

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
2009 Right-to-Know Policy

Open Records Officers

The township hereby designates Janet Lubbert as the township Open Records Officer. Subsequent Open Records Officers may be appointed upon motion of the Board of Supervisors. The Open Records Officer may be reached at:

690 Valencia Road
Mars, PA 16046
Phone: (724) 625-2221
Fax: (724) 625-4077
e-mail: adamstwp@zoominternet.net

The Open Records Officer for criminal records is the Chief of Police of Adams Township. The criminal Open Records Officer may be reached at:

690 Valencia Road
Mars, PA 16046
Phone: (724) 625-2040
Fax: (724) 625-2139
e-mail: sanglum@adamstownshippolice.us

General

All documents deemed public records shall be available for inspection, retrieval and duplication at the Municipal Building during established business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) with the exception of weekends and holidays.

Requests

Requests shall be made in writing to the township Open Records Officer(s) on the form provided by the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records.

Fees

Paper copies shall be 25 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 cost of postage will be charged. The township shall require prepayment if the total fees are estimated to exceed \$100. Fees may subsequently be changed upon motion of the Board of Supervisors.

Response

The township 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 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 2008, 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 Director, Office of Open Records, 333 Market Street, 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234.

For appeals from criminal record Open Records requests, the requester may file an appeal in writing to Richard Goldinger, Jr., District Attorney for Butler County, Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003.

Appeals Process

The appeal shall 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 records is a public record and shall address any grounds stated by the township for delaying and or denying the request.