

## **-Halifax Township Right-to-Know Law Policy-**

Halifax Township, Dauphin County adopts this policy pursuant to Section 504(a) of the Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-67.3104. Halifax Township has made this policy available to the public at its office and on hfxtwppa.gov along with the Office of Open Records Uniform Request Form and/or the Halifax Township Request Form.

### **Open Records Officer:**

Halifax Township hereby designates Sara Glace as the Halifax Township's Open Records Officer. The Open Records Officer may be reached at (717) 896-3035, phone, (717) 896-2904, fax, 102 Fisher Street, Halifax, PA 17032, and [halifaxtownship@comcast.net](mailto:halifaxtownship@comcast.net).

### **General:**

Public records shall be available for inspection, retrieval, and duplication at Halifax Township Office during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Halifax Township designated holidays.

### **Requests:**

Requests submitted on the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records' Standard Right-to-Know Request Form will also be accepted. Anonymous or verbal requests will not be considered.

### **Fees:**

Paper copies shall be \$0.25 per page per side for black and white copies up to the first 1,000 pages and \$0.20 beyond 1,000 pages and \$0.50 for color copies. The certification of a record is \$5.00 per record. Specialized documents, including but not limited to blueprints, color copies, and nonstandard-sized documents, shall be charged the actual cost of production. If mailing is requested, the cost of postage will be charged. All fees must be paid before documents are released. Prepayment is required if the total fees are estimated to exceed \$100.00.

### **Response:**

The Open Records Officer shall make a good faith effort to provide the requested public record(s) as promptly as possible and within the RTKL's five business day timeframe. If the Open Records Officer cannot do so within five business days, he/she is permitted to exercise a 30-day extension upon notifying the requester. The Open Records Officer shall cooperate with those requesting records to review and/or duplicate original documents while taking reasonable measures to protect original documents from the possibility of theft, damage, and/or modification. If the request is denied, the Open Records Officer will send the requester a letter stating: 1). A description of the record requested; 2). The specific reasons for the denial, including a citation of supporting legal authority; 3). Contact information for the Open Records Officer; 4). The date of response; and 5). The procedure to appeal the denial.

### **Contact Information for Appeals:**

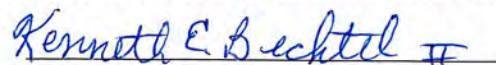
If a written request is denied, the requester has the right to file an appeal in writing to the Executive Director, Office of Open Records, 333 Market Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

### **Appeals Process:**

Appeals must be filed within 15 business days of the mailing date of Halifax Township's response. Please note that a copy of the requester's original request and Halifax Township's denial letter must be included when filing an appeal. The law requires an appeal to include reasons why the record is a public record and to address the reasons for denial that Halifax Township stated in its denial letter. Visit the OOR's website at [www.openrecords.pa.gov](http://www.openrecords.pa.gov) for additional information on filing an appeal.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED**, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

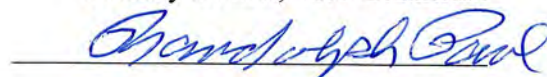
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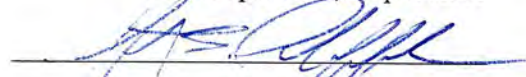
Kenneth Bechtel, II, Chairman



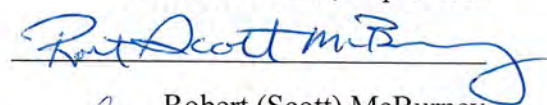
Bradley Bruner, Vice-Chairman



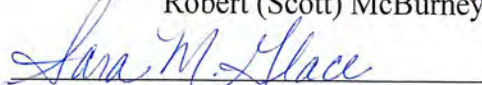
Randolph Paul, Supervisor



Steven Schreffler, Supervisor



Robert (Scott) McBurney



Sara M. Glace, Secretary/Treasurer