



**City of Linden**  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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December 10, 2019

Mr. Corey Beckwith  
Opra+request-8406-08158cd5@requests.opramachine.com

File Number: 2019-1124

Re: OPRA Request – Records

Dear Mr. Corey Beckwith:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on December 6, 2019. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on December 6, 2019. As such, the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) business day deadline to respond to your request is Tuesday, December 17, 2019. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

You requested the following: See Attached

Please be advised that the City of Linden does not have any records in regards to your request as such list does not exist.

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 yours,

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](http://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](mailto: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:**

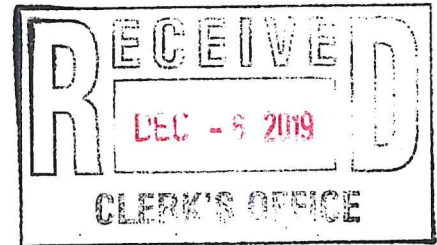
- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the 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*

**Talia Pena-Marin**

2019-1124

**From:** Joe Bodek  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 12:04 PM  
**To:** Talia Pena-Marin  
**Subject:** FW: OPRA request - Opra Request



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

From: corey Beckwith [mailto:[opra+request-8406-08158cd5@requests.opramachine.com](mailto:opra+request-8406-08158cd5@requests.opramachine.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 12:00 PM  
To: Joe Bodek  
Subject: OPRA request - Opra Request

RE: Open Records Request

I am requesting a List of all residential properties in your city that have had the water shut off any time between 6/1/2019 and 12/1/2019. I only need the property addresses. I do not want any customer information or reason for shut off. I authorize you to redact confidential information in accordance with Section 182.052 of the Utilities Code.

Thank you,

Corey Beckwith

732-337-9336

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Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:  
[opra+request-8406-08158cd5@requests.opramachine.com](mailto:opra+request-8406-08158cd5@requests.opramachine.com)

Is [jbodek@linden-nj.org](mailto: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](https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=linden_city)

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Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

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