

*** Statutes current through 2014 legislation effective October 1, 2014 ***

GENERAL PROVISIONS
TITLE 4. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT
SUBTITLE 2. INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Md. Ann. Code art. GP, § 4-203 (2014)

§ 4-203. Timeliness of decision on application

(a) In general. -- The custodian shall grant or deny the application promptly, but not more than 30 days after receiving the application.

(b) Procedure for approval. -- A custodian who approves the application shall produce the public record immediately or within a reasonable period that is needed to retrieve the public record, but not more than 30 days after receipt of the application.

(c) Procedure for denial. -- A custodian who denies the application shall:

(1) immediately notify the applicant;

(2) within 10 working days, give the applicant a written statement that gives:

(i) the reasons for the denial;

(ii) the legal authority for the denial; and

(iii) notice of the remedies under this title for review of the denial; and

(3) allow inspection of any part of the record that is subject to inspection and is reasonably severable.

(d) Extension by consent. -- With the consent of the applicant, any time limit imposed under this section may be extended for not more than 30 days.