



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: August 10th, 2026

TOPIC: FOIA Appeal - Kindred

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

On July 8th, 2026, the Village received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Kindred delivered in person. The Village granted the request in part by providing the requested Oath of Office.

The Village denied the remaining portion of the request pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(s)(ix), which permits a law enforcement agency to exempt personnel records from disclosure when the public interest in disclosure does not outweigh the public interest in nondisclosure.

The Village determined that the requested records constitute personnel records of a law enforcement agency and that the public interest in disclosure does not outweigh the public interest in nondisclosure under MCL 15.243(1)(s).

On July 24th, 2026, the Village received a FOIA appeal from Mr. Kindred, delivered in person. In his appeal, Mr. Kindred contends that complaints filed against law enforcement officers should be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act.

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:

- To reverse the denial of Mr. Kindred's FOIA request and direct Administration to fulfill the request as originally submitted.
- To uphold the denial of Mr. Kindred's FOIA request on the basis that the requested records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(s)(ix).