

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP
RIGHT TO KNOW LAW
ANONYMOUS REQUEST POLICY

This policy governs North East Township’s response to anonymous Right-to-Know requests pursuant to Section 702 of the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law (65 P.S. 67.702).

The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (the RTKL) requires agencies to respond to Right-To-Know requests from “requesters” which Section 102 of the RTKL (65 P.S. 67.102) defines as: “a person that is a legal resident of the United States.” Section 702 of the RTKL (65 P.S. 67.702) allows North East Township the discretion in how we respond to anonymous Right-To-Know requests. Pursuant to Section 702 and in line with past Final Determinations and guidance from the Office of Open Records on anonymous requests¹, North East Township will not respond to any anonymous requests it receives.

Anonymous requests are any request which does not include sufficient information for North East Township to identify the requester as a “person who is a resident of the United States.” The Authority may investigate the identity of individuals who submit requests to ensure that each request comes from a “legal resident of the United States” and any request in which North East Township is unable to verify the request comes from a “legal resident of the United States” will be considered an anonymous request. This includes but is not limited to: requests which do not provide the legal name of the individual submitting the request; requests submitted under a pseudonym or false name; and requests which do not truly come from the named individual or the named individual is determined to not exist.

¹ See, e.g., *Frank Curry and FOIA Buddy v. South Western School District*, OOR Dkt. AP 2024-1311