

**FOIA Fee Itemization Form**  
(Effective July 1, 2015)

Component		Cost Calculations		
1	Labor Cost - Search, Location and Examination of Records*	Enter the hourly wage of lowest paid employee capable of performing the search, location and examination	\$ -	
		Multiply the wage by the fringe benefit multiplier (maximum of 50% of the hourly wage); OR, if the requested information is available online and the requestor requests the documents to be provided in another format, the fringe benefit multiplier may exceed 50% (not to exceed actual cost)	\$ -	x1.5 0
		Divide the resulting hourly wage by four (4) to determine the charge per 15-minute increment	\$ -	divide by 4 \$ -
		If stipulated by the requestor, add the hourly overtime wage increment (but do not include in the calculation of fringe benefit costs)	\$ -	
		Number of 15-minute increments must be rounded down) multiplied by the permitted rate		\$ - \$ -
2	<u>LABOR:</u> Employee Labor Costs - Redaction*	<b>If performed by the public body's employee:</b>		
		Enter the hourly wage of lowest paid employee capable of performing the redaction.	\$ -	
		Multiply the wage by the fringe benefit multiplier (maximum of 50% of the hourly wage); OR, if the requested information is available online and the requestor requests the documents to be provided in another format, the fringe benefit multiplier may exceed 50% (not to exceed actual cost)	\$ -	X 1.5 \$ -
		If stipulated by the requestor, add the hourly overtime wage increment (but do not include in the calculation of fringe benefit costs)	\$	
		Divide the resulting hourly wage by four (4) to determine the charge per 15-minute increment	\$ -	divide by 4 \$ -
		Number of 15-minute increments (partial time increments must be rounded down) multiplied by the permitted rate		\$ - \$ -
	Contracted Labor Costs - Redaction*	<b>If performed by Contracted Labor (only permitted if the public body does not employ a person capable of redacting the records as determined by the FOIA Coordinator):</b>		
		Name of person/firm contracted:		
		Enter the hourly rate charged by the contractor	\$ -	
		Divide hourly rate by 4 to determine the charge per 15-minute increment	\$ -	divide by 4 \$ -
		Number of 15-minute increments (partial-time increments must be rounded down) multiplied by the permitted rate		\$ - \$ -

			Unit Price	How Many	Cost
3	Non-Paper Physical Media	Actual and most reasonably economical cost of:			
		Flash Drives	\$ 10.00		\$ -
		Computer Discs	\$		\$ -
		Other Media	\$		\$ -
4	Paper Copies	Actual total incremental cost of duplication (not including labor) up to a maximum of \$0.10/page:	\$ 0.10		\$ -
		Letter paper 8.5 x 11	\$ 0.10		\$ -
		Legal paper 8.5 x 14	\$ 0.10		\$ -
		Other size	\$ 0.10		\$ -
		<i>Note: Must print double-sided if available and costs less</i>			
5	Labor Cost - Duplication. Copying and transferring records to non-paper physical media	Enter the hourly wage of lowest paid employee capable of performing the duplication, copying, or transferring digital records to non-paper physical media	\$ -		
		Multiply the wage by the fringe-benefit multiplier (maximum of 50% of the hourly wage); OR, if the requested information is available online and the requestor requests the documents to be provided in another format, the fringe benefit multiplier may exceed 50% (not to exceed actual cost)	\$ -	X 1.5	\$ -
		If stipulated by the requestor, add the hourly overtime wage increment (but do not include in the calculation of fringe benefit costs)	\$ -		
		Divide hourly rate by 4 to determine the charge per 15-minute increment	\$ -	divide by 4	\$ -
		Number of 15 minute increments (partial time increments must be rounded down) multiplied by the permitted rate		\$ -	\$ -
6	Mailing	Actual cost of mailing records in a reasonable and economical manner	\$ -		
		Cost of least expensive form of postal delivery confirmation:	\$ -		
		Cost of expedited shipping or insurance only if specifically stipulated by the requestor	\$ -		
	Waivers and Reductions	Subtract any Fee Waiver or Reduction to a maximum of 50%	\$ -		
		\$20 for indigency or nonprofit organization as further described in the Public Body's procedures and guidelines.	\$ -		
		Any amount determined by the Public Body due to the search and furnishing of the Public Record determined to be in the public interest.	\$ -		
		The reduction amount due to the late response of the Public Body. 5% of fee x days late = % reduction	5%	days late:	%
	Deposit	Subtract any good faith deposit received	\$ -		
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	

\*Note: Labor costs for search, location, examination and redaction (categories 1 and 2 on the itemization form) may not be charged unless the failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to the public body because of the nature of the request in the particular instance, and the public body specifically identifies the nature of these unreasonably high costs.

The Court of Appeals has interpreted this provision to require that the determination be made relative to the usual or typical costs incurred by the public body in responding to FOIA requests. The key factor in determining whether the costs are "unreasonably high" is the extent to which the particular request differs from the usual request. *Bloch v Davison Cmty Schools*, (Mich.App. Apr. 26, 2011), 2011 WL 1564645