



City of Linden
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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City Clerk

Jennifer Honan
Deputy City Clerk

July 29, 2020

Mr. Lance Sexton
Opra+request-15071-75f7a598@requests.opramachine.com

File Number: 2020-555

Re: OPRA Request – Records

Dear Mr. Lance Sexton:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on July 16, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on July 21, 2020. As such, the seventh (7th) business day deadline to respond to your request is Thursday, July 30, 2020. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 6th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

You requested the following: See Attached

The records are now being provided to you as per your request.

If you feel that your request for access to a government record has been improperly denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision of the City of Linden to deny access. I have attached information, from the Government Records Council regarding the process to file a complaint.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Bodek
Custodian of Records
City of Linden

New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC")



What to do if your request for a record has been denied

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) permits a person who believes that he or she has been unlawfully denied access to a public record either to file a complaint with the GRC or to file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking such actions.

To file a complaint with the GRC:

- Visit the GRC's website at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint. In the alternative, you may contact the GRC by telephone at 1-866-850-0511 or by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov.
- When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer both you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation. If mediation is not accepted or is not successful, the GRC will investigate the complaint.
- In some cases, the GRC can award attorney's fees to a complainant or impose a fine against a records custodian.
- There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the dispute.
- If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.
- If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.
- Filing suit in Superior Court may result in a faster resolution, because the courts adjudicate cases every day, whereas the GRC only meets once a month.

Government Records Council, P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0819

Joe Bodek

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From: Lance Sexton <opra+request-15071-75f7a598@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Joe Bodek
Subject: OPRA request - Opra Request

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:

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Description of Information Requested:

1. Tax Account Delinquent Report

2. Detailed Lien Status Report

3. Residential code enforcement violations currently active and pending that include:

- Residential Structures that are vacant and open to trespass
- Residential Properties with grass or weeds in excess of the city's height limit
- Residential Structures without a current city certificate of occupancy
- Residential Properties on the cities vacant property registry (if applicable)

Yours faithfully,

Lance Sexton

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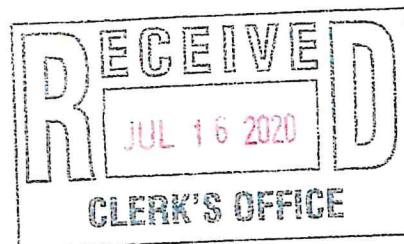
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View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/opra_request_1298

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



Interoffice Memo

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE – CITY OF LINDEN

Date: July 21, 2020

To: Mark Ritacco, Construction Code
Nancy Koblis, Board of Health
Stacey Carron, Tax Collector

From: Talia Pena-Marin, Bilingual Clerk 1

Re: OPRA Requestor: Lance Sexton (2020-555)

Attached please find a request for public records which was received by this office on July 16, 2020.

In accordance with the Open Public Records Act, we must respond to this request on or by Tuesday, July 28, 2020. If your office is in possession of documents relative to this matter, please provide them to the City Clerk's Office as soon as possible but no later than the above date. **If your response to this request may need additional time to fulfill you must advise this office within one (1) business day.**

Be further advised that if your department has no records relative to the above referenced, please advise us in writing as to same.

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Attachments

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*we don't keep a list
Construction → needs addresses
code. (MD)*

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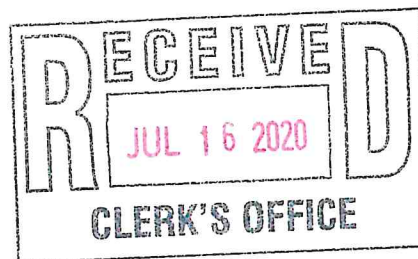
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Karen Lukenda
President

City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey
BOARD OF HEALTH
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Linden, New Jersey 07036

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908-474-8420

MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: Joseph C. Bodek, City Clerk

MEMO FROM: Nancy Koblis, Health Officer

DATE: July 22, 2020

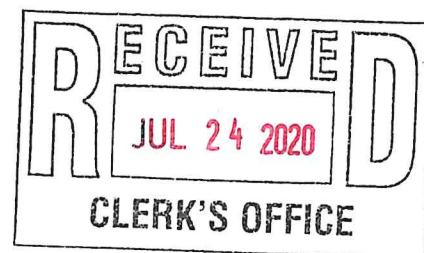
RE: OPRA Request: Lance Sexton (#2020-555)

Attached are documents from the Health Department relative to this request.

