TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST FORM

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The reverse side of this form contains important information related to your rights to request government records.

PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY	
Requestor Information	
See Reverse Side for Important Information	
Please Print	Payment Information
First Name MI Last Name	
	Maximum Authorized Cost \$
Company	Select Payment Method
	Cash Check Money Order
Mailing Address	
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City State Zip E-Mail	Fees 8 ½ x 11" \$0.05/ea
	8 ½ x 14" \$0.07/ea
Business Hours Tel: Area Code Number Ext	Maps Actual Costs
	Blueprint Actual Costs
Check One: Under penalty of N.J.S.A.2C:28-3, I certify that I HAVE	Electronic Medium Actual Costs
HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of	
New Jersey or any other State of the United States.	Off-Site Record Retrieval \$38.00
Signature Date	Pickup and Delivery Service

Record Request Information

To Expedite Your Request Be as Specific as Possible

OFFICE USE ONLY	OFFICE USE ONLY	OFFICE USE ONLY
		Finalized Cost
	Disposition Notes	Tracking #
	-	Rec'd Date
	Custodian, if any part of request	Ready Date
	cannot be delivered in 7 days,	Total Pages
	detail reasons here	
Est. Document Cost		Total
Est. Delivery Cost		Deposit
Est. Extras Cost		Documents Provided Balance Due
Total Est. Cost		
Deposit Amount		Balance Paid
Estimated Balance		
	In Progress – Open	
	Denied – Closed	Custodian Signature
Deposit Date:	Filled – Closed	
	Partial - Closed	Date

PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS

- 1. State Law requires that in order to request access to government records under OPRA, you must complete, sign and date this request form and deliver it in person, by mail or electronically during regular business hours to the Municipal Clerk as the Custodian of Records. The Township of Cranbury will not accept submission of a request form by fax. Your request is not considered filed until the request form has been received by the Custodian of Records. If you submit the request form to any other officer or employee of the Township of Cranbury, that officer or employee does not have the authority to accept your request form on behalf of the Township of Cranbury and you will be directed to the Custodian of Records.
- 2. If you submit a request for access to government records to someone other than the appropriate custodian, do not complete the Township of Cranbury request form, or attempt to make a request for access by telephone or fax, the Open Public Records Act and its deadlines, restriction and remedies will not apply to your request.
- 3. The fees for duplication of a government record in printed form are listed on the front of this form. We will notify you of any special charges, special service charges or other additional charges authorized by State law or regulation before processing your request. Payment shall be made by cash, check or money order payable to the Township of Cranbury.
- 4. By law, the Township of Cranbury must notify you that it grants or denies a request for access to government records within (7) business days after the custodian of the record requested receives the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage or archived. If the record requested is not currently available or is in storage or archived, the custodian will advise you within (7) business days when the record can be made available and the estimated cost. You may agree with the custodian to extend the time for granting or denying your request or making records available. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. You may be denied access to a government record if your request would substantially disrupt agency operations and the custodian is unable to reach a reasonable solution with you.
- 7. If the Township of Cranbury is unable to comply with your request for access to a government record, the custodian will indicate the reasons for denial on the request form and send you a signed and dated copy.
- 8. Except as otherwise provided by law or by agreement with the requestor, if the custodian of the record requested fails to respond to you within (7) business days of receiving a written, signed request form, the failure to respond will be considered a denial of your request.
- 9. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the time permitted by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Township of Cranbury to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint, in writing, with the Government Records Council (GRC). You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 1-866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton NJ 08625, by e-mail at <u>grc@dca.state.nj.us</u>, or at their website at <u>www.state.nj.us/grc.</u>
- 11. Information provided on this form may be subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act.

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 to 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.

Applicant

Municipal Official

Date: _____

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