



Town of Secaucus

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October 14, 2025

Nathan Stallone

Via email: opra+request-72676-60604b1c@requests.opramachine.com

Dear Nathan Stallone,

The Town of Secaucus received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on September 29, 2025. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is October 15, 2025. Please accept this letter in response to your request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

“Tax Delinquent

- A list of all property addresses that have an unpaid property tax bill for the last 6 months. Please also include in the list or separately a list of properties whose property tax bill was lien against the property.

Water Shut Off / Utility Liens

- A list of all property addresses that have had their water bill lien against the property, have failed to pay their water bill, or have had the water shut off at any point in the last 6 months.

Fire Damage List

- A list of all property addresses that the fire department has received an emergency call to in the last 90 days.

Code Violation

- A list of property addresses that have received any code violations in the last 6 months

Vacant List

- A list of all properties that the city deems to be currently vacant or abandoned.”

Regarding to:

“Tax Delinquent”. Please see attached delinquent report and open lien report.

These records are being transmitted to you via email, as per your request. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b., the cost associated with this request is \$0.00.

Regarding to:

“Water Shut Off / Utility Liens”. The Town of Secaucus has no records in response to your request.

Regarding to:

“Fire Damage List”. The Town of Secaucus has no records in response to your request. This request seeks information or asks questions and does not identify specific government records. As such, your request is an invalid OPRA request and is denied. When a request is “complex” because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought, then that request is not “encompassed” by OPRA. See New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J.Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007). A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. See Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). **Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request.** See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); MAG Entertainment. LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005).

Regarding to:

“Code Violation”. The Town of Secaucus has no records in response to your request. This request seeks information or asks questions and does not identify specific government records. As such, your request is an invalid OPRA request and is denied. When a request is “complex” because it fails to specifically identify the documents sought, then that request is not “encompassed” by OPRA. See New Jersey Builders Association v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J.Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007). A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. See Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). **Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request.** See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); MAG Entertainment. LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005).

Regarding to:

“Vacant List”. The Town’s registration program for defaulted mortgage real property with Prochamps has been and remains suspended at this time with no registration fees currently due or being collected.

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 Town of Secaucus 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,

Michael Marra
Town of Secaucus
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