

CUMBERLAND COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

2 North High Street, Millville, New Jersey 08332

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS

FOR CCIA USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: _____ DATE OF RESPONSE: _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Information Requested:

_____ Copy of Minutes (specify board or entity, date, topic or other identifying information)

_____ Copy of Ordinance or Resolution (specify date, number, or other identifying information)

_____ Other (specify) _____

_____ Employee Information (specify) _____

A request for access to or for a copy of Government Records shall be submitted on this form, which has been adopted by the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, to the Custodian of Records. Some records will be immediately available during normal business hours. Some records will require time to compile and to make the copies requested, but will normally be available during normal business hours and within seven (7) business days. If any document or copy which has been requested is not a public record or cannot be provided within the seven (7) business days, you will be provided with a response with that information within the seven (7) business days. Some records requested have specific fees or other response times established by statute. There is no fee involved in simply inspecting a document during normal business hours. This request may be filed electronically. In general:

- Immediate access is ordinarily available for the budgets, bills, vouchers, contracts, including collective negotiations agreements and individual employment contracts, and public employee salary and overtime information. Minutes of public meetings will be generally available immediately after the minutes have been approved.
- Records which are not readily available or which will require a search of records will be made available as soon as possible and the applicant will be provided with an interim report within seven (7) business days indicating the time which will be required to provide the records.
- Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a printed record shall be: first page to tenth page, \$0.75 per page; eleventh page to twentieth page, \$0.50 per page; all pages over twenty, \$0.25 per page; for a police accident report there is an additional fee when the request is not made in person of \$5.00 for the first 3 pages and \$1.00 for each additional page, as provided by N.J.S.A. 39:4-131.
- Where a request is for a copy in a format other than a photocopy, reasonable efforts will be made to provide the information in the format requested. The cost will be based on the costs of producing the format requested.
- Where a legal document must be made as to whether records are "public records" as provided by law, the request will be reviewed by the CCIA General Counsel.

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, or other matters in which there is a right of privacy or confidentially or inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative material or other material which is specifically exempted by law.

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 Custodian of Records shall constitute a receipt for any deposit received.

The information requested will be ready on _____

Estimated Number of Pages _____

Estimated Cost _____

Deposit (required where the anticipated cost of reproduction exceeds \$5.00) _____

Applicant

Custodian of Records

Date: _____

Date: _____

**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIGHT OF APPEAL
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS**

You have the right to appeal the decision that a document or documents are not public records or the denial to provide access to a government record. You may take your appeal to the Government (Public) Records Council or to the New Jersey Superior Court as provided by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. If you are denied access to government records by the Custodian of Records, it is the option of the requestor to select either of the following appeals:

Institute a proceeding to challenge the Custodian's decision by filing an action in Superior Court, which shall be heard in the vicinage where it is filed by a Superior Court Judge who has been designated to hear such cases because of that judge's knowledge and expertise in matters relating to access to government records; or

in lieu of filing an action in Superior Court, file a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to Section 8 of P.L. 2001, c. 404 (C47:1A-7).

The right to institute any proceeding under this section shall be solely that of the requestor. Any such proceedings shall proceed in a summary or expedited manner. The public agency shall bear the burden proving that the denial of access has been improperly denied, the court or agency head shall order that access be allowed. A requestor who prevails in any proceeding shall be entitled to a reasonable attorney's fee.

Please be advised that the copying charge is as follows:

1 page to 10 pages	\$0.75 each page
11 pages to 20 pages	\$0.50 each page
all pages over 20	\$0.25 each page

In cases where the copy charges are more than \$5.00 a deposit is 50% of the copying charge is due at the time of request and the remainder is due at the time of picking up of the documents.