

Town of Glen Echo

**Resolution Amending Rules and Regulations
Concerning Public Information Act Requests**

Resolution No.: 22-01
Introduced: March 14, 2022
Adopted: March 14, 2022
Effective Date: March 14, 2022

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 4-201(b), as amended, provides that, in order to protect public records and to prevent unnecessary interference with official business, each official custodian shall adopt reasonable rules or regulations that, subject to the Maryland Public Information Act, govern timely production and inspection of public records;

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-07, adopted November 11, 2019, the Town Council adopted Rules and Regulations concerning Public Information Act requests;

WHEREAS, House Bill 183, adopted in the 2021 Regular Session (Ch. 658), and taking effect July 1, 2022, amends the General Provisions Article by adding a new Section 4-104, requiring adoption of a policy concerning what public records will be “proactively disclosed.”

WHEREAS, the Town Council, after proper notice to the public, considered the following Resolution at an open meeting held on the 14th day of March, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the resolution as hereinafter set forth is necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town’s property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, and convenience of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council does hereby adopt the foregoing resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of March 2022, by the Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority given it by the Maryland Code and the Town Charter that the attached Rules and Regulations Regarding Public Information Act Requests be and are hereby adopted as amended.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by the Maryland Code and the Town Charter, that if any part or provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and this Resolution shall take effect on this 14th day of March, 2022.

Attest:

I hereby attest that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Council on the 14th day of March, 2022, by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 in opposition.

Elizabeth Stickler

Elizabeth Stickler, Clerk-Treasurer