

Note added by Michigan Plate Readers. Our email to the Township attorney, October 19, 2026, 8:06 pm, answering her email of 6:52 pm on the thread of the fee appeal of October 9. Text as sent; the attorney's first name in the greeting is given by role, as in the published copies of her emails; the quoted thread is left out. End of note.

Hi [the Township attorney],

Thanks for the quick reply. Yes, that can work, on a few conditions:

1. Actual employee time, itemized by task with the hours shown, billed at the quarter-hour rate on the Township's fee sheets, excluding the unattended processing and download time the Captain's memo describes.
2. I'd prefer delivery to the upload folder I offered on October 7 to avoid device or mailing charges. If that doesn't work for you, I'll take the full set of records for both requests on a single 8GB device and pick it up in person.
3. If either request looks likely to pass two hours of staff time, the Records Office tells me before going further - as a check-in point, not a figure I'm agreeing to. I'd rather narrow the requests than have staff spend too much time on them.

The documents request can proceed on the same terms if you're willing to hold the \$92 I paid under reservation as the deposit for both.

One thing to keep in view: the guidelines say search and examination labor is not charged unless the Township "specifically identifies the nature of the unreasonably high costs" (page 5), so any search or examination time on the itemized bills needs that identification in writing. I'm agreeing to the process without conceding any ground of my October 9 appeal. I'll withdraw it in writing after itemized bills on these terms are paid.

On the waiver: the 15-minute rule on page 6 is the no-charge threshold for short requests. What the requests and the appeal asked for is the public-interest waiver of MCL 15.234(2), which Section 6 of the guidelines (page 7) leaves to the sole judgment of the FOIA Coordinator. Since that is you, I would ask you to consider it. I believe this work to be squarely in the public interest: I'm running a study of ALPR use and practices across the police agencies of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and publishing the results free of charge for the public's benefit.

Thanks,