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FREE New 2015 Ohio Paperback Sunshine Laws/ Yellow Book Manual-Ohio Open Meetings/ Open Records

Are you frustrated and tired of being denied access to various public governmental entity meetings in Ohio, because of government ignorance, incompetence, and impedance?

Do THEY intimidate you as to what THEY think you should know about what THEY can do with your taxpayer's money?

Do THEY allow you or obstruct your right of attendance?

Do THEY prefer to conduct public business behind a closed door of a conference room?

Do THEY have a right to demand that you sign for receipt of any public records, declare your name, or state your purpose for desiring same?

Do THEY have a right to query you in advance as to if and when you may attend any public meeting?

Do THEY have a right to keep you locked out of the public meeting location while THEY are all gathered there well before the normal start time of any public meeting until THEY are ready to let you enter said meeting location?

Do THEY prefer to conduct a public meeting in THE BASEMENT?

Do THEY publish and post according to and if required by The Ohio Revised Code (state law). in public places, timely advance notification of any public governmental unit entity meeting, including—date, time, location, and purpose?

Do THEY date and sign off on these public advance notifications?

How do THEY announce this advance notification—a hearing; a meeting; a public hearing; a public meeting?

How do THEY inform you of any public meeting-what format, how, with whom, when, where?

Can THEY, legally, assess ANY fee for this notification in all cases and formats that you may request?

Do you have the right to request the preferred method for receipt of any public records copies?

What actions may you legally do at any public meeting?

What about regular, special, emergency meetings?

What public records are THEY required to provide to you, PROMPTLY, be it for free or for what cost?

What are the rules and regulations as they pertain to an Executive Session?

May you record any public meeting, in part or whole, with audio or visual component(s)/ device(s), or note taking without anyone's permission?

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Are you allowed to attend, sit, and observe ANY or every public meeting, in part or their entirety?

Are THEY allowed to deny you entry to any public meeting, because of your attire, disability, or status as a veteran?

Are THEY allowed to permit you to sit prior to, during, and after a public meeting only in an area of their choice?

Are THEY required to allow you to speak or ask questions at any of these public meetings?

Well, boys and girls, your prayers have been answered.

Remember, this is YOUR right-it is not THEIR privilege!

For the last several years our tax dollars have been spent for an annual publication of a paperback bound book/ manual entitled, "Ohio Sunshine Laws—An Open Government Resource Manual."

Due to its yellow cover, it is frequently referred to as The Ohio Yellow Book or The Ohio Sunshine Laws Manual.

Wait for it-it is FREE!

Normally, every year, a NEW edition comes out in the late winter or early spring season.

This, typically, will have the latest updates in The Ohio Revised Code(s) (state law(s)) that have been passed, dealing with Ohio governmental entity units as it pertains to Open Meetings/ Open Records laws.

It also includes several citations of legal cases that have dealt with various sections of these laws.

It also includes in specific detail remedies for when ANY citizen believes that they have been denied or refused access to what is legally allowable to them in their desire to procure same by any governmental entity unit.

It details how citizenry may pursue legal action against the governmental entity unit involved.

The Office of The Ohio Attorney General, as well as The Office of The Auditor of The State of Ohio, provide various FREE state mandated certified training every year at various locations throughout Ohio for Open Meetings and Open Records.

These classes are taught by an Ohio lawyer, with an emphasis on this area of state law as a concentration and focus by area of specialization.

This information is offered in other formats and platforms as well.

You do not have to be an appointed or elected governmental entity public official, employee, or volunteer to request or receive it.

Appointed/ elected Ohio governmental entity unit representatives or their designate must attend one of these state certified training sessions once each term of an appointed/ elective office, according to The Ohio Revised Code. (state law)

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This manual as well as this state certified training is available and open to all appointed/ elected governmental entity unit officials, their designate(s), as well as ANY citizenry, for FREE!

Certificates of Attendance are available, as well as Continuing Legal Education units, where applicable, to those that attend these state certified classes in their entirety.

Upon sufficient advance enrollment procured confirmation, additional classes may be held at a date, time, and location outside of those scheduled by these offices by a requesting party.

Become a better citizen, be informed, and "empowered," too!

Orders are now being accepted for "The (NEW) 2015 Ohio Sunshine Laws—An Open Government Resource Manual"—in paper book/ manual format—for FREE.

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The State of Ohio, Office of The Attorney General at: (800)-282-0515 ) (Telephone) (Toll Free) or visit their internet website and link to order said publication—www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov

The State of Ohio, Office of The Auditor of State, Open Government Unit at: (800)-282-0370 (Telephone) (Toll Free) or through electronic mail at: ogu@ohioauditor.gov

Tell 'em "Jay," sent 'ya!

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