



City of Gering, Nebraska

Request for Records Form

(State Statute Sections 84-712 through 84-712.09)

A. TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTER (optional for the sole purpose of facilitating access to data)

Requester Name (Last, First, MI.):	Phone Number:
Street Address:	Fax Number:
City, State, Zip Code:	E-mail Address:
Signature:	Date of Request:

The basic rule for open public records in Nebraska is found at Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-712 which is attached.
 The City of Gering may require that requests for records be in writing. This form is provided for convenience but is not required.

Description of the Information Requested:

B. TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY

Department Name:	Handled by:
Information Classified as: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Action <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved in part (explain below) <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (explain below)

Remarks or basis for denial:

Copy Charges: <input type="checkbox"/> _____ pages x \$.25 per black/white pages _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ pages x \$.50 per colored pages _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ other charges _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">Total Charges _____</div>

If mailed, return form and fees to: City Clerk, City of Gering, PO Box 687, Gering, NE 69341 PHONE: (308) 436-5096 FAX: (308) 436-6899

FOR CITY USE ONLY:	Date Received: _____	Authorized Signature: _____
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Nebraska Revised Statute 84-712

[Revised Statutes](#) » [Chapter 84](#) » 84-712

Public records; free examination; memorandum and abstracts; copies; fees.

84-712 Public records; free examination; memorandum and abstracts; copies; fees. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by statute, all citizens of this state, and all other persons interested in the examination of the public records, as defined in section 84-712.01, are hereby fully empowered and authorized to (a) examine the same, and make memoranda, copies using their own copying or photocopying equipment in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, and abstracts therefrom, all free of charge, during the hours the respective offices may be kept open for the ordinary transaction of business and (b) except if federal copyright law otherwise provides, obtain copies of public records in accordance with subsection (3) of this section during the hours the respective offices may be kept open for the ordinary transaction of business.

(2) Copies made by citizens or other persons using their own copying or photocopying equipment pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be made on the premises of the custodian of the public record or at a location mutually agreed to by the requester and the custodian.

(3)(a) Copies may be obtained pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this section only if the custodian has copying equipment reasonably available. Such copies may be obtained in any form designated by the requester in which the public record is maintained or produced, including, but not limited to, printouts, electronic data, discs, tapes, and photocopies.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by statute, the custodian of a public record may charge a fee for providing copies of such public record pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this section, which fee shall not exceed the actual cost of making the copies available. For purposes of this subdivision, (i) for photocopies, the actual cost of making the copies available shall not exceed the amount of the reasonably calculated actual cost of the photocopies, (ii) for printouts of computerized data on paper, the actual cost of making the copies available shall include the reasonably calculated actual cost of computer run time and the cost of materials for making the copy, and (iii) for electronic data, the actual cost of making the copies available shall include the reasonably calculated actual cost of the computer run time, any necessary analysis and programming, and the production of the report in the form furnished to the requester. State agencies which provide electronic access to public records through a gateway service shall obtain approval of their proposed reasonable fees for such records pursuant to sections 84-1205.02 and 84-1205.03, if applicable, and the actual cost of making the copies available may include the approved fee for the gateway service.

(c) This section shall not be construed to require a public body or custodian of a public record to produce or generate any public record in a new or different form or format modified from that of the original public record.

(d) If copies requested in accordance with subdivision (1)(b) of this section are estimated by the custodian of such public records to cost more than fifty dollars, the custodian may require the requester to furnish a deposit prior to fulfilling such request.

(4) Upon receipt of a written request for access to or copies of a public record, the custodian of such record shall provide to the requester as soon as is practicable and without delay, but not more than four business days after actual receipt of the request, either (a) access to or, if copying equipment is reasonably available, copies of the public record, (b) if there is a legal basis for denial of access or copies, a written denial of the request together with the information specified in section 84-712.04, or (c) if the entire request cannot with reasonable good faith efforts be fulfilled within four business days after actual receipt of the request due to the significant difficulty or the extensiveness of the request, a written explanation, including the earliest practicable date for fulfilling the request, an estimate of the expected cost of any copies, and an opportunity for the requester to modify or prioritize the items within the request.