

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

- I. A brief description of our public body is as follows:
  - A. The Elmhurst Public Library is a municipal library established under the Illinois Local Library Act, 75 ILCS 5. The Library Board is appointed by the Mayor of the City of Elmhurst with the approval of the City Council.
  - B. Our mission is to enrich life in Elmhurst for all by providing opportunities to connect, create, and explore.
  - C. An organizational chart is attached.
  - D. The total amount of our operating budget for FY 2025 is \$7,709,300. Funding sources are property and personal property replacement taxes, state and federal grants, fines, fees, and donations. Tax levy is 7,533,400.
    - 1. Corporate purposes (for general operating expenditures, including pension)
  - E. The office is located at this address: 125 S. Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst, IL
  - F. We have the following number of persons employed:
    - 1. Full-time 43
    - 2. Part-time 55
  - G. The following organization exercises control over our policies and procedures: The Elmhurst Public Library Board of Library Trustees, which meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Library. Its members are: President, Marsha Baker; Vice President, Ingrid Becton; Secretary, Jane Chornij; Cindy Wellwood Burke; Taylor Holop; Carol Jacobsen; William Ryan; Susan Sadowski, William Shanklin.
  - H. We are required to report and be answerable for our operations to:
    *Illinois State Library,* Springfield, Illinois. Its members are: State Librarian, Alexi
    Giannoulias (Secretary of State); Director of the State Library and various other staff.
- II. Public records may be requested in the following manner:
  - A. The Deputy City Clerk, Amanda Melone, serves as the Freedom of Information Officer (FOIA) for the City of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Public Library. The Freedom of Information Act Officer is located at the Elmhurst City Hall in the Administration Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. City Hall is located at 209 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126.
  - B. All requests must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Freedom of Information Act Officer. Applicants may use the City of Elmhurst's suggested <u>FOIA</u> <u>Request Form</u> or may submit their own written request for records. Applicants choosing not to use the provided form must provide their full name, current address, phone number, a detailed\_account of the documents they are requesting and whether or not



they are requesting the documents for commercial use. Written requests may be submitted in person at the Administration Office at City Hall, mailed to the attention of the Freedom of Information Act Officer, emailed to foia@elmhurst.org or faxed to (630) 530-3015.

- C. Requests for public records are fulfilled under the guidelines of the <u>Illinois Freedom of</u> <u>Information Act (5 ILCS 140)</u>. Requestors will be contacted within the time allotted by law with a response to their request. At that time the requestor will be told of any fees associated with their request.
- D. For an additional charge, documents may be certified. Certified documents have a signed and sealed letter from the City Clerk stating that the attached documents are true and correct copies of the original documents on file with the City of Elmhurst.