

BENTON 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 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 may prepare a checklist of items/records requested to be copied and/or inspected. Said list, if prepared, should be presented to the requesting party on the date set for inspection or copying.
- 5) The responding township official 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 responding party shall be billed for the copies and preparation time, if applicable, pursuant to the schedule of charges as set forth in the FOIA ordinance established by the Township Board.
- 8) If the request is for the 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 at 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 9:00am and 4:00pm Tuesday through Friday, unless mutually agreed to by the responding township official and/or authorized individual and the requesting party.
- 11) If the township has normal business hours the requesting party may be allowed to inspect said public records during normal business hours at a mutually agreeable time by both parties.