



City of Linden
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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City Clerk

Jennifer Honan
Deputy City Clerk

August 6, 2020

Ms. Kelly V
Opra+request-15548-174ba9a6@requests.opramachine.com

File Number: 2020-585

Re: OPRA Request – Board of Health Records

Dear Ms. Kelly V:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on July 28, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on July 28, 2020. As such, the seventh (7th) business day deadline to respond to your request is Thursday, August 6, 2020. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 8th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

You requested the following: See Attached

The records are now being provided to you as per your request, with redactions. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 (24) Privacy Interest – “a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy.”

If you feel that your request for access to a government record has been improperly denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision of the City of Linden to deny access. I have attached information, from the Government Records Council regarding the process to file a complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Joseph C. Bodek". The signature is stylized and includes a circular flourish at the end.

Joseph C. Bodek
Custodian of Records
City of Linden

New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC")



What to do if your request for a record has been denied

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) permits a person who believes that he or she has been unlawfully denied access to a public record either to file a complaint with the GRC or to file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking such actions.

To file a complaint with the GRC:

- Visit the GRC's website at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint. In the alternative, you may contact the GRC by telephone at 1-866-850-0511 or by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov.
- When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer both you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation. If mediation is not accepted or is not successful, the GRC will investigate the complaint.
- In some cases, the GRC can award attorney's fees to a complainant or impose a fine against a records custodian.
- There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the dispute.
- If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.
- If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.
- Filing suit in Superior Court may result in a faster resolution, because the courts adjudicate cases every day, whereas the GRC only meets once a month.

Government Records Council, P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0819

Joe Bodek

2020 - 585

From: Kelly V <opra+request-15548-174ba9a6@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Joe Bodek
Subject: OPRA request - Copy of board of health complaints

Dear Linden City,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

I am requesting a copy of all correspondence filed in regards to 30 W. Curtis St to the board of health between May 1, 2020 and July 25, 2020. That would include emails, calls, and all calls or complaints filed, as well as information as to who filed complaint, and anything backing up complaint.

Yours faithfully,

Kelly V

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-15548-174ba9a6@requests.opramachine.com

Is jbodek@linden-nj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Linden City? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=linden_city

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/copy_of_board_of_health_complain

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.





Karen Lukenda
President

City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

BOARD OF HEALTH

605 South Wood Avenue
Linden, New Jersey 07036

NANCY KOBLIS
Health Officer
908-474-8409
Fax: 908-474-1836

HOUSING DEPARTMENT
908-474-8414

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES
908-474-8420

MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: Joseph C. Bodek, City Clerk
MEMO FROM: Nancy Koblis, Health Officer
DATE: July 31, 2020
RE: OPRA Request: Kelly V (#2020-585)

Attached are documents from the Health Department relative to this request.

Thank you.



NK:hg

Attachment

LINDEN BOARD OF HEALTH

COMPLAINT REPORT

Complaint# 16977

Follow-up Date

7/1/2020

Date 6/2/2020

Location 30

Curtis St, W

Time 9:00 AM

Ant#

Subject Trees

TakenBy AT

ID # 16549

COMPLAINANT'S DATA

Last Name ANONYMOUS

First Name

Address

Telephone

2ndPhone

Remarks:

ID# 16532

OWNER'S DATA

Last Name VLASIC

First Name Kelly

Address 30 West Curtis Street

Linden, NJ 07036

Telephone

2nd Phone

Remarks

☐ Summons Issued Date:

☐ Referred to Landscaper

Lein Amount:

\$0.00

Vacant Property Registration Sent ☐

☐ Registration Paid Amount Paid

0.00

Date Paid

COMPLAINT

Dead tree in back of property.

REPORT

6/2/20--10:00am Checked property and observed a dead tree in the back of the property from the neighboring property.AT:hg

6/2/20--Letter sent to Kelly Vlastic at 30 West Curtis Street.AT:hg

6/6/2020--Received e-mail with pictures from Kelly Vlastic, tree was cut down.NK



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Sr. Housing Inspector
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June 2, 2020

Kelly Vlasic
30 West Curtis Street
Linden, New Jersey 07036

Dear Property Owner:

A complaint has been received regarding conditions at your property at 30 West Curtis Street, Linden, New Jersey.

This complaint was investigated on June 1, 2020, at which one dead tree was noted at the rear of your yard.

You are to remove the dead tree by July 1, 202 at which time a follow up visit will be made.

Any questions regarding this complaint can be directed to Inspector Antonio Taylor at (908)474-8414.

Sincerely,

Nancy Koblis
Health Officer

LINDEN BOARD OF HEALTH

COMPLAINT REPORT

Complaint# 17143 Follow-up Date 8/10/2020

Date 7/21/2020 Location 30 Curtis St, W

Time 4:00 PM Ant#

Subject Trees TakenBy jp

ID# 16710 **COMPLAINANT'S DATA**

Last Name ANONYMOUS

First Name

Address

Telephone

2ndPhone

Remarks:

ID# 16693 **OWNER'S DATA**

Last Name VLASIC

First Name Kelly

Address 30 West Curtis Street

Linden, NJ 07036

Telephone

2nd Phone

Remarks

☐ Summons Issued Date:

☐ Referred to Landscaper

Lein Amount:

\$0.00

Vacant Property Registration Sent ☐

☐ Registration Paid Amount Paid

0.00

Date Paid

COMPLAINT

Dead tree in backyard

REPORT

7/21/20--Visited property. Verified dead tree in backyard of property.JP:hg

7/23/2020--Letter sent to owner.NK

7/27/20--9:30AM Kelly Vlasic called by telephone. She stated that tree was cut down in June.JL:hg

10:15AM Visited site. Met Kelly Vlasic. She had pictures of tree cut down in June. Additional dead tree on property. She stated that tree will be cut tonight.JL:hg

7/28/20--10:15AM Visited site, checked area. Dead tree cut down.JL:hg



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July 23, 2020

Kelly Vlasic
30 West Curtis Street
Linden, New Jersey 07036

Dear Property Owner:

A complaint has been received regarding a dead tree at your property at 30 West Curtis Street, Linden, New Jersey.

This complaint was investigated on July 21, 2020, at which time one dead tree was noted in the rear yard of your property.

You are to remove the dead tree by August 10, 2020 at which time a follow up visit will be made.

Any questions regarding this complaint can be directed to Inspector Justin Panzarella at (908)474-8422.

Sincerely,

Nancy Koblis
Health Officer