

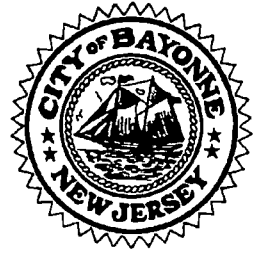
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January 5, 2021

Hudson Media Project

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RE: OPRA Request #20-969

Dear Hudson Media Project:

The City of Bayonne received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on December 9, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Madelene C. Medina, received your OPRA request on December 9, 2020. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is December 18, 2020. On December 14, 2020, the City extended the responsive time to January 18, 2021.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following: Please see attached OPRA.

With respect to your request for media contracts, the City of Bayonne has no responsive records.

With respect to the remainder of your request, OPRA allows public agencies to impose special service charges whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or when fulfilling a request requires an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.c. Special service charges must be based upon the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies. OPRA mandates that the requestor shall have the opportunity to review and object to the charge prior to it being incurred. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.c.

As such, a detailed estimate is provided below: It is estimated that the Finance Department would have to produce approximately 5,000 pages in response to this OPRA request. It is estimated that cumulatively the hours that would be required for the Finance Department to fulfil this request will be a minimum one hundred (100) hours at an approximate rate, as prescribed by law, of \$20.62 an hour. Therefore, the special service charge to fulfil this request totals \$2,062.00.

Please also note that fulfilling the request will require that three employees be pulled from their duties and obligations. The Finance Department maintains files relating to payments for the current year and previous year in an area subject to immediate access. All other documents have been boxed and archived and constitute the Division of Finance retrieving the archived files and making necessary copies. The cost/time estimate does not take into consideration the work that might have to be performed by the other departments in furtherance of fulfilling this OPRA request.

In the alternative, the Finance Department can provide a printout that reflects the invoice number along with the payment amount issued to the requested vendors during the time period reflected in your OPRA request.

Kindly respond in writing with your acceptance or rejection of this estimated charge. We will not begin to process this request until we receive your written acceptance. If you reject the estimated charge and you wish to challenge the special service charge, you have a right to challenge the decision.

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,


Jessica H. Connors
Assistant City Attorney

Cc: Madelene C. Medina, City Clerk & Records Custodian

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OPRA

From: Hudson Media Project <opra+request-18928-ffacf8f3@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:51 PM
To: OPRA
Subject: OPRA request - Media Contracts/Invoices

Dear Bayonne City,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

All media contracts and invoices/records of payment from Jan 1, 2015 to Dec 1, 2020 with the following entities:

1. The Jersey Journal/Evening Journal Association
2. New Jersey Advance Media/NJ.com
3. News12NJ/News 12 Networks/Altice USA
4. Hudson Reporter/Newspaper Media Group
5. Hudson Media Group/Pat O'Melia
6. Hudson TV/Hudson County TV/Julio Reynoso
7. Hudson County View/John Heinis
8. Real Talk on The Hudson/Talking Politics with Fernando Uribe/Fernando Uribe 9. InsiderNJ/Max Pizarro and/or Pete Oneglia

Yours faithfully,

Hudson Media Project

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