

Open Records Mission Statement

Consistent with the premise that government at all levels exists first and foremost to serve the interests of the people, it is our mission and intent to at all times fully comply with and abide by both the spirit and the letter of Ohio's Open Records Act and Open Meetings Act.

Resolution on Statement of Principles

In order to accomplish the mission of fully complying with both the letter and spirit of the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts, we do hereby adopt the following Statement of Principles.

Statement of Principles

The City of North Royalton will enact a formal Resolution memorializing the Mission Statement;

Will ensure that all personnel become and remain fully trained in and aware of the provisions of the acts;

Will adopt policies that encourage employees to immediately report incidents of non-compliance with the acts that they may observe;

Will do nothing that abridges the public's right to obtain information about their government or that inhibits or discourages citizens from doing so;

Will do everything possible to aid those who are seeking information, including but not limited to, fully explaining the scope and operation of the acts and assisting citizens in the formulation of requests;

Will construe the provisions of the acts in a manner that favors compliance with requests for information;

Will seek guidance from the Office of the Ohio Attorney General whenever a question arises about the application of the acts or about the appropriateness of a request for information;

Will clearly and concisely state the reason or reasons why a request for information has been denied.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cathy Luks