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REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS
(N.J.S.A. 47:1A – I, et seq.)
GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

TO: OpenData2025
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DATE: July 17, 2025

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on July 17, 2025, for which your request sought access to the following:

- Records requested:
 - 1) For 2024 Actual Payroll for Employees by name and title for Fire Department
 - 2) For 2024 and 2025 Budget Detail lines with transaction detail
 - 3) For 2024 and 2025 Capital Related Purchases Resolutions or Capital Budget Detail for Fire Department Equipment or Vehicles

A response to your request is as follows:

OPRA requires that custodians must ordinarily grant immediate access to salary and budget information (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.e). Your request requires additional time to fulfill as adequate time is needed to identify and retrieve records that may be responsive to your request. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. 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 July 28, 2025.

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: July 17, 2025



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