

Fee Schedule for FOIA Requests

Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Town is allowed to charge for the sole purpose of recovering the cost associated with researching and reproducing Town documents and records.

(a) **Copies.** For copies of documents such as letters, memoranda, statements, reports, contracts, etc., \$0.25 per copy of each page. For in-house copies of oversize documents such as maps, plans, charts, etc., - 24"x36" B/W is \$2 per page and color is \$3 per page. Outsourced printing due to volume or size will be billed at actual cost. These charges for copies do not include the time spent in printing the documents.

(b) **Clerical searches.** For each hour spent by clerical personnel in searching for and reviewing a Town record, the charge will be based upon the salary of the person doing the work.

(c) **Non-routine, non-clerical searches.** When clerical personnel cannot perform a search; for example, when the task of determining which records fall within a request and collecting them requires the time of professional or managerial personnel. For each hour spent by such higher-level personnel the charge will be based upon the salary of the person doing the work.

(d) **Audio/computerized records.** Thumb drives are \$8 each, if requested. In most instances, records maintained in computer databanks are available also in printed form and the standard fees specified above apply. Meeting recordings are available on the Town's website.

(e) **Charges for special services.** Complying with requests for special services is entirely at the discretion of the Town. To the extent that the Town elects to provide extra services, it will levy a charge equivalent to the full cost of the service provided.

(f) **Unsuccessful or unproductive searches.** Search charges, as set forth above, may be made even when a Town record which has been requested cannot be identified or located after a diligent search and consultation with a Town employee familiar with the subject area of the request. However, fees will not be charged in such instances unless they are substantial (over \$100.00) and the requester has consented to the search after having been advised that it cannot be determined in advance whether any records exist which could be made available.

(g) **Payment required.** The Town must receive all payments for previous FOIA requests before additional FOIA material may be requested. Cash or checks made payable to Town of Purcellville and mailed (if needed) to Town of Purcellville, Attn: Diana Hays, 221 S. Nursery Ave., Purcellville, VA 20132.