

# Gerrish Township

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN LIEU OF CUSTOMARY BUSINESS HOURS

- 1) Requests for public inspection and copying of public records may be made verbally and/or in writing.
- 2) Said requests may be directed to the township official and/or authorized individual responsible for said public records.
- 3) Any requests made pursuant to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, shall be made to the FOIA coordinator and shall be subject to the statutory requirements of FOIA.
- 4) If a verbal request is made, the responding township official and/or authorized individual shall prepare a checklist of items/records requested to be copied and/or inspected. Said listing shall be presented to the requesting party on the date set for inspection or copying.
- 5) The responding township official and/or authorized individual may require the requesting party to counter sign the check list to indicate compliance with the verbal request.
- 6) The responding township official and/or authorized individual shall be responsible for the production of the requested copies.
- 7) The requesting party shall be billed for the copies and preparation time, if applicable, pursuant to the schedule of charges established by the Township Board.
- 8) If the request is for inspection of public records, the responding township official and/or authorized individual shall respond in a timely manner, not to exceed 5 business days from the date of said request. Said response shall indicate the date, time and place when said public inspection of the requested public records shall take place.
- 9) The establishment of the date and time of the public inspection of the requested public records shall be in the discretion of the responding township official and/or authorized individual. The place designated for the requested inspection shall be the Township Hall or the location where said public records are officially retained.
- 10) The responding township official and/or authorized individual shall allow such inspection between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, unless mutually agreed to by the responding township official and/or authorized individual and requesting party.

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Kathleen Patchin

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Kathleen Patchin, Township Clerk

Date