CORRESPONDENCE COMPILATION

Another requestor and City of Mount Pleasant

Section 552.275 notice request and cost correspondence

September 16 - October 7, 2026

Six email exports and one cost-estimate letter. This compilation documents a request and subsequent cost correspondence; it does not contain the requested production of personnel-time notices.

This contents page is editorial. The requestor is identified here as "Another requestor." Names and personal email details are redacted in the following source pages; their wording, sequence and page layout are otherwise preserved.

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City of MOUNT PLEASANT

September 30, 2026

VIA EMAIL T [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]
TPIA Requestor

RE: Cost Estimate for TPIA Request to City of Mount Pleasant, Texas (Rec'd September 16, 2026)

Dear Mr. [redacted]

The City of Mount Pleasant, Texas (the "City") received a public information request from you on September 16, 2026, for "TPIA Request – Emails Containing Section 552.275 Notices." The City anticipates more than 6 hours of staff time to gather information responsive to your request; therefore, the City is entitled to reimbursement for costs associated with labor that will be incurred by the City in processing your request. Charges for providing you with 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 accepted 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	x $0.10	$0
Personnel Time ($15/hour)	6 hour(s) x $15.00	$90.00
Overhead charges (20% of labor cost)	20% of $90	$18
Total cost		**$108.00**

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@mtpleasanttx.gov or 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 **$108.00** 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 the 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.
Sincerely,

/s/ Candias Webster
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City Secretary
City of Mount Pleasant, Texas

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1. Please clarify how the City tracks and reports personnel time across requestors.

The requested records will help establish whether the City consistently tracks and reports personnel time under § 552.275. My request includes responsive notices concerning Kyle Douglas Moring and any other requestor; it does not presume what those records will show.

Section 552.275(d) requires a governmental body that establishes a personnel-time limit to provide request-specific and cumulative time statements each time it complies with a request. Please explain how the City fulfills that requirement for requestors subject to the limit and provide the responsive notices already requested.

2. Please identify the personnel-time total supporting this charge.

Neither your September 30 estimate nor your October 7 response identifies a cumulative personnel-time total attributable to my requests, the applicable accounting period, or the limit I allegedly reached. Please identify those figures and provide the supporting notices.

Requesting records concerning § 552.275 does not itself trigger that section's cost-recovery provisions. An estimate of six hours for this request also does not, by itself, establish that I have reached an applicable cumulative limit. Please explain the factual basis for invoking § 552.275 against my request.

3. Please substantiate the six-hour estimate.

Your estimate lists $90 for six hours of personnel time, $18 in overhead, and $0 for copies. I recognize that inspection may still require work to locate and prepare responsive records. However, listing general activities does not explain why this request requires six hours.

Please identify the anticipated tasks, the time allocated to each, the mailboxes or repositories to be searched, and the estimated volume of responsive records. Please also address the targeted keyword or phrase search proposed in my October 1 email and explain why it would not reduce the estimated time.

Your September 30 letter states that the City had already identified potentially excepted responsive information. Please clarify what work had already been completed and what additional work the estimate covers.

Under 1 TAC § 70.12(b)(4)–(5), time spent determining disclosure exceptions and preparing specified Attorney General submissions cannot be included in § 552.275 personnel-time calculations. Please confirm that those activities are excluded. See the Attorney General's Public Information Handbook, § 70.12.

4. Please address the modified request and clarify the payment requirement.

Your September 30 letter expressly allowed a written modification, which I submitted on October 1. That letter described a bond requirement if I accepted the estimate. I did not accept it; I modified the request. Your October 7 email now requires payment before work begins.

Please identify whether the City is requiring a bond under § 552.263 or advance payment under § 552.275, and explain the basis for applying that requirement to the modified request.

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5. Please reconsider the public-interest basis for a waiver or reduction.

These records concern how the City administers public-information requests and whether it applies personnel-time accounting requirements consistently. Their value extends beyond any individual requestor. Please reconsider the denial of a fee waiver or reduction on that basis.

6. Please preserve all responsive records until production is complete.

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