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Via email only (opra+request-74653-0b0a83c5@requests.opramachine.com)

Ty Johnson

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Borough of Glassboro Records Custodian received your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), dated after hours on April 10, 2025, on April 11, 2025. Accordingly, the initial seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request under OPRA is April 23, 2025. This response is being provided on the fifth business day after receipt of your request.

Your records request was as follows:

Tax Delinquent - A list of all property addresses that have an unpaid property tax bill for the last 12 months. Please also include in the list or separately a list of properties whose property tax bill was lien against the property.

Water Shut Off / Utility Liens - A list of all property addresses that have had their water bill lien against the property, have failed to pay their water bill, or have had the water shut off at any point in the last 12 months.

Fire Damage List - A list of all property addresses that the fire department has received an emergency call to in the last 90 days.

Code Violation - A list of property addresses that have received any code violations in the last 6 months

Vacant List - A list of all properties that the city deems to be currently vacant or abandoned

Our response to each item of your request is as follows.

Item 1 (Tax Delinquent)

A search of our available records has identified the following as responsive to your request:

Condensed Tax Account Delinquent Report (25 pages)

A copy of the identified record is enclosed.

Item 2 (Water Shut Off) and Item 5 (Vacant List)

After consultation with the Borough Special Counsel, your request is denied for the following reason(s):

Security Information. The requested record(s) contain(s): (a) administrative or technical information regarding computer hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed would jeopardize computer security; (b) emergency or security information or procedures for buildings or facilities which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security of the building or facility or persons therein; and/or (c) security measures and surveillance techniques which, if disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property, electronic data or software, do not constitute a government record, are deemed to be confidential, and are exempt from disclosure under both OPRA and the common law. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; *Gilleran v. Township of Bloomfield*, 227 N.J. 159 (2016); *Howard v. N.J. Transit*, GRC Complaint No. 2018-43 (November 2019).

Privacy/Personal Identifying Information (PII). The requested record(s) contain(s) information for which identified persons have a reasonable expectation of privacy. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; Executive Order No. 21 (McGreevey 2002); *Paff v. Ocean County Prosecutor's Office*, 235 N.J. 1 (2018); *Brennan v. Bergen County Prosecutor's Office*, 233 N.J. 330 (2018); *In the Matter of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association*, 230 N.J. 258 (2017); *Burnett v. County of Bergen*, 198 N.J. 408 (2009); *Rise Against Hate v. Cherry Hill Township*, slip op., Docket Nos. A-3421-20, A-1440-21, A-1517-21 (App. Div. March 29, 2023); *North Jersey Media Group, Inc. v. Bergen County Prosecutor's Office*, 447 N.J. Super. 182 (App. Div. 2016); *North Jersey Media Group, Inc. v. Township of Nutley*, slip op., Docket No. A-3483-14T3 (App. Div. September 30, 2016); *Nelson v. N.J. Department of Law & Public Safety*, No. 2013-124 (GRC 2014); *Merino v. Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus*, No. 2003-110 (GRC 2004).

Request for Information. To the extent your request seeks information and does not identify specific government records, it is an invalid request and is therefore denied. *Doe v. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey*, 466 N.J. Super. 14 (App. Div. 2021); *Burke v. Brandes*, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012); *MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005); *Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't.*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005); *N.J. Builders Ass'n v. N.J. Council on Affordable Hous.*, 390 N.J. Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007); *Schuler v. Borough of Bloomsbury (Hunterdon)*, GRC Complaint No. 2007-151 (February 2009); *Rummel v. Cumberland Cnty. Bd. of Chosen Freeholders*, GRC Complaint No. 2011-168 (December 2012); *Harris v. N.J. Dep't of Corr.*, GRC Complaint No. 2011-66 (August 2012); *Lopez vs. N.J. Dep't of Corr.*, GRC Complaint No. 2008-250 (November 2009).

Request does not implicate core purpose. The request as written does not further the core purposes of OPRA to maximize public knowledge about public affairs in order to ensure an informed citizenry and to minimize the evils inherent in a secluded process. *Burnett v. Cty. of Bergen*, 198 N.J. 408, 435 (2009); *Mason v. City of Hoboken*, 196 N.J. 51, 64 (2008); *Bozzi v. Borough of Roselle Park*, 462 N.J. Super. 415 (App. Div. 2020); *Rise Against Hate v. Cherry Hill Township*, slip op., Docket Nos. A-3421-20, A-1440-21, A-1517-21 (App. Div. March 29, 2023).

Item 2 (Utility Liens)

A search of our available records has identified the following as responsive to your request:

Utility Delinquent Report By Account Id (122 pages)

A copy of the identified record is enclosed.

Item 3 (Fire Damage List)

A search of our available records has identified no records responsive to your request.

Item 4 (Code Violation)

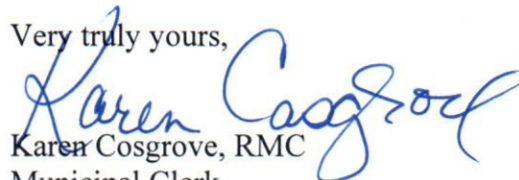
A search of our available records has identified the following as responsive to your request:

Inspections Log (324 pages)

A copy of the identified record is enclosed.

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 Borough of Glassboro 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.

Very truly yours,


Karen Cosgrove, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of Glassboro