

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

148 NORTH MAIN STREET
HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08520

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

FOR MUNICIPAL USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Date of Response: _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Day) _____

Information Requested:

Police Accident Report

Identify Accident: _____

Other (specify) _____

A request for a copy of Government Records should be submitted on this form which has been adopted by the Municipal Clerk as Custodian of Records for requests related to Police Department Records. Some records will be immediately available during normal business hours. Some records will require time to locate and to make the copies requested, but will normally 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 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. This request may be filed electronically. In general:

- Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a printed record shall be: first page to tenth page, \$0.75 per page; eleventh page to twentieth page, \$0.50 per page; all pages over twenty, \$0.25 per page; for a police accident report there is an additional fee when the request is not made in person of \$5.00 for the first 3 pages and \$1.00 for each additional page, as provided by *N.J.S.A. 39:4-131*.

• 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 records are "public records" as provided by law, the request will be reviewed by the Municipal Attorney.

The term "public records" 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, or other matters in which there is a right of privacy or confidentiality or which is specifically exempted by law.

The Applicant 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 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 not seeking government records containing personal information pertaining the victim or the victim's family as provided by *N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.*

This form, when signed by the municipal official shall constitute a receipt for any deposit received.

The information requested will be ready on _____

Estimated Number of Pages _____

Estimated Cost _____

Deposit _____
(required where the anticipated cost of reproduction exceeds \$5.00)

Applicant

Municipal Official

Date: _____

Date: _____