

Kaitlyn Green

From: Kaitlyn Green
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Kaitlyn Green
Subject: FW: [External]OPRA request - Cannabis fiscal data request

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CITY OF HACKENSACK

From: Giovanna Romero Sarubbi <opra+request-76187-10ad6da8@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 5:04:27 PM
To: Deborah Karlsson <dkarlsson@hackensack.org>
Subject: [External]OPRA request - Cannabis fiscal data request

Dear Clerk,

My name is Giovanna Romero Sarubbi. I am a doctoral student and public finance researcher at Rutgers University-Camden. I am researching the legalization of recreational cannabis and its impact on NJ municipal public finance, while collecting data on related revenue sources.

Please accept this electronic request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form or use a particular software platform to submit my request per NJSA 47:1A-6(f), which states that an email from a requestor including all of the information required on the adopted form shall suffice in place of a completed form as a valid government record request.

I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

I WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose.

I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding.

Records requested:

Due: 5-29-25

1. local cannabis transfer tax,
2. cannabis user tax,

3. social responsibility revenue, and

4. any additional sources of local revenue, such as cannabis application fees.

My preferred delivery method for response(s) to this request is by E-mail as attachments. Please confirm you have received this request. If you are not the custodian of records, please forward my request to that person and provide their email address to me for future reference.

Yours faithfully,

Giovanna Romero Sarubbi

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-76187-10ad6da8@requests.opramachine.com

Is dkarlsson@hackensack.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Hackensack City? If so, please contact us using this form:

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From: Giovanna Romero Sarubbi <opra+request-76187-10ad6da8@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 12:07 PM
To: Kaitlyn Green
Subject: [External]RE: [External]OPRA request - Cannabis fiscal data request
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Kaitlyn Green,

I am writing to clarify the data that I need from your municipality.

I am looking for the annual retail cannabis-related revenue data for your municipality from 2021-2025, if available.

Yours sincerely,

Giovanna Romero Sarubbi

-----Original Message-----

Hello,

Your Open Public Record Act (OPRA) Request has been received by the
Hackensack City Clerk's Office.

Be advised, the City Clerk's Office has seven (7) business days (not
including holidays and weekends) to response to the request.

Thank you,



DEBORAH KARLSSON, RMC
CITY CLERK

ALLISON R. SAABYE, RMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

CITY OF HACKENSACK

OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

City Clerk's Office
65 Central Avenue, 3rd Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201)-646-3940
Fax: (201) 457-1466

DATE: 05.29.25

TO: Giovanna Romero Sarubbi

The City of Hackensack ("City") records custodian received your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") Ref. No. 25-906 request on 05-19-25. As such, the seven business day deadline to respond to your request is 05-29-25. This response is therefore being timely submitted in accordance with New Jersey law. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.

RECORDS RESPONSE: All responsive records found with the Finance Department and Health Department pertaining to cash receipts for cannabis tax and cannabis application fees from 2023-2025.

The City received your clarification on 05/27/2025 seeking "annual retail cannabis-related revenue data for your municipality from 2021-2025, if available", please be advised that the records being provided in this response are the only records found by the Finance Department pertaining to your request.

Non-public information including personal phone numbers and home addresses have been redacted as authorized by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1

Please note that OPRA exempts the following information from public access:

[T]hat portion of any document which discloses the home address, whether a primary or secondary residence, of any active, formerly active, or retired judicial officer, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, or, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2021, c. 371 (C.47:1B-1), any immediate family member thereof; except for use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to enforce payment of court-ordered child support; except with respect to the disclosure of driver information by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997, c. 188 (C.39:2-3.4).



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N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. For any individuals who appear in the records that do not reside within the City of Hackensack, the City is unable to conclusively determine if the individuals would satisfy the above standard, and thus it is redacting the home addresses of those individuals reflected in these records as a precautionary measure.

Your OPRA request is now deemed answered and closed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: 05.29.25

City Clerk: Deborah Karlsson, RMC

May 21, 2025
08:07 AM

CITY OF HACKENSACK
Detail Revenue Transaction Inquiry By Account

Page No: 1

Range of Accounts:	5-01-08-240-000	5-01-08-240-000	Adds: N	Change - Curr: N	Change - Prev: N
Range of Dates:	01/01/25 to 12/31/25		Accrued: N	Cash Receipts: Y	Revenue Journal: N
Range of Reasons:	ALL		AR Balance Forward: N	Cancel - Current: N	Cancel - Previous: N
			Transfer Overpayment: N	Refund Overpayment: N	Cancel Overpayment: N
			Cash Disbursements: N		

Account No	Account Description	Account Type				
Date	Type	Code	Transaction Data/Comment	Amount	User	Reference #
5-01-08-240-000	CANNABIS TAX		Cash Basis/Anticipated			
01/22/25	Cash Receipt	CK: ACH	Cannabis Tax 2025 qtr 1 - payment 1 of 2	40,743.01	JMCFO	R 31982 1
01/23/25	Cash Receipt	CK: ACH	Cannabis Tax 2025-1 payment 2 of 2	40,000.00	JMCFO	R 31984 1
04/16/25	Cash Receipt	CK: ACH	cannabis tac - Hashery 2025-1	76,398.06	JMCFO	R 32038 1
Total Cash Receipts:		3	157,141.07			

