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VIA Electronic Mail Only
Clare Vision/Clear Vision

Re: Request for Public Records (First Time Homebuyer Program)

Dear Clare Vision/Clear Vision:

We are in receipt of your request for public records dated August 13, 2020, submitted under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 *et seq.* As you may be already aware, OPRA was recently amended to provide that:

During a period declared pursuant to the laws of this State as a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency, the deadlines by which to respond to a request for, or grant or deny access to, a government record under paragraph (1) of this subsection or subsection e. of this section shall not apply, provided, however, that the custodian of a government record shall make a reasonable effort, as the circumstances permit, to respond to a request for access to a government record within seven business days or as soon as possible thereafter. [N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i)(2).]

As the City of East Orange ("City") is subject to the State of New Jersey's current public health emergency declaration, processing your request required additional time. Attached please find documentation from the Planning Department in response to question #1 – Please provide the number of approved applications that received First Time Home Buyer Program funds in years 2000, 2004, 2009, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020. Please be advised, the person who is responsible for the response for question #2 Please identify the purchase address of properties purchased using funds in part from the First Time Home Buyer Program in years 2000, 2004, 2009, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 is away on vacation. The Planning Department will need an additional two weeks (*September 11, 2020*) to respond to this request. As soon as this Office is in receipt of documentation, it will be forwarded to your attention directly. Thank you for your attention and patience in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Dale A. Forde
Deputy City Clerk

Attachment