



**City of Independence**  
**Office of the City Recorder**  
**PO Box 7, Independence OR 97351**  
**503.838.1212**

## Public Record Request

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City/State/Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact:

☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ US Mail

Request is for: ☐ Inspection of Public Record (Reviewed at City Hall) ☐ Copies of Public Record(s)

**Information Requested:** Please be specific and provide as much detail as possible to allow City staff to determine the requested records' nature, content and department in which in the record(s) may be located, including dates and key words:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive these records?

☐ Pick up at City Hall ☐ Emailed ☐ US Mail (cost of postage will be added)

### REQUESTOR TO READ AND SIGN UPON SUBMITTING REQUEST

I understand that every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body in this state, except as otherwise expressly provided by ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Further, I understand that fees may be charged to reimburse the City for its actual costs in making the records available. Such calculation may include staff time, costs for summarizing, compiling, or tailoring a record to meet my request. Copies of large documents are sometimes taken to a commercial copy business. For those documents, the fee will be actual cost plus staff time. I hereby request that the City of Independence Records Officer produce, as best to their ability, the records specified above. Any fees must be paid prior to release of the record(s) requested. A deposit for fees, based on the estimated cost, will be required for any estimate above \$25.00. For estimates above \$25.00, the city will provide a written estimate of the cost, and will seek confirmation to proceed or cancel the request. I understand that if the fee is not paid or additional requested information is not provided within 60 days, the request will be closed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date request acknowledged: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Estimated completion date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Info compiled by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

Date notified: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # : \_\_\_\_\_

Date picked up/mailed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Procedure for Public Records Request

1. Complete and return the Records Request form with as much detailed information as you can. For General City Records, return this form to City Recorder, Karin Johnson. For City Court Records, return this form to Court Clerk, Myra Russell.
2. The City will provide a written cost estimate and MUST receive confirmation that you want the City to proceed with your request.
3. The City will contact you with the estimate and a time the records will be available for inspection.
4. If you request to inspect records at City Hall, you will be informed of the next available time for such inspection. A place for ONE person to review the files will be provided. One file at a time will be made available. When you are through with the file, return it to receive the next file. Any pages to be copied should be marked with sticky notes provided by the city.
5. When you complete your inspection, return the last file. If staff is available, requested pages will be copied at that time. If staff is not available, you will be informed via your performed method of contact once staff has copied the requested pages.
6. If more than one person wants to review your requested records at the same time, reservations must be made in advance for a conference room. A research fee will be charged to cover staff's time to remain in the room with the files.

### RECORDS OFFICER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUEST:

☐ The City is the custodian of the requested records.

☐ The City is NOT the custodian of the requested records. This completes the request and no further action is required.

☐ The City is unsure whether it is the custodian of the requested records. We will search for the record and make an appropriate response as soon as practicable.

Additional details: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ We request the following additional information to clarify and/or expedite the request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Copies of the requested record(s) are attached, or are available on the city's website: [www.ci.independence.or.us](http://www.ci.independence.or.us).

### FEES

#### Level 1 Request (staff time of 10 minutes or less)

- A. Provided via email, 1 document: No charge

#### Level 2 Request (staff time of 30 minutes or less)

##### A. Hard copies:

1. Hard copies to be picked up or mailed Research Fee + per page fee

##### B. Digital records:

1. Records currently in digital format: Research Fee + per page fee  
2. Conversion of hard copy to digital: Research Fee + per page fee

#### Level 3 Request (staff time exceeds 30 minutes, complex request)

- A. Actual costs to reproduce, including staff time, legal review, outside services/consultants, per page fees, redaction fees

### FEES:

Research fee: \$25.00, up to 30 minutes. (Any research in excess of 30 minutes will be at actual employee personnel costs)

Hard copies:

- Standard documents (B&W or color, up to 11" x 17" sizes.): Per page fee: \$.25
- Nonstandard documents: Actual cost to reproduce

Digital copies: Per page fee: \$.25

Redaction Fee: Employee personnel services costs and/or legal review

CD/DVD/Flash Drive (1GB) – media only: \$5.00 per CD/DVD/Flash Drive (1GB)

Electronic search of city server: Actual costs (employee personnel costs or consultant fees)