

RTKL Appeal – Fayette County Recorder of Deeds Prepayment Demand – Matthew D. Dowling

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To the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records:

Attached please find my Appeal of Prepayment Demand regarding a Right-to-Know Law request submitted to the Fayette County Recorder of Deeds Office.

The appeal challenges the Office's June 9, 2026 prepayment notice requiring payment of \$387.50 for inspection of records or \$430.00 for copies. As set forth in the attached appeal, the Office asserts that approximately 775 pages must be printed in order to perform redactions before access may be provided.

The responsive records are believed to exist in electronic format. The appeal raises the issue of whether substantial duplication fees may be imposed where electronic records are converted into paper copies solely for purposes of redaction despite the availability of modern electronic redaction technologies.

Please accept the attached appeal for filing and advise if any additional information or documentation is required.

A copy of this appeal is being provided to Fayette County consistent with RTKL procedures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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