

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

RIGHT-TO-KNOW POLICY

Open Records Officer

East Hanover Township (“EHT”) hereby designates Dawn Eppinger as its Open Records Officer.

The EHT Open Records Officer may be contacted at: 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA 17027; phone number - (717) 469-7655; fax number - (717) 469-1442; e-mail address – deppinger@comcast.net.

General

All documents deemed public records shall be available for inspection, retrieval, and duplication at the East Hanover Township Municipal Building during established business hours, currently weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the exception of holidays.

Requests

Requests shall be made in writing to the EHT Open Records Officer on a form provided by EHT. (See attached form).

Fees

Paper copies shall be \$0.10 cents per page per side. The certification of a record is \$1 per record. Specialized documents including, but not limited to, blue prints, color copies, and non-standard sized documents shall be charged the actual cost of production. If mailing is requested, the actual cost of postage will be charged. EHT requires prepayment if the total fees are estimated to exceed \$100.

Response

EHT shall make a good-faith effort to provide the requested public record(s) as promptly as possible. The Open Records Officer shall cooperate with those requesting records to review and/or duplicate original township documents while taking reasonable measure to protect township documents from the possibility of theft, damage, and/or modification.

The Open Records Officer shall review all written requests for access to public records. As soon as possible, but no later than five business days after receiving a written request to access public records, the Open Records Officer shall respond to such requests in writing consistent with Act 3 of 2008, the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law.

If access to a record is denied, the response shall include a reason for denial as stipulated in Act 3 of 2009, the Right-to-Know Law.

Contact Information for Appeals

If a written request is denied or deemed denied, the requester may file an appeal in writing to Terry Mutchler, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Plaza Level Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Appeals of criminal records shall be made to the District Attorney of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Appeals Process

An appeal must be filed within 15 business days of the mailing date of the township's response, or within 15 business days of a deemed denial. The appeal shall state the grounds upon which the requester asserts the record is a public record and shall address any grounds stated by the township for delaying or denying the request.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 16th day of December 2008 by the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors.