

**FOIA Policy**  
**Resolution 3-2015**  
Village of Elsie

**I. Purpose**

It is the intent of the Village of Elsie to perform public business in an open and public manner as required by Michigan's Freedom of Information, Act 442 of 1976, and as amended. This Policy prescribes the Village of Elsie's procedures for responding to written public records requests made pursuant to FOIA.

**II. Scope**

This Policy applies to the Village of Elsie whenever a written request for public records is made under Michigan's FOIA law. This Policy does not apply to any records that are exempt from disclosure such as, but not limited to:

- Specific personal information about an individual if the release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of that individual's privacy.
- Records that may be exempted from disclosure by another statute. (Note: statutes which expressly prohibit public disclosure of records generally supersede the FOIA.)
- Information subject to attorney-client privilege.
- Pending public bids to enter into contracts.
- Records that would disclose the social security number of an individual.

**A. Access**

Public records shall be open to inspection and copying during the Village of Elsie's regular business hours by the custodian of the requested public records. Reasonable access to and reasonable facilities for copying of these records shall be provided. The Village of Elsie shall provide reasonable assistance in identifying and locating public records in accordance with this Policy.

**B. Form of FOIA Requests**

All FOIA requests shall be made in writing.

All FOIA requests shall adequately describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable the Village of Elsie to locate such records with reasonable effort. The requesting party shall be as specific as possible when requesting records. To assist the in locating the requested records, the Village of Elsie may request that the requesting party provide additional information known to the requesting party, such as the types of records, dates, parties to correspondence, and subject matter of the requested records.

A FOIA request will be answered within 10 business days after receiving it. If needed, the Village of Elsie will notify the requester in writing and extend the time for an additional 10 business days.

Fees: Fees may be charged as permitted by law.

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If a request must be denied, the Village of Elsie will respond to the requester with an explanation of the reasons for the denial and the requester's right to submit a written appeal to the head of the public body (Council President) or to seek judicial review with the right to receive attorney fees and collect damages.

**C. Submit requests to:**

Elsie Village Clerk  
Village of Elsie  
125 W. Main St.  
P. O. Box 408  
Elsie, Michigan 48831-0408  
Phone (989) 862-4273  
Fax (989) 862-5287