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REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS
(N.J.S.A. 47:1A – 1, et seq.)
GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

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DATE: July 28, 2020

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on July 17, 2020, for which a response is due on or before July 28, 2020.

Your request sought access to the following;

- I am requesting a current list of records over the past 2 YEARS for each of the following be 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 violation
- 9) All properties with notices of abatement

A response to your request is as follows:

The following records are being provided in their entirety and are responsive to your request:

1. Town of Westfield Building Department Properties in Violation of Building Code Report (5 pages)
2. Town of Westfield Utility Delinquent Report (41 pages)
3. Town of Westfield Tax Delinquent Excel Sheet
4. Town of Westfield Property Maintenance Excel Sheet

Please be advised that the Town of Westfield does not operate a water utility and does not possess or maintain water records. It is suggested that you contact New Jersey Water Company for the records you are

seeking. Lastly, the Town of Westfield has no records responsive to your request for a listing of abandoned/vacant/condemned residential properties.

This response is being provided to you via email as per your request.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Town of Westfield 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.