



# Village of Spring Grove

## THE VILLAGE AND THE ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT As required by Section 4 of the Act

### Requesting Public Records

All requests to inspect, copy, or certify public records must be in writing, directed to the FOIA Officer and submitted via personal delivery, mail, fax, or other means available to the FOIA Officer in accordance with Section 3(c) of the Act. Any request submitted via e-mail to the FOIA Officer should be sent to the following email address dedicated for FOIA matters: foia@springgrovevillage.com. The Village prefers the use **FORM 1** ("*Request Form*"), but the Village will honor all requests lawfully submitted to the FOIA Officer even if it is not submitted on the preferred form. Any written request submitted to the Village for a public record shall be deemed to be a FOIA request and treated accordingly.

### Fees Established

Unless fees are waived or reduced, each Requestor must pay the following fees for copies made by the Village, certification, and mailing of public records:

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| 1. Copies - letter or legal   | -- | \$.15 per side.   |
| 2. Copies - color or oversize | -- | Actual cost of reproduction.  |
| 3. Certification              | -- | \$1.00 per document plus copy cost.                                       |
| 4. Recording media            | -- | Actual cost of media (i.e. computer media, disks, tapes, or other media). |
| 5. Statutory Fees             | -- | Rate authorized by statute.   |
| 6. Mailing                    | -- | Actual cost of postage.   |

However, there will be no charge for the first 50 pages of letter or legal size black and white copies for a Requestor, except for Requests for commercial purposes. When the services of an outside vendor are required to copy any public record, the actual charges of the outside vendor will be the fees for copying such records, notwithstanding the fees stated above.

In the event that the Village provides records in response to a Request but fails to respond within the requisite periods, such copies shall be provided free of charge in accordance with Section 3(d) of the Act.

## **Purpose of the Village**

The purpose of the Village of Spring Grove is to provide public services to its residents in the form of police protection, maintenance of public streets, sanitation and water facilities and other services, which it is authorized to provide.

## **Form of Government**

The Village of Spring Grove operates under the Trustee-Village form of government. A seven-member Board of Trustees, elected at large by Village residents, sets policy and determines local laws and ordinances.

## **Organization of the Village Government**

Exhibit 1 is a block diagram describing the organizational arrangement of Village government.

## **Village Employees**

The Village employs approximately 28 full time and part time employees and several seasonal employees depending on the season of the year.

## **Village Appointed Boards and Commissions**

Exhibit 2 lists the Village's Boards and Commissions and the members of each body, which are appointed by the President and Board of Trustees.

## **Operating Budget**

The Village Board has approved the 2015-2016 (May 1 to April 30) operating budget of \$3,183,355.

## **Location of Village Offices**

Municipal Center, 7401 Meyer Road, Spring Grove, Illinois 60081

Administration	(815) 675-2121
Building Department	(815) 675-2121
Police Department	(815) 675-2596
Public Works	(815) 675-2121