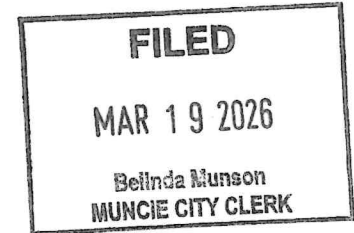


MUNCIE CITY COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE NO. 8-26



**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM  
PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, I.C. 5-14-3-3(e) permits a political subdivision to enact an ordinance prescribing the conditions under which a person who receives information from a public records request via physical or electronic media is prohibited from using said information for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Communications Director of the City of Muncie has recommended a prohibition on the providing of requested public records for commercial purposes or the otherwise solicitation of such materials to any other person for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it to be in the best interests of the residents of the City of Muncie to enact safeguards to protect certain information from being utilized for commercial purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-3(e), any person who receives information in an electronic format from the City of Muncie in response to a public records request may not use the information for commercial purposes, including to sell, advertise, or solicit the purchase of merchandise, goods, or services, or sell, loan, give away, or otherwise deliver the information obtained by the request to any other person for these purposes. Any person or entity who uses any information provided by the City for a commercial purpose, as defined in this section, shall not be provided any such data for a period of up to ten (10) years.

**SECTION 2.** Use of information received in connection with the preparation or publication of news, for nonprofit activities, or for academic research is not prohibited.

**SECTION 3.** Requests for non-color copies shall be \$0.10 per page and \$0.25 per page for color copies if color copies are available.

**SECTION 4.** Documents that already exist in an electronic format will be emailed upon request without charge.

**SECTION 5.** Requests for electronic copies that do not already exist in an electronic format will cost the same as copies.

**SECTION 6.** Victims of crime or loss of property due to fire or weather-related causes may obtain public information concerning the crime or loss for their personal records free of charge.

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**SECTION 7.** Information that is provided for a fee under other city policies or ordinances is exempt from the provisions of this section.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

	Yeas	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Jeff Green	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nora Powell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Garrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sara Gullion	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jerry Dishman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Harold Mason Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dale Basham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ro Selvey	_____	_____	_____	_____
William McIntosh Sr.	_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
President Muncie Common Council

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk

The above Ordinance is approved/vetoed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Dan Ridenour, Mayor of the City of Muncie

ATTEST:

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Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of the Common Council

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This Ordinance is proposed by Council Member

*David Benson*

This Ordinance is approved in form by Controller

*[Signature]*

This Ordinance is approved in form by Legal Counsel

*[Signature]*