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REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS
(N.J.S.A. 47:1A – 1, et seq.)
GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

TO: Anonymous
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DATE: August 21, 2023

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on August 21, 2023, for which you sought access to the following:

Records requested:

1. Current status of Officer Ayad Taha, whether active, suspended, paid suspension, etc.
2. Current internal affairs investigation and current charges or pending charges against Officer Ayad Taha

From January 1, 2022 - Present:

3. IA history of Officer Ayad Taha
4. Current salary of Officer Ayad Taha
5. Township minutes of personnel actions concerning Officer Ayah Taha

OPRA requires that custodians must ordinarily grant immediate access to salary information (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.e). Your request requires additional time to fulfill as adequate time is needed to identify and retrieve records that may be responsive to your request. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, “the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.”

Your request requires an extension of time until August 30, 2023.

The remaining portions of your request will be provided within seven (7) business days (August 30, 2023) as required by law.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Town of Westfield 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.

Dated: August 21, 2023



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