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May 2, 2019

Ms. Moni Ray
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File Number: 2019-344

Re: OPRA Request – Records

Dear Ms. Moni Ray:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on April 22, 2019. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on April 22, 2019. As such, the seventh (7th) business day deadline to respond to your request was Wednesday, May 1, 2019. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 8th business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

You requested the following: “a list of properties in the city that currently have delinquent taxes, open property liens and code violations also a list of vacant properties”

Please be advised that the City of Linden does not keep a list of properties with active code violations. Violations are filed with the particular property, unless you provide the City with a specific address we would not be able to tell you which properties have active violations. Also be advised that in the Open Public Record guidelines, the custodian of records is not required to create a document that doesn't already exist in order to fulfill a request. Therefore, the City does not have to create a list of properties with active violations.

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,

Jennifer Honan
Deputy Records Custodian
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

List of properties registered as vacant/in foreclosure

906	Baltimore Avenue, East	1115	Clark Street
315	Chandler Avenue	1601	Cornell Drive
601	Curtis Street, West	24	Curtis Street, East
906	Lincoln Street	1033	Elizabeth Avenue, East
1206	Stiles Street, North	803	Ercama Street
3	Furber Avenue	134	Gibbons Street, West
802	Dennis Place	212	Harvard Road
350	Elmwood Terrace	1300	Middlesex Street
924	Essex Avenue	1542	Mildred Avenue
928-930	Essex Avenue	331	Ashton Avenue
231	Irene Street	1029	Blancke Street, East
241	Linden Avenue, East	1033	Chandler Avenue
428	McKinley Street	1526	Cornell Drive
631	Meacham Avenue	135	Edgewood Road
1525	Wood Avenue, South	520	Fairway Road
1019	Bishop Evans Way	117	Liberty Avenue
206	Coolidge Street	810	McGillvray Place
402	Elm Street, East	2314	Orchard Terrace
811	Ercama Street	811	Passaic Avenue
1020	Baltimore Avenue, East	309	Raritan Road
655	Dennis Place	330	Ashton Avenue
514	Knopf Street	422	Helen Street
215-17	15th Street, West	1305	Henry Street, East
1513	Bergen Avenue	1220	Lincoln Street
725	Blancke Street, East	335	Fernwood Terrace
1213	Bower Street	2844	Stiles Street, North
607	Cranford Avenue	500	Elizabeth Avenue, W
1509	De Witt Terrace	832	Bergen Avenue
123	Elmwood Terrace	1218	Blancke Street, East
241	Elmwood Terrace	417	Cranford Avenue
1422	Essex Avenue	1908	De Witt Terrace
2044	Franklin Drive	73	Edgar Road, W
20	Furber Avenue	409	Elm Street, East
512	Henry Street, West	34	Elmwood Terrace
832	Hussa Street	832	Essex Avenue
326	Mitchell Avenue	501	Fernwood Terrace
1212	Mopsick Avenue	904	Hampden Street
39	Raritan Road	39	Harvard Road
725	Riverbend Drive	826	Henry Street, East
924	Smith Street	1224	Henry Street, East
3008	Tremley Point Road	630	Jackson Avenue
20	Union Avenue	322	Jefferson Avenue
757	Keep Street	801	Lindegar Street

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405	Linden Avenue, West	933	Middlesex Street
414	McKinley Street	1219	Roselle Street
419	McKinley Street	19	20th Street, East
1926	Mildred Avenue	1107	Passaic Avenue
2	Mill Court	1125	Monmouth Avenue
329	Miltonia Street	305	Maple Avenue
1411	Mopsick Avenue	319	Brook Street
2301	Orchard Terrace	2038	Caroline Avenue
1111	Clark Street	919	Bachelor Avenue
1701	Clinton Street	924	Eddy Avenue
734	Dennis Place	1901	Verona Avenue
104	Elizabeth Avenue, East #410	1013	Monmouth Avenue
644	Hussa Street	732	Cleveland Avenue
41	Palisade Avenue	230	Rosewood Terrace
1216	Passaic Avenue	833	Meacham Avenue
50	Pallant Avenue	900	Elm Street, West
63	Pallant Avenue	1320	Monmouth Avenue
201	Park Avenue, North	429	Washington Avenue
238	Price Street, East	300	Curtis Street, West
315	Roselle Street	50	17th Street, West
914	Seymour Avenue	1200	Winans Avenue
622	Union Street	1180	Union Street
400	Lynn Court	2041	Alberta Avenue
424	12th Street, West	1308	Mopsick Avenue
1014	Roselle Street	1524	Bower Street
1703	Wood Avenue, South	832	Monmouth Avenue
715	Hussa Street	511	Van Buren Avenue
724	Walnut Street	1190	St. George Avenue, West #C-46
505	Washington Avenue	1134	Passaic Avenue
332	Ashton Avenue	1417	Sherwood Road
716	Clinton Street	367	Stiles Street, North
617	Livingston Road	2023	Fay Avenue
842	Erudo Street	115	Lower Road
2726	Stiles Street, North	1105	Karen Terrace
515-519	Lincoln Street	1042	Essex Avenue
312	Maple Avenue	919	Woodlawn Avenue
421	De Witt Street	2307	De Witt Terrace
325	Gesner Street		
715	De Witt Street		
64	Rosewood Terrace		
1604	Winans Avenue		
10	Wood Avenue, North 300		
133-35	Gibbons Street, West		