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March 15, 2022

Via Electronic Mail Only
Mr. Barron

Dear Mr. Barron:

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 the following for 85 Renshaw Ave and 68 Brighton Ave:

- All open, closed, pending permits and building or code violations

Please be advised that Code Enforcement documentation (permits, violations, certificates, inspection dates and results, complaints, etc.) is readily accessible on the City's website www.eastorange-nj.gov. Click on the circular blue link "Open Data" and create an account using an email address and password of your choosing. It is very helpful if you do an advanced search and provide the block and lot. Then you may search the portal which is up-to-date and in real time. It is also good for other towns and states that utilize the SDL portal. Any questions you have regarding the information may be posed to the Code Enforcement Department at 973.266.5165 AND 973.266.5320.

FYI: Oil tank usually has a subcode of demolition. Please note, Certificate of Occupancy are issued at the time the structure is built and will not be on file unless it's a new construction. Certs of Conformity and Certs of Habitability are on the SDL portal.

- A copy of the Property Record Card

The Tax Assessor's Office provided documentation. Please see attached.

- Any pending or finalized assessments for the property

The Tax Assessor's Office provided documentation. Please see attached.

- Tax assessors reports or memos regarding the property

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- The current certificate of occupancy for the property

Please see response to Question #1.

- Any deed, easement or other restriction of record for the property

Please contact the Zoning Official at 973.266.5140 regarding easement or restriction. For deeds, you may contact



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the Essex County Register of Deeds and Mortgages at 973.621.4960. A fee applies.

- Annual City Tax Amount, Water Bill, Sewer Amounts, Tax Ledger

Please contact the Tax Collector directly for a Tax Search and Tax Lien Search. A fee applies.

- Any Survey or Lot Size Information that may be on file

Surveys are property of the surveyor and not generated by the City of East Orange.

- Copies of any documents related to the removal or install of any AST and /or UST (Oil Tank Removal)

Please see response to Question #1.

- Information regarding the presence of an underground oil tank, if applicable, including permits, remediation reports, environmental reports, and surveys showing underground oil tank location

Please see response to Question #1.

- Inspections for environmental issues, water wells, sanitary disposal systems and underground fuel tanks for the property

As per the Fire and Health Departments, a search yielded negative results.

- Report of any Soil Contamination

As per the Fire and Health Departments, a search yielded negative results.

- Inspection Reports for Property and Status

Please see response to Question #1.

- Reports of any Mold

As per the Health Department, a search yielded negative results.

As per the THIRD EDITION of the Citizen's Guide to the Open Public Records Act Can a custodian direct me to their website as a means of disclosing responsive records?

In Rodriguez v. Kean Univ., GRC Complaint No. 2013-69 (March 2014), the Council reversed its prior, longstanding policy that barred a custodian from merely directing a requestor to an agency's website to obtain records responsive to an OPRA request. In reaching the new conclusion, the Third Edition – May 2020 Page 30 of 30 Council noted that "[t]he Legislature incorporated the notion of 'reasonableness' into several sections of OPRA." Id. at 4 (citing N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c)-(d); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-11(j); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6, 7(f)). The Council thus set a reasonable



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policy by which a custodian may direct a requestor to records on the Internet: [A] custodian shall direct a requestor, with reasonable clarity, to the specific location on the Internet where the responsive records reside. This shall include, if necessary, directions for accessing the responsive document that would be comprehensible to a reasonable person, including but not limited to providing a link to the exact location of the requested document. However, a custodian's ability to direct a requestor to the specific location of a government record on the Internet is contingent upon on the requestor's ability to electronically access the records. Thus, a custodian is not absolved from providing the record in hardcopy if the requestor is unable to obtain the information from the Internet and makes it known to the custodian within seven (7) business days after receipt of the custodian's response, in which case the custodian will have seven (7) business days from the date of such notice to disclose the record(s) in hardcopy.

Your file is now closed. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Dale A. Forde
Deputy City Clerk

Attachments