

Note added by Michigan Plate Readers. Our email to the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department, October 20, 2026, 9:20 am, copied to the Chief of Police and two Village officials, answering the Department's fee and deposit notice of October 19 on the documents request. Text as sent; the Senior Clerk's first name in the greeting is given by role, and the upload link in item 3 is left out (anyone holding it could add files to the folder); the quoted thread is left out. End of note.

Hi [the Senior Clerk],

Thank you for the heads up. I have a few questions before I pay the deposit:

1. Does this estimate cover both of my requests (documents and system exports), or only the documents request? If it covers only the documents, will a separate estimate follow for the exports?
2. Could the itemization show the eight hours broken down by the request's numbered items and/or by task? If one item is driving the time, I'd rather narrow it than have the Department spend hours on it. I want to make sure we're on the same page about scope, because eight hours seems a bit high to me (for comparison, Troy, Pontiac, and Ferndale released the records for a similar documents request for free; Sumpter quoted 15 minutes; Auburn Hills charged 45 minutes; Bloomfield Twp quoted 2 hours in total for both requests).
3. If possible, I'd rather not take a USB stick. I've created a Dropbox upload folder for this request that you can use: [an upload link, left out]. Email also works for me, unless some files are too large to send as attachments. We can use the USB stick if neither of those options works for you.
4. The requests also asked for a public-interest fee waiver or reduction. The Village's public summary says the Village may waive or reduce the fee when it determines that doing so is in the public interest because release primarily benefits the general public. For context, I believe there's a legitimate public interest here: I'm running a study of ALPR programs across the Detroit Metro area, the results will be published publicly, and I have no commercial interest in this work. Could you let me know the decision on the waiver for both requests?

Thanks,