

STAFF REPORT AND FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Ordinance: O-10-19

Title: Maryland Public Information Act – City Procedures

Date: March 26, 2019

STAFF REPORT

This ordinance establishes procedures for requests under the Maryland Public Information Act. It is substantially the same as the model ordinance found at Maryland Public Information Act Manual (14th ed., October 2015) Appendix E-1.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance has no fiscal impact as it simply establishes in City Code the procedures for requests submitted pursuant to the existing Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA).

The City currently charges fees for processing MPIA requests, but those fees have not been included in the fee schedule adopted annually by the City Council via resolution and are unaffected by this ordinance. We will include MPIA fees in the fee resolution submitted when the Mayor submits his proposed FY2020 budget to the City Council.

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