

RESOLUTION # 2017-22

Designate a Custodian of Records/Criminal Records

WHEREAS, the HPHA conducts a criminal background inquiry regarding all applicants prior to making an offer to lease a unit to them and/or offer rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that these records be confidentially reviewed and a determination as to whether or not housing assistance should be provided; and

WHEREAS, that individual must have a thorough knowledge of the HUD regulations pertaining to offenses that mandate denial of assistance for lifetime, or for certain periods of time and what offenses may be cause for denial based on the WHA Admin Plan; and

WHEREAS, all denial letters must be sent by the Custodian of Records; and

WHEREAS, Donna Brightman, Executive Director, has appointed the Section 8 Administrator as the Custodian of Records/Criminal Records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution #2017-22 "Designating a Custodian of Records/Criminal Records" be adopted.

Motion moved by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Rainwater to adopt Resolution #2017-22.

ROLL CALL:	Chudnick	Martinez	Monk	Rainwater	Reh	Sedehi
AYES:	Chudnick	Martinez	Monk	Rainwater	Reh	Sedehi
NAYS:	None					
Abstain:	None					
Absent:	None					

I hereby certify that the above Resolution #2017-22 is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park at their Meeting of April 13, 2017.

Donna F. Brightman, Secretary

Approved as to legal form by
Terrence Corrison, Esq.

“SCHEDULE A”

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

20 Bunns Lane

Woodbridge, NJ 07095-1460

PH: 732-634-2750 FX: 732-634-8421

REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Information requested:

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

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

Other (specify)

A request for Public Records should be submitted on this form. 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 generally 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. In general:

- Immediate access is ordinarily available for budget, 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 in storage or archived or which will require a search of records will be available as soon as possible and the requester will be advised within seven (7) business days when the records can be made available.

- Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a printed record shall be: \$0.05 per page for letter size or smaller paper; \$0.07 per page for legal size or larger paper; Bid specifications requested by anyone other than the prospective bidder, shall be charged in accordance with the per page amount set forth above.
- 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 determination must be made as to whether a record is a “government record” as provided by law, the request will be reviewed by the Attorney for the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge.

The term “government record” 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, police investigation records, public assistance files or other matters in which there is a right or privacy or confidentiality or which is specifically exempted by law.

The requester 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 requester hereby certifies that he or she has not been convicted of an 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 of a crime or the victim’s family as provided by N.J.S.A. 47;1A-1, et seq.

This form when signed by the Records Custodian shall constitute a receipt for any deposit received.

The information requested will be ready on: _____
 Estimated Number of Pages: _____
 Estimated Cost _____
 *Deposit _____

*(May be required where the anticipated cost of reproduction exceeds \$5.00)

The applicant hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this form with the date on which the requested 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 a not seeking government record containing personal information pertaining to a victim or a victim’s family.

 Requester (please print name) Requester signature

Date: _____

 Records Custodian or Designee Date

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GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

Date: _____

To: _____

The document or documents listed below and requested by you are not being provided because the document or documents are not public records as provided by law, for the following reasons:

You have a right to appeal the decision that the document or documents are not government records. You may challenge the custodian's decision by filing either an action in Superior Court or a complaint with the Government Records Council established in the Department of Community Affairs.

Date

Records Custodian

Acknowledgement

I hereby certify that I have received the documents requested except for any documents specifically listed above on which a determination has been made that the documents will not be provided. If any documents have not been provided, I have received information on the procedures for any appeal of the determination.

Date

Requester