

**RESOLUTION # 2017-23**  
**Re-Designate a Custodian & Cost of Government Records**

**WHEREAS**, it is required that each public entity designate a custodian of government records and establish a written plan to handle OPRA and OPMA requests; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of Donna Brightman, Executive Director, the Director of Finance has been appointed as the Custodian of Government Records for the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park and the Director of Maintenance and Modernization shall be the Alternate Custodian of Government Records for the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park. All requests for government records or requests for access to government records shall be made through the office of the Records Custodian; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 559; Senate Bill 1212, amended the Right to Know Law, N.J.S.A. 47:1A – 5.b to provide that all requests for government records shall be subject to the payment of fees as follows:

- Letter size pages & smaller           \$0.05 per page
- Legal size pages & larger           \$0.07 per page
- Any public agency whose actual costs to produce paper copies exceed the \$0.05 and \$0.07 rate may charge the actual cost of duplication (Note: the actual cost calculation must follow the prescribed formula)
- Every public agency must provide electronic records FREE OF CHARGE (i.e. records sent via e-mail and fax)
- Every public agency must charge the actual cost to provide records in another medium (i.e. computer disc, CD-ROM, DVD).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution #2017-23 “Re-Designating a Custodian of Government Records” be adopted.

Motion moved by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Rainwater to adopt Resolution #2017-23.

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 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 Regular Meeting of April 13, 2017.

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Donna F. Brightman, Secretary

Approved as to legal form by  
Terrence Corrison, Esq.

Reso Gvmt Records Custodian & Cost 1704

**“SCHEDULE A”**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK**

242 South Sixth Avenue  
Highland Park, NJ 08904  
PH: 732-572-4420 FX: 732-985-6485

**REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Information requested:***

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

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 Borough of Highland Park.

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