



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 28th, 2026

TOPIC: FOIA Appeal - Hopkins

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

On July 13, 2026, the Village received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Hopkins via email. The request was for “all disciplinary records, and specifically any accusations made against Officer Mires regarding dishonesty and or falsification and or perjury.”

The Village denied the request pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(s)(ix), which permits a law enforcement agency to exempt personnel records from disclosure unless the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure in the particular instance.

The Village balanced the public interest in transparency and police accountability against the public interest in maintaining the confidentiality and effectiveness of law-enforcement personnel and disciplinary processes. The Village determined that, in this instance, the public interest in disclosure does not outweigh the public interest in nondisclosure.

On September 18, 2026, the Village received a FOIA appeal from Mr. Hopkins via email. In his appeal, Mr. Hopkins contends that the dashcam video does not show a phone in his hand and that Officer Mires’s prior records are therefore relevant to the pending court matter.

The Village Council is requested to review the FOIA appeal and determine whether to uphold or reverse the denial. Supporting documentation is attached for Council’s review.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Village Council may take one of the following actions:

- **Reverse the Denial:** To reverse the denial of Mr. Hopkins’s FOIA request and direct Administration to process the request in accordance with FOIA.
- **Uphold the Denial:** To uphold the denial of Mr. Hopkins’s FOIA request pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(s)(ix), finding that the requested records constitute law-enforcement personnel records and that the public interest in disclosure does not outweigh the public interest in nondisclosure.