



_____ Date of request

When completed this form must be filed with the Public Records Officer, named below or emailed to: jeanfecteau@glocesterri.org

**THE TOWN OF GLOUCESTER, RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FORM**

Date: _____

Name (optional): _____

Address (optional): _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

Jean M. Fecteau, Public Records Officer, PO Box B, Chepachet, RI 02814

Requested Records: _____

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A reasonable charge may be made for the search or retrieval of documents. Hourly costs for a search and retrieval shall not exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour and no costs shall be charged for the first hour of a search or retrieval.

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Received by: _____ Date: _____

Chapter 387
PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS

§ 387-1. Policy & Procedure.

- A. The Town of Gloucester is an advocate for open government and has implemented a procedure per the Rhode Island Attorney Generals Office guidelines. (R.I.G.L. 2012 amendments included)

- B. **Unless you are seeking prepared documents or documents readily available at the time of request**, you will be asked to complete a Public Records Request Form or you may submit your request in writing. **You are not required to provide identification or the reason you seek the information.**

- C. All Public Records Request Forms or written requests shall be received and time stamped in the office of the Public Records Officer. The Public Records Officer will then forward a copy of this request form to the appropriate department for action.

- D. The R.I. Access to Public Records Act (which can be found at <http://www.riag.ri.gov>) allows a public body ten (10) business days to respond to the request, which can be extended an additional twenty (20) business days for “good cause”.

- E. If the individual making the request wants only to view the records, the department director will make an appointment for the citizen to come to their office during normal business hours within the time frame prescribed.

- F. If you feel that you have been denied access to public records, you should contact the Public Records Officer for further assistance. If you are not satisfied with the results you should contact the R.I. Attorney General at the above website or at their office.

§ 387-2. Fees.

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