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8/15/2022

Jacob Toby

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RE: 2022-731(COMPLETE)

Dear Mr. Toby:

The Township of Rockaway received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on 8/4/2022 at 7:41pm, which is outside of our business hours. The official Records Custodian, Everett Falt, received your OPRA request on 8/5/2022. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is 8/16/2022. 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 records:

1. " 1) We would like a list of all properties with tax liens on them.
- 2) we would like a list of all municipal held liens
- 3) we would like a list of all tax lien investors
- 4) and also we would like to know if the city assigns there municipal held liens.
- 5)we would like a list of all vacant and abandoned properties as well"

The following records are being provided with redactions:

1. Tax liens, Excel document
2. Municipal liens, Excel document
3. Tax lien holders, pdf, as Edmunds does not allow us to convert to excel
4. Item number 4 on your list asks a question, does not ask for a record
5. Item number 5 on your lists asks for a record that does not exist.

The attached records are responsive to your Request, redacted to remove social security numbers and tax identification numbers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, per the following Vaughn index below.

Date	Record Description	Item(s) Redacted	Basis for Withholding
August 8, 2022	List of Tax Lien Holders	Social security number(s) & Tax Identification	Personal identifying information – N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 <u>Burnette v. County of Bergen</u> , 198 N.J. 408 (2009). Without ambiguity, the court held that the privacy provision "is neither a preface nor a preamble." Rather, "the very language expressed in the privacy clause reveals its substantive nature; it does not offer reasons why OPRA was adopted, as preambles typically do; instead, it focuses on the law's

		numbers.	implementation.” “Specifically, it imposes an obligation on public agencies to protect against disclosure of personal information which would run contrary to reasonable privacy interests.”
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These records are being transmitted to you via opra+request-34475-260ab7ec@requests.opramachine.com, as per your request. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Township of Rockaway to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

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