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**Township of Washington
Gloucester County
Christine L. Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk**

February 24, 2022

Via email

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Re: **OPRA P128-2022**

Good afternoon,

The Township of Washington received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on February 15, 2022. The official Records Custodian, Municipal Clerk Christine Ciallella, received your OPRA request on February 15, 2022. OPRA provides that custodians should fulfill a request as soon as possible, but not later than seven (7) business days after the request is received, provided that the record is currently available and not in storage or archived. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i). Day One (1) is the day following the custodian's receipt of the request, therefore your request is due on February 24, 2022.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

1. Count of all current and in-progress applications in process with Washington Township Police Department (WTPD), for Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Handgun Purchase Permit.
2. Count of all applications not yet approved that have been in process at WTPD longer than 30 days.
3. Total count of all applications (Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Handgun Purchase Permit) approved and denied for 2021.
4. Total count of all applications (Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Handgun Purchase Permit) approved and denied for 2022.

In response to this request, Washington Township responds as follows

1. Count of all current and in-progress applications in process with Washington Township Police Department (WTPD), for Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Handgun Purchase Permit.

56 – *total # includes 48 applicants that have not completed fingerprinting for background check.*

2. Count of all applications not yet approved that have been in process at WTPD longer than 30 days.

26 - *total # includes 26 applicants that have not completed fingerprinting for background check.*

3. Total count of all applications (Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Handgun Purchase Permit) approved and denied for 2021.

Approved - 1440 Denied - 18

4. Total count of all applications (Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Handgun Purchase Permit) approved and denied for 2022.

Approved – 202 Denied - 4

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 Washington 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.

Sincerely,

Christine Ciallella

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