Thank you.

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Attachment



List of properties registered as vacant/in foreclosure

317	Miner Terrace	533	Fairway Road
800	Walnut Street	400	Inwood Road
227	Blancke Street, East	1013	Monmouth Avenue
629	Curtis Street, East	632	Pierce Avenue
722	De Witt Street	1526	Cornell Drive
1210	Dill Avenue	1525	Wood Avenue, South
102	Elizabeth Avenue, East #103	515-519	Lincoln Street
350	Elmwood Terrace	32	19th Street, East
924	Essex Avenue	627	Amherst Road
734	Harrison Place	332	Ashton Avenue
810	McGillvray Place	1029	Blancke Street, East
309	Raritan Road	916	Bower Street
230	Rosewood Terrace	200	Bradford Avenue
1033	Chandler Avenue	215	Buchanan Street
59	Rosewood Terrace	1910	Crescent Parkway
914	Seymour Avenue	2307	De Witt Terrace
335	Fernwood Terrace	2028	Dill Avenue
422	Helen Street	1033	Elizabeth Avenue, East
1305	Henry Street, East	803	Ercama Street
630	Jackson Avenue	1422	Essex Avenue
322	Jefferson Avenue	555	Grant Street #208
1220	Lincoln Street	615	Jackson Avenue
801	Lindegar Street	300	Lincoln Street
32	17th Street, East	100	Main Street
816	Baldwin Avenue	220	Morningside Avenue
1218	Blancke Street, East	2601	Orchard Terrace
601	Curtis Street, West	212	Yale Terrace
1908	De Witt Terrace	621	Amherst Road
73	Edgar Road, W	2036	Caroline Avenue
500	Elizabeth Avenue, W	801	Curtis Street, East

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709	Exeter Road	404	Third Avenue
5	Gresser Avenue	1000	Lincoln Street
201	Park Avenue, North	117	Liberty Avenue
1107	Passaic Avenue	115	Henry Street, East
626	Curtis Street, East	919	Bachelor Avenue
104	Elizabeth Avenue, East #410	2038	Caroline Avenue
835	Elizabeth Avenue, East	1807	Clinton Street
928-930	Essex Avenue	1015	Hussa Street
520	Fairway Road	309	Chandler Avenue
1105	Karen Terrace	2	Mill Court
147	Liberty Avenue	505	Washington Avenue
413	Linden Avenue, West	410	McCandless Street
701	McCandless Place	1808	Dill Avenue
811	Passaic Avenue	12	12th Street, East
211	Sherman Street	50	Pallant Avenue
516	Ainsworth Street	1400	De Witt Terrace
325	Gesner Street	645	McGillvray Place
134	Gibbons Street, West	34	Elmwood Terrace
231	Irene Street	201	Lexington Avenue
1300	Middlesex Street	1610	Mildred Avenue
2802	Grasselli Avenue	631	Meacham Avenue
24	Curtis Street, East	925	Blancke Street, East
934	Orchard Terrace	410	Bower Street
1019	Bishop Evans Way	367	Stiles Street, North
1029	Forest Drive	110	16th Street, West
728	Van Buren Avenue	1213	Bower Street
1219	Roselle Street	221	Henry Street, East
1823	Mildred Avenue	514	Knopf Street
20	Munsell Avenue, East	130	Stimpson Avenue, East
1134	Passaic Avenue	827	Cleveland Avenue

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1812 Clinton Street
833 Meacham Avenue
1014 Roselle Street
1201 Stiles Street, North
830 Curtis Street, East
200 Curtis Street, West
133-35 Gibbons Street, West
711 McGillvray Place
20 Furber Avenue
818 Cleveland Avenue
26 16th Street, East
911 Cranford Avenue
429 Washington Avenue



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MEMORANDUM

To: Jennifer Honan, Deputy City Clerk
Talía Pena-Marin, Clerk 1 Bilingual

From: Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector

Date: July 21, 2020

RE: OPRA Requestor: Lance Sexton (#2020-555)

Please see the attached reports.

If you need any other information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.