



City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

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October 29, 2020

S.NJ

Opra+request-17663-5b090027@request.opramachine.com

Re: OPRA 2020-819

Dear S.NJ:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on October 5, 2020. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on October 5, 2020.

You request the following:

Please see the attached.

If you feel that your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled with 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
Records Custodian
City of Linden

Attachments.

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

Interoffice Memo

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE – CITY OF LINDEN

Date: October 14, 2020

To: Stacey Carron, Tax Collector

From: Talia Pena-Marin, Bilingual Clerk 1

Re: OPRA Requestor: S.NJ (2020-819)

Attached please find a request for public records which was received by this office on October 14, 2020.

In accordance with the Open Public Records Act, we must respond to this request on or by Wednesday, October 21, 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.

Thank you.
Attachments

2020-819

From: Joe Bodek
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 7:35 AM
To: Jennifer Honan; Talia Pena-Marin
Subject: FW: OPRA request - OPRA Request

-----Original Message-----

From: S.NJ <opra+request-17663-5b090027@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 1:14 AM
To: Joe Bodek <jbodek@linden-nj.org>
Subject: OPRA request - OPRA Request

Dear Linden 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:

- #1 List of all open code Violation properties from January 1st 2020 to Current Day
- #2 List of all tax delinquent properties from January 1st 2020 to Current Day
- #3 List of all utility delinquent properties from January 1st 2020 to Current Day (These are 3 list)

Yours faithfully,

S.NJ

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-17663-5b090027@requests.opramachine.com

Is jbodek@linden-nj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Linden City? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=linden_city

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https://opramachine.com/request/opra_request_1397

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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.