

GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUESTS

1. Your request should be made in writing, and be specific. If it is considered too general or broad, you will be asked to narrow the search, or the request may be refused.
2. If your circumstances require it, we will take reasonable steps to assist you make an access application in a manner that complies with the Act.
3. Your request will not be dealt with until the written application and \$30 application fee is received.
4. Proof of identity will be required for a request for Personal Information.
5. If you are seeking access to documents on behalf of another person, the Council will require written authorisation.
6. Under the FOI Act, we must deal with valid requests within 45 days of receipt.
7. If there is a third party involved, the document will either be edited to remove the third party's personal information, or, in some circumstances, the third party may have to be contacted for their permission to release the document. If they refuse permission, it will not be released. Your name will not be revealed to the third party, and the third party's name will not be disclosed to you.
8. Access may be refused to some documents that contain confidential matters covered by Freedom of Information exemptions. These documents include, but are not limited to, legal opinions and information provided to Council in confidence.

In the event of refusal, you have the right of an Internal Review, but you must ask for the review within 30 days of receiving the decision.

Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Information Commissioner Western Australia on 6551 7888 or website www.foi.wa.gov.au.

FEES AND CHARGES

Basic Application Fee	\$30
Time taken by Shire employees dealing with the application per hour or pro rata	\$30
Charge for duplicating a tape, film or computer data	Actual Cost
Photocopying charges per A4 copy (Black and White)	\$1.10
Packaging and postal costs	Actual Cost

If charges are estimated to be above \$25, you will be advised, and asked if you wish to continue with your application.

Concessions - the holder of a currently valid concession card issued on behalf of the Commonwealth, or any other card which may be prescribed as being a pensioner concession card under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferrals) Act 1992, or an applicant in the opinion of the Town who is impecunious, the charge payable, under regulation 5, is reduced by 25%. **No reduction is applicable to the application fee.**

LODGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS

By Post - address to:

Freedom of Information Coordinator
Shire of Cunderdin
PO Box 100
CUNDERDIN WA 6407

In Person:

Administration
37 Lundy Avenue
CUNDERDIN WA 6407