



Freedom of Information Policy

In compliance with Public Offices Law, article 6, and Executive Law, §206-a [1§] §208, the Board of Trustees of Mamakating Library adopts this Freedom of Information Law Policy.

RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER

As Chief Executive Officer of the Mamakating Library, the Library Director is hereby designated to Records Access Officer of the Library.

The Records Access Officer shall:

- a. Respond to all inquiries relating to the availability to the public of the office's records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law within a specified five days following receipt of request
- b. Receive and process requests for access to records in the manner prescribed by law
- c. Maintain a current list of records, indexed according to subject matter, for public inspection
- d. Comply with these and all other duties as itemized in Section §50.3 of the Law

SUBJECT MATTER LIST

The Records Access Officer shall maintain and make available for public inspection and copying a correct list, by subject matter, of these records, as enumerated within the Freedom of Information Law, which are available for public inspection. The subject matter list shall be updated no less frequently than twice per year and shall be ready for public scrutiny within thirty (30) days of passage of this policy.

FOIL REQUESTS

- a. Shall be submitted to the Records Access Officer in writing and shall specify whether the petitioner wishes to see and read the requested item or receive a copy
- b. Shall be answered within five business days (Monday through Friday) of the date the request is received. If the document/information is not immediately available, the Records Access Officer shall notify the requesting individual when and how the requested record will be available
- c. Shall be sufficiently detailed to identify the specific document requested
- d. Shall include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the requesting individual

e. May require payment for copies

INSPECTING AND/OR COPYING RECORDS

If access to records is granted, records may be inspected by the public at the Library in the presence of the Records Access Officer or his/her designee during regular hours of Library operation. If the original of the record includes information, details and/or particulars requiring deletion, the individual requesting shall only be permitted to inspect a copy of the record with deletions.

Copying of the record will be performed by the Records Access Officer upon payment of the fee established by the Board of Trustees.

No original record may be removed from the office where the record is kept.

DENIAL OF REQUESTS

Should the Records Access Officer deny access, said denial may be appealed to the Board of Trustees by the individual requesting the record.

FEES

No fee may be charged for:

- a. Inspection of the itemized records, prepared pursuant to section §7(3)(b) of the Freedom of Information Law setting forth the name, address, title, and salary of each officer or employee of the office
- b. Inspection of the current list by subject matter of all records that the office is required to maintain
- c. Inspection of records which do not require deletion of any parts thereof
- d. Inspection of a copy of a record which required deletion.
- e. FOIL requests taking longer than two hours to fulfill may be charged the lowest hourly rate of the employee with the skills and access to complete said FOIL requests

The fee for a copy of a record which does not exceed either 9" in width or 14" in length shall be twenty-five cents (25¢) per page.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Records Access Officer shall cause public notice to be posted near the Circulation Desk of the Library informing members of the public of:

- a. The Records Access Officer's business address and business telephone number
- b. The time and place records will be made available for inspection and copying
- c. The right to appeal by any person denied access to records

d. The name, business address, and business telephone number of the Records Appeals Officer.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW

Any details not specified in this policy should be located in the actual law, which may be found at <http://www.ofl.state.ny.us/FOIL-Regs.htm> <https://www.dos.ny.gov/about/foil.html> (2/2021)

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