FOIA Appeal Form

☐ Denial of Records ☐ Excess Fee

Request No.: __________ Date Received: __________ Check if received via: ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method

Date of This Notice: ________________ Date delivered to junk/spam folder: ________________

Date discovered in junk/spam folder: ________________

(Please Print or Type)

Name ________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Firm/Organization _____________________ Fax ________________________________

Street _______________________________ Email ________________________________

City __________________ State __________ Zip __________________

Request for: ☐ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Record inspection ☐ Subscription to record issued on regular basis

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 county: ______________________________________________________________

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

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Reason(s) for Appeal:
The Denial of Records appeal must identify the reason(s) for the denial. The Excess Fee appeal must specifically identify how the required fee(s) exceed the amount permitted. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:

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Requestor’s Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

County Response:
The county must provide a response within 10 business days after receiving this appeal, including a determination or taking one 10-day extension.

County Extension: We are extending the date to respond to your FOIA 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: ______________________________________________________________

County Determination:

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

☐ Fee Waived ☐ Fee Reduced ☐ Fee Upheld

☐ The following previously denied records will be released: ☐ Written basis for county determination

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(See back of this form for additional information on your rights.)
### Denial of Records Information

**Notice of Requestor’s Right to Seek Judicial Review**

You are entitled under Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240, to appeal this denial to the county board or 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 township 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.

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### Excess Fee Information

**Notice of Requestor’s Right to Seek Judicial Review**

You are entitled under Section 10a of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240a, to appeal a FOIA fee that you believe exceeds the amount permitted under the township’s written Procedures and Guidelines to the township board or 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 township board. If a civil action is commenced in court, the township is not obligated to compete processing the request until the court resolves the fee dispute. If the court determines that the township required a fee that exceeded the permitted amount, the court shall reduce the fee to a permissible amount.

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