Report Totals			
Transaction Type	Accounts	Transactions	Amount
Total Cash Receipts:	1	3	157,141.07

May 21, 2025
08:08 AM

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Detail Revenue Transaction Inquiry By Account

Page No: 1

Range of Accounts:	4-01-08-240-000	4-01-08-240-000	Adds: N	Change - Curr: N	Change - Prev: N
Range of Dates:	01/01/24 to 12/31/24		Accrued: N	Cash Receipts: Y	Revenue Journal: N
Range of Reasons:	ALL		AR Balance Forward: N	Cancel - Current: N	Cancel - Previous: N
			Transfer Overpayment: N	Refund Overpayment: N	Cancel Overpayment: N
			Cash Disbursements: N		

Account No	Account Description	Account Type					
Date	Type	Code	Transaction Data/Comment	Amount	User	Reference #	
4-01-08-240-000	CANNABIS TAX (MRNA FOR 2024)	Cash Basis/Not Anticipated					
04/17/24	Cash Receipt	CK: ACH	rec'd from Hashery - 2024 1st qtr	53,008.32	JMCFO	R 31840	2
07/22/24	Cash Receipt	CK: ACH	rec'd from Hashery - 2024 2nd qtr	61,406.04	JMCFO	R 31841	2
10/21/24	Cash Receipt	CK: ACH	cannabis tax rec'd by wire 2024-3	69,115.26	JMCFO	R 31890	1
Total Cash Receipts:		3	183,529.62				

Report Totals			
Transaction Type	Accounts	Transactions	Amount
Total Cash Receipts:	1	3	183,529.62



CITY OF HACKENSACK

Department of Health

215 State Street Hackensack, NJ 07601

Phone: (201) 646-3965 Fax: (201) 646-3989

www.hackensack.org

Notice: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CONDUCT, MAINTAIN OR OPERATE A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT SELLS CANNABIS

A fee is \$15,000 is required annually. License year is January 1 through December 31. Initial license fees are pro-rated in an amount proportional to the number of months remaining in the license year, including the month in which the license is issued (e.g. an initial license issued after August is valid through December 31 of that year and is \$7,500).

New Application: _____

Renewal: _____

Trade Name: _____

HASHERY LLC

Business Address: _____

409 Route 17 South, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Business Phone: _____

201-606-0002

Business Fax: _____

Email: _____

haig@hasherynj.com

Owner's Name: _____

Samuel Jurist

(List corporate or partnership name if corporate or partnership owned)

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Owner's Phone: _____

Owner's Fax: _____

Describe the hours of operation during which cannabis products are sold: _____

Do you have a New Jersey Retail Cannabis License (circle one): ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you have a New Jersey Retail Cannabis License, please submit a copy with this application.

**APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL MUST BE SUBMITTED
BY JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.**

Name of On-Site Manager: _____

HAIG VARTIVARIAN

Applicant Signature: _____

Haig Vartivarian

Date: _____

12/23/24

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Date of Approved Plans On File: _____

Approved By: _____

Approvals:

Health: _____

Zoning: _____

Building: _____

Electrical: _____

Fire: _____

Plumbing: _____

Fee: 15,000

Issue Date: 01/02/25

License Number: 52

Clerk: KJ

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New Application: _____ Renewal: ☒

Trade Name: HASHERY

Business Address: 409 ROUTE 17 SOUTH, HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

Business Phone: 201-606-0002 Business Fax: _____

Email: haig@hasheryj.com

Owner's Name: SAMUEL JURIST
(List corporate or partnership name if corporate or partnership owned)

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner's Phone: _____ Owner's Fax: _____

Describe the hours of operation during which cannabis products are sold:

8 AM -> 10 PM

Do you have a New Jersey Retail Cannabis License (circle one) YES NO

If you have a New Jersey Retail Cannabis License, please submit a copy with this application.

**APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL MUST BE SUBMITTED
BY JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.**

Name of On-Site Manager: HAIG VARTIVARIAN

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Date: MARCH 7, 2024

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Date of Approved Plans On File: _____ Approved By: _____

Approvals:

Health: _____ Zoning: _____ Building: _____

Electrical: _____ Fire: _____ Plumbing: _____

Fee: 15000 Issue Date: 03/07/24 License Number: 45 Clerk: FO

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New Application: ☒ Renewal: ☐

Trade Name: Hashery LLC

Business Address: 409 Route 17 South

Business Phone: 908 872 3753 Business Fax:

Email: Sam@shocompanies.com

Owner's Name: Hashery LLC / Sam Twist / Leonard Coleman

Owner's Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Owner's Phone: [REDACTED] Owner's Fax: [REDACTED]

Describe the hours of operation during which cannabis products are sold:

Sam 10pm

Do you have a New Jersey Retail Cannabis License (circle one): YES NO

If you have a New Jersey Retail Cannabis License, please submit a copy with this application.

**APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL MUST BE SUBMITTED
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Name of On-Site Manager: Hais Vartivarian

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/9/23

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Date of Approved Plans On File: Approved By:

Approvals:

Health: Zoning: Building:

Electrical: Fire: Plumbing:

Fee: 7500.00 Issue Date: 11/09/2023 License Number: 25 Clerk: [Signature]

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