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December 6, 2017

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Re: OPRA REQUEST
Lakewood Township Fire District No.1

Dear Mark:

The Lakewood Township Fire District No. 1 received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on November 23, 2017. The official Records Custodian, Meir Cohen, received the request on November 27, 2017. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is December 6, 2017.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following: copies of statements and invoices for Attorney/legal fees for the following months: January through December 2016 and January through November, 2017.

Your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill because the District's staff for early 2016 are no longer employed by the District, and the current staff is conducting a search of its files for the requested records. Further, these records will need to be reviewed by this office for confidential information prior to disclosure. Because of these issues, the Fire District's response cannot be supplied within seven days of the receipt of your request. Invoices for January, 2017 to November, 2017, and this office's invoices for 2016 accompany this letter.

OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.1. Specifically, OPRA states that, "the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.

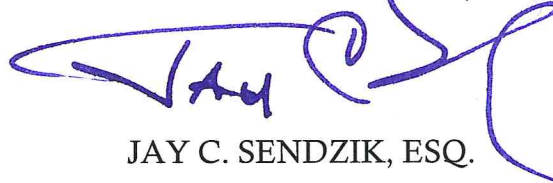
Your request requires an extension of time until Friday, December 15, 2017. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Lakewood Township Fire District No. 1 to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a

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proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at (866) 850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in the Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your county.

Very truly yours,

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