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May 11, 2022

**Via Email: [Opra+request-31221-fe7b5e61@requests.opramachine.com](mailto:Opra+request-31221-fe7b5e61@requests.opramachine.com)**

Anonymous

**Re: OPRA Request to Township of Clark**

Dear Anonymous:

The Township of Clark received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on April 21, 2022. The official Records Custodian, Edith Merkel, received your OPRA request on April 21, 2022. An extension was granted to comply with the request until May 12, 2022. This response is being provided to you on May 11, 2022.

The following records regarding Clark Township Police Officer Catherine Mitchell (retired) are being provided in their entirety and are responsive to your request.

1. Start and end dates of employment with the Township of Clark: 10/10/87 through 9/1/2002;
2. Title(s): Public Safety Telecommunication Dispatcher; Police Officer;
3. Salary upon retirement: \$65,872.30;
4. Reason for retirement: See attached Resignation/Retirement Agreement – one (1) page;
5. Copies of any civil complaint or lawsuit filed by Catherine Mitchell and served upon the Township of Clark, the Clark Police Department and/or any Township elected or appointed Official and officers: No such records exist;

6. Copies of any settlement agreement entered between Catherine Mitchell and the Township of Clark, any of its elected or appointed officials and/or the Township of Clark's Police Department and/or its officers: See attached Resignation/Retirement Agreement – one (1) page; and
7. Copies of any discrimination or harassment complaint filed by Catherine Mitchell with the Township of Clark and/or the Clark Police Department, to include dates, nature/type of complaint, persons involved and disposition of said complaints: See attached OAL Initial Decision containing information requested – five (5) pages.

These records are being transmitted to you electronically via email to following address as per your request:

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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 Township of Clark 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](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their web site at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://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.

Sincerely,

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For Municipal Clerk, Township of Clark

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Encl.

Cc: Edith Merkel, Township Clerk (Via Email: [clerk@ourclark.com](mailto:clerk@ourclark.com))