instruct the FOIA Coordinator to do one of the following:
    - ad. Reverse the disclosure denial and provide the public records to the requesting party;
    - a.ii. Issue a written notice to the requesting party upholding the disclosure denial;
    - a.iii. Reverse the disclosure denial in part and issue a written notice to the requesting party upholding the disclosure denial in part; or
    - a.iv. Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the Village shall respond to the written appeal. The Village may not issue more than one such notice of extension for a particular written appeal. If necessary, the Village may schedule and hold a special meeting to consider the appeal.

- b. In its consideration of any appeal, the Village Council shall review the materials submitted by the appellant, any written comments received from the FOIA Coordinator, and such other information as the Village Council deems necessary.
- c. If the Village of Fife Lake fails to respond or if it upholds in whole or in part the disclosure denial, then the requesting party may seek judicial review pursuant to Section 10 of the FOJA.
- d. Asset forth in Section 10 of the FOIA (MCL 15.240(l)(b)), a civil action filed in Circuit Court must be commenced within 180 days of the final determination by the Village to deny a request.
- **8. FOIA Fee Appeals.** A requesting party may file an appeal of fees to the Village of Fife Lake FOIA Coordinator or the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court. When a requesting party submits a fee appeal to the FOIA Coordinator, the FOIA Coordinator shall provide that appeal to the Village Council of the Village of Fife Lake and its next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the appeal shall be considered received.
  - a. Because the FOJA requires a response to the appeal within 10 business days of receipt, the Village Council shall consider and decide the appeal at the regularly scheduled meeting at which the appeal is received and instruct the FOIA Coordinator to do one of the following:
    - ad. Waive the fee;
    - a.ii. Reduce the fee and issue a written determination to the requesting party indicating the specific basis under Section 4 of the FOIA that supports the remaining fee. The determination shall include a certification from the Village Council 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 Act; or
    - a.iii. Uphold the fee and issue a written determination to the requesting party indicating the specific basis under Section 4 of the FOIA that supports the required fee. The determination shall include a certification from the Village Council 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 of the Act.
  - b. If the Village of Fife Lake fails to respond or if it upholds the fee in whole, or in part, then the requesting party may seek judicial review pursuant to Section 1 Oa of the FOJA.

# 9. FOIA Response Retention.

- a. The FOIA Coordinator shall hold an un-retrieved, completed FOIA response and all public records associated with that response for one year and one day from the date of completion. If the requesting party fails to pay the fee or retrieve the response and public documents prior to the expiration of that time, then the FOJA Coordinator may recycle, destroy copies, and/or return the documents to the appropriate department.
- b. The FOIA Coordinator shall maintain a chronological file of all FOIA Requests processed by him or her together with a copy of all public records provided as a part of that response, letters, and invoices for a period of one year and one day from the date of the completed response.

# Village of Fife Lake Freedom of Information Act Request Itemized Cost Worksheet

# (Effective July 1, 2015)

Pursuant to section 4 of the Michigan Information Act, MCL 15.234, the followin charged for response to FOIA requests, according to the FOIA fee schedule adopt periodically revised by the village council	•
1. Labor Costs – to Locate	Number of Increments
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. The Village will not charge more than the hourly wage of it's 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. These costs will be estimated and charged in 15 minute time increments.	Total labor costs
Hourly wages with fringe benefit charged \$14.02 Charge per increment \$3.50	
<b>2. Labor Cost for Copying</b> 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 requester on non-paper physical media or through the internet or other electronic means as stipulated by the requester.	Number of Increments
This shall not be more than the hourly wage of the Village'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 15 minute time increments.	Total labor costs
Hourly wages with fringe benefit charged \$14.02 Charge per increment \$3.50	
3. Employee Labor Costs for Separating Exempt from Non-Exempt	Number of Increments
This fee is being charged because failure to do so will result in unreasonably high costs to the Village because of the nature of the request in this particular case, specifically:	Total labor
This is the cost of labor of a village employee, including necessary review, directly associated with separating and deleting exempt from non-exempt information. This shall not be more than the hourly wage of the Village's lowest-paid employee capable of separating and deleting exempt from non-	

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exempt 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 15 minute time increments.	
Hourly wages with fringe benefit charged \$14.02 Charge per increment \$3.50	
4. Copying (duplication or printing) Copying costs may be charged if a copy of public record is requested, or for the necessary copying of a record for inspection.	Number of sheets
Cost per sheet copy \$0.10	Cost of copies
Cost per digital media copy \$1.00	
	Number of Items
	Cost of Items
<b>5. Mailing</b> The Village will charge the actual cost of mailing, if any, for sending records in a reasonably economical and justifiable manner. The Village will not charge more for expedited shipping or insurance unless specifically requested by the requester. The Village may charge for the least expensive form of postal delivery confirmation.	Total Cost of Postage
Cost of Envelope or package Cost of Postage	
Postal Delivery Confirmation cost * $E_x p_e dit_e d$ Shipping or insurance request cost	
Proof or Affidavit of Insurgency Submitted Yes No	Subtract \$20
Estimated Cost	\$
Note: If Estimated Cost Exceeds \$50.00 a Good Faith Deposit of 50% is Required Before Request Will Be Processed	Date Paid
	Deposit Amount \$
Note: Requests Will be Processed, But Balance Must Be Paid Before Copies May Be Picked Up, Delivered, or Mailed Date Paid	Balance Due