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VIA Electronic Mail Only
Taeho Kim

RE: OPRA REQUEST – Lawsuits

Dear Taeho Kim:

We are in receipt of your follow up request for public records dated May 28, 2020, submitted under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 *et seq.* As you may be already aware, OPRA was recently amended to provide that:

During a period declared pursuant to the laws of this State as a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency, the deadlines by which to respond to a request for, or grant or deny access to, a government record under paragraph (1) of this subsection or subsection e. of this section shall not apply, provided, however, that the custodian of a government record shall make a reasonable effort, as the circumstances permit, to respond to a request for access to a government record within seven business days or as soon as possible thereafter. [N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i)(2).]

As the City of East Orange ("City") is subject to the State of New Jersey's current public health emergency declaration, processing your request required additional time. I am writing in response to your request for government records on file with the City of East Orange, New Jersey. Specifically, you requested records regarding lawsuits and cases in which any officer of the EOPD was involved in between 2012-2019 and copies of complaints in any lawsuits and cases described in above.

As per the Corporation Counsel, the request is too vague/broad. Please submit an OPRA REQUEST requesting documents with more specificity. Once this office is in receipt of the request, we will begin processing it. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Dale A. Forde
Deputy City Clerk