



Town of Secaucus

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April 29, 2026

Peter

Via email: opra+request-90280-21413577@requests.opramachine.com

Dear Peter,

The Town of Secaucus received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on April 20, 2026. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is May 8, 2026. Please see attached in response to your request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

“Records requested for the Following Dates: January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

1. Tax Delinquent

A list of property addresses with delinquent property taxes, including the corresponding outstanding balances.

2. Open Property Liens

A list of property addresses with open property liens, including the outstanding lien amounts.

3. Water / Utility Shut-Offs

A list of property addresses where water service or other utilities were shut off during the date range, including the balance that led to the shut-off.

4. Code Violations

A list of property addresses that received code violations during the date range, including the violation type.

Please limit the list to unresolved or open violations and exclude closed violations.

5. Vacant / Abandoned Properties

A list of residential property addresses classified as vacant or abandoned.

6. Condemned Properties

A list of residential property addresses designated as condemned.

7. Fire Department Emergency Responses

A list of property addresses where the fire department responded to an emergency call during the date range.

Please include complete property addresses for each list.

Please provide each list in a separate Excel or PDF file.

If current data is not available, please provide the most recent version maintained by your office.

This request seeks only existing lists maintained by your office, not individual property files or case-specific documents.

Please provide a confirmation email acknowledging that my OPRA request has been received by your office.”

Regarding items 1 and 2:

“Tax Delinquent

A list of property addresses with delinquent property taxes, including the corresponding outstanding balances. Open Property Liens A list of property addresses with open property liens, including the outstanding lien amounts.”

Please see attached records in response to your request. 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 item 3:

“Water / Utility Shut-Offs

A list of property addresses where water service or other utilities were shut off during the date range, including the balance that led to the shut-off.” The Town of Secaucus has no records in response to your request.

Regarding item 4:

“Code Violations

A list of property addresses that received code violations during the date range, including the violation type.” 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 item 5:

“Vacant / Abandoned Properties

A list of residential property addresses classified as vacant or abandoned.” 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.

Regarding item 6:

“Condemned Properties

A list of residential property addresses designated as condemned.” 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 item 7:

“Fire Department Emergency Responses

A list of property addresses where the fire department responded to an emergency call during the date range.” 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).

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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