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Cc Candias Webster <cwebster@mpcity.org>
Subject TPIA Cost Estimate Ltr (City of Mount Pleasant)

Good afternoon Mr. Moring,

Our Firm represents the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas ("City"). Attached please find an itemized statement of estimated charges associated with the public information request received by the City from you on August 13, 2025, as required by Chapter 552, Tex. Gov't Code.

Regards,

Austin Beck

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August 15, 2025

VIA EMAIL TO: <[redacted]>

Mr. Kyle Douglas Moring
TPIA Requestor

RE: Cost Estimate for TPIA Request to City of Mount Pleasant, Texas (Rec'd August 13, 2025)

Dear Mr. Moring:

Our Firm represents the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas (the "City"). The City received a public information request from you on August 13, 2025, for "All commercial building permits issued by the City of Mount Pleasant between January 1, 2025, and the date of the request, including applications, project valuations, assessed fees, property addresses, and applicant/project descriptions." All information responsive to other portions of your request will promptly be made available to you. However, the City anticipates that more than 50 pages of documents will be identified as being responsive to the portion of your request quoted above, and therefore the City is entitled to reimbursement for costs associated with materials, labor and overhead that will be incurred by the City in processing that portion of your request. Charges for providing copies of information responsive to your request will not be waived because the City has not determined that providing copies of responsive information will primarily benefit the general public.

The City has determined that fulfilling your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds $40.00 for recovery of costs incurred by the City in order to process your request. Therefore, the City is providing you with an itemized cost estimate as required by §552.2615 of the Texas Government Code. If the City later determines, before making any copies of responsive information available to you, that actual charges for providing copies of responsive information will exceed the estimated amount stated herein by 20% or more, the City will provide you with an updated estimate of charges. Furthermore, please be advised that the City has identified certain responsive information that may be excepted from required public disclosure under the TPIA and which may be withheld following a decision on the matter by the Attorney General.

Itemized Statement of Estimated Charges:

Description	**Qty x Price**	**Total**
Copies	4950 x $0.10	$495.00
Personnel Time ($15/hour)	72 hours x $15.00	$1,080.00
Overhead charges (20% of labor cost)	20% of $1080.00	$216.00
Total cost		**$1,791.00**

An alternative, less costly method of viewing the records is available, and you may contact me

regarding the alternative method. Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not respond in writing to this itemized cost estimate in the time and manner required by §552.2615 of the TPIA, and you may respond in writing to this itemized cost estimate by email to the City Secretary at cwebster@mpcity.org. *See* §552.2615(a)(2) and (a)(3), Tex. Gov't Code. In accordance with §552.2615(b) of the TPIA, **your request will be considered to have been withdrawn** by you if you do not inform the City in writing within ten business days from the date this letter was sent to you that you:

(a) accept the charges;
(b) wish to modify your request; OR
(c) have sent to the Texas Attorney General a complaint alleging that you have been overcharged for being provided with a copy of the requested information.

Because the total estimated charges exceed $100.00, if you elect to accept the estimated charges the City requires that you post a bond with the City, for payment of the anticipated costs for the preparation of copies of responsive information, in an amount equal to the entire estimated amount, which is **$1,791.00** for this request. The remainder of the actual, total cost incurred by the City must be paid in full before the responsive information will be made available to you. *See* §552.263, Tex. Gov't Code. Upon informing the City that you accept the estimated charges, should you choose to do so, please contact me by email to coordinate posting of the required bond. If you fail to post the required bond before the 10th business day after the date the bond is required, which is the date on which you inform the City that you accept the estimated charges, your request will be considered to have been withdrawn by you. *See id*, at §552.263(f).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. If you have any questions regarding the TPIA process generally, please consult with the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.

Regards,

/s/ Austin Beck
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