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February 4, 2021

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OPRA Requests #21-104

The City received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on February 4, 2021. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request was February 15, 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic P.L. 2020, c.10 was enacted on March 20, 2020, amends N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i) to reflect 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. Consistent with said directive, however, Bayonne's custodian of government records 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.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following: See attached OPRA request.

In light of the above, your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill due to City Hall is experiencing a shortage in staff. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, "the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied."

Your request requires an extension of time until March 3, 2021

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 City of Bayonne 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.

Sincerely,

Jessica Connors
Assistant City Attorney

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Attachment

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

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OPRA

From: Julia Daniels <opra+request-20051-feae5272@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 2:43 PM
To: OPRA
Subject: OPRA request - Opra request

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: Please provide all permits both open and closed for plumbing, electrical and construction for 74 W 19th St
block: 224 Lot: 34

Yours faithfully,

Julia

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-20051-feae5272@requests.opramachine.com

Is oprarequest@baynj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Bayonne City? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=bayonne_city

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

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View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/opra_request_1152104

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

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