



## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

[city.clerk@mountainview.gov](mailto:city.clerk@mountainview.gov)

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list each document, file, or record separately.

I wish to: ☐ Review

☐ Obtain copies of the following public records:

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I/We, the undersigned, request documents as indicated and agree to pay the City of Mountain View for copies at the rate of \$0.25 per page (\$0.10 per page for documents requested pursuant to the Political Reform Act) at the time of receipt by me or my representative.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, *et seq.*) provides California citizens with important rights to obtain access to records held by public agencies in the State. In recent years, the City of Mountain View has experienced a substantial growth in the volume of requests for public records and the staff time required to respond to such requests, particularly with respect to requests for documents relevant to disputes between private parties. The purpose of this policy is to clarify for the public, attorneys, insurance adjusters, and private investigators the process by which the City will respond to requests for records under the Public Records Act.

1. Requests may be made in person, by e-mail at [city.clerk@mountainview.gov](mailto:city.clerk@mountainview.gov), on the phone, or in writing. The attached form is provided for your convenience, but is not required.
2. The City Clerk will respond to all requests with a determination within 10 calendar days unless the tenth day occurs on a nonbusiness day. In that event, response will be provided on the next business day, as provided by Government Code Section 6253. Should an extension be required, 14 additional days will be allowed.
  - a. The City Clerk shall review the request and determine whether the request seeks identifiable records and, if not, the City Clerk shall assist the person making the request to identify records and information that are responsive to the request or to the purpose of the request if stated.
  - b. The City Clerk shall request all City departments which may have the records requested to search their files and report back to the City Clerk on whether the department has the records and, if so, when the records can be made available to the person seeking them.
  - c. The City Clerk shall respond to the person requesting records by advising him or her in writing of the availability of the documents, a description of the information technology and physical location in which the records exist, and whether any of the documents are exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the Public Records Act. To the extent feasible, the City Clerk will provide suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought in compliance with the Public Records Act.
  - d. If a request is made for copies of the records, the City Clerk shall also advise the person requesting copies of the estimated costs of copying the records requested.
  - e. The person requesting the copies shall pay the per page charge for copying as set forth by resolution of the City Council for all copies requested. The City Clerk shall not make the requested copies until a deposit in the amount of the estimated costs of copying is received and shall not release the copies until the full cost of copying is paid to the City.
3. In accordance with the Public Records Act, the City will provide only specific identifiable records but will not research City records for particular types of information or analyze information which may be contained within public records.
4. The City will respond to requests for public records in accordance with the terms of the California Public Records Act as the Act now exists or may hereafter be amended, and nothing in this Policy is intended nor shall it be construed to conflict with the terms of the Public Records Act.