

TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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MANALAPAN, NEW JERSEY 07726
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REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS FOR MUNICIPAL USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Date of Response: _____
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone [Home] () _____ Unlisted? Yes ___ No ___
Telephone [Work] () _____

Information Requested:(must be specific)

Information on a Specific Property Address _____
Block _____ Lot _____

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

- Immediate access is ordinarily available for to budgets, bills, vouchers, contracts, including collective negotiations agreements and individual employment contracts, and public employee salary and overtime information. Minutes of public meetings will be generally available immediately after the minutes have been approved.
- Records which are not readily available or which will require a search of records will be made available as soon as possible and the applicant will be provided with an interim report within seven [7] business days indicating the time which will be required to provide the records.
- Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a printed record shall be \$0.05 per letter size page or smaller; and \$0.07 per legal size page or larger.
On September 10, 2010 Governor Christie signed legislation that changed OPRA's copy fee provision at N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b. Said provision of OPRA has since been amended to provide that: "[a] copy or copies of a government record may be purchased by any person upon payment of the fee prescribed by law or regulation."
- Where a request is for a copy in a format other than a photocopy, reasonable efforts will be made to provide the information in the format requested. The cost will be based on the costs of producing the format requested.
- Where a legal determination must be made as to whether records are "public records" as provided by law, the request will be reviewed by the Municipal Attorney.

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

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

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

The information requested will be ready on _____

Estimated Number of Pages _____

Estimated Cost _____

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

 Applicant
 Date: _____

 Municipal Official
 Date: _____

**TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN
GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE**

TO: _____

DATE: _____

The document or documents listed below and requested by you are not being provided because the document or documents are not public records as provided by law, for the following reason:

You have a right to appeal the decision that the document or documents are not public records. You may take your appeal to the Government Records Council or to the New Jersey Superior Court, as provided by *N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.* If your request has been denied, a statement of the procedures for the appeal will be attached to this notification.

Municipal Clerk

Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received the documents requested except for any documents specifically listed above on which a determination has been made that the documents will not be provided. If any documents have not been provided, I have received information on the procedures for any appeal of the determination.

Applicant

Date: _____