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REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS

(N.J.S.A. 47:1A – 1, et seq.)

GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

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DATE: April 27, 2026

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on April 27, 2026, for which your request sought access to the following:

Tax Delinquent

- A list of all property addresses that have an unpaid property tax bill for the last 12 months. Please also include in the list or separately a list of properties whose property tax bill was lien against the property.

Water Shut Off / Utility Liens

- A list of all property addresses that have had their water bill lien against the property, have failed to pay their water bill, or have had the water shut off at any point in the last 6 months.

Fire Damage List

- A list of all property addresses that the fire department has received an emergency call to in the last 90 days.

Code Violation

- A list of property addresses that have received any code violations in the last 6 months

Vacant List

- A list of all properties that the city deems to be currently vacant or abandoned.

A response to your request is as follows:

The following records are being provided to you in their entirety and are responsive to your request:

1. Town of Westfield Vacant Property Listing (1 page)
2. Town of Westfield Properties in Violation of Building Code (4 pages)
3. Town of Westfield Property Maintenance Violation List (1 page)
4. Town of Westfield Condensed Lien Account Status Report (14 pages)

Please be advised that the Westfield Zoning Department and Health Department do not maintain a list of properties with code violations. Additionally, the Westfield Fire Department has indicated that it does not maintain records identifying fire-damaged properties or logs of emergency calls; therefore, no records are responsive to that portion of your request. Lastly, Water shut-offs and utility liens are not administered by the Town of Westfield; accordingly, there are no records responsive to that portion of your request.

This response is being provided to you via email as per your request.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Town of Westfield to deny access. At your option, you may either

institute a 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, NJ 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 Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.



Dated: April 27, 2026

Maureen Lawshe, RMC
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