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July 31, 2020

B. Saint-Jean

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Re: OPRA Request 2020-01135

Dear B. Saint-Jean:

I am writing in response to your request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") received July 22, 2020. The seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is July 31, 2020.

You have asked for the following records:

[A] current list of records over the past two years for each of the following delivered via e-mail in EXCEL format:

- 1) All abandoned/vacant residential properties (Property Class 2)
- 2) All condemned properties
- 3) All residential properties with delinquent taxes
- 4) All residential properties for which a Lis Pendens notice has been filed or that are currently in probate
- 5) All properties that are absentee-owned
- 6) All properties with delinquent water and sewer which date back up to 1 year, including amounts owed
- 7) All properties currently listed with water shut-off notice
- 8) All properties with code violations, including the type of violations
- 9) All properties with notices of abatement

Enclosed please find seventy-three (73) pages of records which the City has identified as responsive to your request. Note that currently there are no properties that have received a water shut-off notice.

The City does not maintain a record of abandoned, vacant or condemned properties, nor does it maintain a list of properties for which a lis pendens has been filed. In addition, the City does not maintain a list of properties in Excel format with property code violations or notices of abatement. You have also asked for a list of properties that are absentee owned. The City does not maintain a list of properties that are not occupied or managed by the owner. Under OPRA, the request may not be a broad generic description of documents that requires the custodian to search the agency's files and "analyze, compile and collate" the requested information. Id.; See also Lagerkvist v. Office of Governor of State, 443 N.J. Super. 230, 237

(App. Div. 2015) (holding that OPRA does not convert a custodian into a researcher, which would have been the effect of the request).

Your OPRA request is now deemed answered and closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary Licatese".

Rosemary Licatese, City Clerk