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To: clerkforms.
Subject: Internal review of OPRA request - Harassment by Zoning Official

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Dear Howell Township,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Open Public Records Act reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Howell Township's handling of my OPRA request 'Harassment by Zoning Official'.

A full history of my OPRA request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:
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Yours faithfully,

Julian Leone

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If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.



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February 25, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Julian Leone

Re: OPRA Request to Township of Howell dated February 24, 2020 8:44 p.m.

Dear Sir,

The Township of Howell received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on February 25, 2020. The official Records Custodian received your OPRA request on February 25, 2020. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is March 5, 2020. This response to your request is being provided to you on the first (1st) business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request stated the following:

I am writing to request an internal review of Howell Township's handling of my OPRA request "Harassment by Zoning Official."

This request does not identify specific government records. As such, your request is an invalid OPRA request and is denied. When a request is "complex" because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought, then that request is not "encompassed" by OPRA. *See New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing*, 390 N.J.Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007). A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired. *See Bent v. Stafford Police Department*, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005).

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Ciranni".

Allison Ciranni
Township Clerk
Records Custodian