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OPRA Machine Request

Re: Pleasantville OPRA Request

Dear UC Research:

The City of Pleasantville (hereinafter "City") is in receipt of your request pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. ("OPRA") the common law right to access. This request is being sent within the time required by law.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

1. **A list of all lawsuits and cases in which any officer of the police department was involved between 2012 and 2019. For each lawsuit/case, please provide the date (month and year) of the alleged incident at issue, whether the alleged incident was excessive force, settlement amount (if any), and final compensation amount ruled (if any).**

Response: Denied. OPRA provides that government records made, maintained, kept on file, or received by a public agency in the course of its official business are subject to public access unless otherwise exempt. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. However, OPRA "is not intended as a research tool to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information. Rather, OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination." MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005). "Under OPRA, agencies are required to disclose only 'identifiable' government records not otherwise exempt... In short, OPRA does not countenance open-ended searches of an agency's files." Id. at 549. Here, the request does not seek identifiable government records, rather it is a request for information. Accordingly, the request is denied.

2. **Please provide copies of the complaint in any lawsuits and cases described in above.**

Response: The responsive documents are attached. Redactions were made to remove the phone numbers of certain individuals for the purpose of protecting the individual's privacy.

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This completes your OPRA request.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachment
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