



City of Linden
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Joseph C. Bodek, RMC, RPPO
City Clerk

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
City Hall – 301 North Wood Avenue
(908) 474-8452

Jennifer Honan
Deputy City Clerk

March 17, 2021

Jordan Santiago
Opra-request-20525-913db0a0@requests.opramachine.com

File Number: 2021-173

Re: OPRA Request – Records

Dear Jordan Santiago:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on March 1, 2021. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on March 1, 2021.

You requested the following: See Attached

The records are now being provided to you as per your request.

Generally, a custodian is required to allow for inspection or copying of government records “during regular business hour.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(a). Moreover, OPRA provides that a custodian must respond to an OPRA request “no later than seven days after receiving the request.” Enacted on March 20, 2020, P.L. 2020, c.10 amended N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(a) that OPRA’s statutory deadlines do not apply for the duration of a Governor-declared state of emergency pursuant to a public health emergency under the Emergency Health Powers Act (N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq.)

Sincerely,

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 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

Talia Pena-Marin

#2021-173

From: Joe Bodek
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Talia Pena-Marin
Cc: Jennifer Honan
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Property Records

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

From: Jordan Santiago <opra+request-20525-913db0a0@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Joe Bodek <jbodek@linden-nj.org>
Subject: OPRA request - Property Records

Dear Linden City,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

1. A list of all residential vacant land, single family, and multi family properties that are delinquent on their taxes, behind 1-3 years from today. Please include balance owed, address, and owner name.
2. A list of all residential single family, and multi family properties with code violations on them for the last 3 months from today. Address, and owner name provided please.
3. A list of all residential single family and multi family properties that are delinquent on their utilities. Address, owner name, and balance owed provided please.
4. A list of all residential single family and multi family properties that are flagged abandoned.
5. A list of all residential single family and multi family properties that are fire damaged in the past month.

Yours faithfully,

Jordan Santiago

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address
opra+request-20525-913db0a0@requests.opramachine.com

Is jbodek@linden-nj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Linden City? If
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=linden_city

form:

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/property_records_56

#2. Deny
(no such List)

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.



Karen Lukenda
President

City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Linden, New Jersey 07036

MARK COLICCHIO

Health Officer

908-474-8409

Fax: 908-474-1836

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

908-474-8413

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

908-474-8420

MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: Joseph C. Bodek, City Clerk

MEMO FROM: John LaPlaca, Sr. Registered Environmental Health Specialist

DATE: March 02, 2021

RE: OPRA Request: Jordan Santiago (2021-173)

Linden Health Department has no document on file containing this information.

Thank you.

JL:bl





WILLIAM M. HASKO, JR.
FIRE CHIEF

City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
302 South Wood Avenue
Linden, New Jersey 07036



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Joseph C. Bodek,
City Clerk

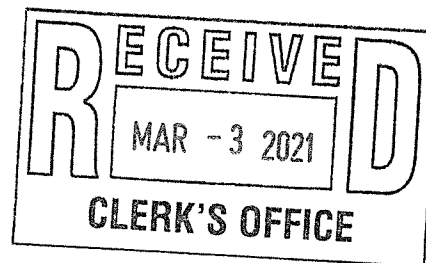
FROM: D.C. Chris Rooney
Fire Official

RE: OPRA Request-Jordan Santiago 2021-173

DATE: March 1, 2021

Please be advised there are no records for this request

Ssb.





RECEIVER OF TAXES
STACEY L. CARRON

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(908) 474-8434

MEMORANDUM

**To: Jennifer Honan, Deputy City Clerk
Talía Pena-Marin, Clerk 1 Bilingual**

From: Stacey L. Carron, Tax Collector

Date: March 2, 2021

RE: OPRA Requestor: Jordan Santiago (2021-173)

Please see the attached excel report.

If you need any other information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.