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State of New Jersey
BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST FORM

Important Notice

The reverse side of this form contains important information related to your rights concerning government records. Please read it carefully.
Items No. 1, 2, and 3 on reverse page are revised requirements for making OPRA requests...Please take note!

Requestor Information – Please Print

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
 Company _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
 Business Hours Telephone: Area Code _____ Number _____ Extension _____
 Preferred Delivery: Pick Up _____ US Mail _____ On Site Inspect _____
Circle One: Under penalty of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-3, I certify that I **HAVE / HAVE NOT** been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.
 Signature _____ Date _____

Payment Information

Maximum Authorization Cost \$ _____
 Select Payment Method
 Cash ___ Check ___ Money Order ___
 Fees: Pages 1-10 @\$0.75
 Pages 11-20 @\$0.50
 Pages 21 - @\$0.25
 Delivery: Delivery / postage fees additional depending upon delivery type.
 Extras: Extraordinary service fees dependent upon request.

Record Request Information: To expedite the request, be as specific as possible in describing the records being requested. Also, please include the type of access requested (copying or inspection), and if data, the medium requested.

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Est. Document Cost _____
 Est. Delivery Cost _____
 Est. Extras Cost _____
 Total Est. Cost _____
 Deposit Amount _____
 Estimated Balance _____
 Deposit Date _____

Disposition Notes
 Custodian: If any part of request cannot be delivered in seven business days, detail reasons here.

In Progress - Open _____
 Denied - Closed _____
 Filled - Closed _____
 Partial - Closed _____

Tracking Information		Final Cost	
Tracking # _____	Total _____	Deposit _____	_____
Rec'd Date _____	Balance Due _____	Balance Paid _____	_____
Ready Date _____	_____	_____	_____
Total Pages _____	_____	_____	_____
Records Provided			
_____		_____	
Custodian Signature		Date	

Requesting Access to Government Records Under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.)

1. This form should only be used to submit records requests to the ***Borough of Interlaken***.
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(f) (1) (and Paff vs. City of East Orange Docket No. A-4280-07T2) In order to request access to government records under OPRA, a request shall be in writing. You must complete all the required portions of and date this request form and deliver it in person during regular business hours or by mail, or fax. Emailed requests are prohibited, with exception that only if the sender cannot fax, mail or deliver their OPRA request and email is ***the only*** method available to them, then the requestor **MUST** call the custodian of record (732) 531-7405 to confirm by phone the receipt of their emailed request. Without a phone call confirmation of receipt of your OPRA request submitted by email, the Open Public Records Act and its deadlines, restrictions and remedies will not apply to your emailed request. (*Note: from time to time the Borough has had problems with its computers and servers thus an email may not be retrieved at all, furthermore the sender has no way of knowing if the recipient of that computer is out of the office, out sick, or on vacation and thus not receive your emailed request in a timely manner*).
3. Pursuant to Renna vs. County of Union, Docket No. A-0821-07T2, you may use your own written request form, however, it must be made in a cogent and clear manner, and the nature of the request and other information required must be pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(f). Thus the custodian of records must have before it sufficient information to make the threshold determination as to the nature of the request and whether it falls within the scope of the Open Public Records Act. The Borough's official form is recommended for use, but certainly not required as long as the written request is pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.
4. Your request is not considered filed until the appropriate custodian of the record requested has received a completed request form. If you submit the request form to any other officer or employee of the ***Borough of Interlaken***, that officer or employee may not have the authority to accept your request form on behalf of the ***Borough of Interlaken*** and your request will be directed to the appropriate division custodian. The seven business day response time will not commence until the proper custodian reviews the request to determine if it is complete.
5. If you submit a request for access to government records to someone other than the appropriate custodian, do not complete the ***Borough of Interlaken*** request form, or attempt to make a request for access by telephone or fax; the Open Public Records Act and its deadlines, restrictions and remedies will not apply to your request.
6. 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 check or money order payable to the ***Borough of Interlaken***.
7. If it is necessary for the records custodian to contact you concerning your request, providing identifying information, such as your name, address and telephone number or an e-mail address is required. Where contact is not necessary, anonymous requests are permitted; except that anonymous requests for personal information are not honored.
8. ***You may be charged a 50% or other deposit when a request for copies exceeds \$25.*** The ***Borough*** custodian will contact you and advise you of any deposit requirements. Anonymous requests, when permitted, require a deposit of 100% of estimated fees. You agree to pay the balance due upon delivery of the records.
9. Under OPRA, a custodian must deny access to a person who has been convicted of an indictable offense in New Jersey, any other state, or the United States, and who is seeking government records containing personal information pertaining to the person's victim or the victim's family.
10. By law, the ***Borough of Interlaken*** must notify you that it grants or denies a request for access to government records within seven business days after the custodian of the record requested receives the request, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage. If the record requested is not currently available or is in storage, the custodian will advise you within seven business days when the record can be made available and the estimated cost. You may agree with the custodian to extend the time for making records available, or granting or denying your request.
11. 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.
12. If the ***Borough of Interlaken*** 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.
13. Except as otherwise provided by law or by agreement with the requester, if the custodian of the record requested fails to respond to you within seven business days of receiving a request form, the failure to respond will be considered a denial of your request.
14. 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 ***Borough of Interlaken*** 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 866-850-0511, by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The Council can also answer other questions about the law.
15. Information provided on this form may be subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act.