

A CITIZEN-BUILT PUBLIC RECORD
LIBRARY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T BE A MYSTERY.

Transparency for New Kent organizes public records, timelines, questions, and official responses so residents can see how local decisions are made.

Not rumor. Not party politics. Start with the record.



NEW KENT COUNTY • PUBLIC DECISIONS • PUBLIC RECORDS

PUBLIC RECORDS. PLAIN ENGLISH. YOUR COUNTY.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND THERE

One place to follow current issues, history, source documents, and the questions those records raise.

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CURRENT ISSUES

Data-center ordinance, Data Centers / TOD, surveillance, land purchases / public property, and economic development.

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HISTORICAL RECORD

Combat range, solar farm projects, Comprehensive Plan history, and earlier decisions that provide context.

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THE RECEIPTS

FOIA responses, contracts, reports, timelines, source documents, official responses, and supporting records.

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PLAIN-ENGLISH BRIEFS

Complex topics are organized so citizens can understand the issue quickly and then inspect the underlying record themselves.

The website is a living library: material can be corrected or expanded as additional records are received and verified.

FIND THE ISSUE. FOLLOW THE RECORD.

THE STANDARD BEHIND THE SITE

Transparency is more than posting documents. The project is built around four practical pillars.

ACCESS

Can citizens get the information?

Public records are the raw material. Information should be open and usable.

OVERSIGHT

Can decisions be checked?

Accountability gives transparency force when questions or problems arise.

PARTICIPATION

Can citizens take part?

Residents need enough information, early enough, to question and influence decisions.

VERIFIABILITY

Can anyone check the claim?

Sources should be traceable so readers can separate records from propaganda, rumor, or noise.

The project also proposes a Code of Ethics centered on public interest, open process, merit, conflicts, and transparency.

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HOW CITIZENS CAN USE IT

You do not have to become a government expert. Use the site as a starting point, then verify for yourself.

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START WITH ONE ISSUE

Pick something that affects you: growth, taxes, land, surveillance, infrastructure, or the data-center ordinance.
- 02

READ THE SHORT VERSION

Use the timeline or 4×4-style brief to understand what happened, when, and why it matters.
- 03

OPEN THE SOURCE

Read the actual FOIA response, contract, report, meeting record, ordinance, or official document.
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SHOW UP INFORMED

Ask a focused question, attend a meeting, contact your representative, and bring another citizen.

The goal is informed participation—not telling citizens what to think.

READ IT. CHECK IT. ASK QUESTIONS. PARTICIPATE.