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Via email only (opra+request-24315-0393a293@requests.opramachine.com)

Jordan Santiago

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Santiago:

The City of Woodbury Records Custodian received your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) dated June 26, 2021 on June 28, 2021. Accordingly, the initial seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request under OPRA is July 8, 2021. This response is being provided on the seventh business day after your request was received.

Your records request was as follows:

1. 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.
2. A list of all residential vacant land, single family and multi family properties that are currently in the probate process.
3. A list of all residential single family, and multi family properties that are in the eviction process.
4. A list of all residential vacant land, single family, and multi family properties that are going through the divorce process.
5. 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.
6. A list of all residential single family and multi family properties that are flagged abandoned.
7. A list of all residential single family and multi family properties that are fire damaged in the past month.
8. A list of all residential single family and multi family properties that have had their utilities shut off for 6+ months

The following documents were found to be responsive to your request;

Code Violations from March 28 – June 28

Utility Delinquent Report by Block-Lot-Qual

After consultation with the City Solicitor, your request for a list of current probate, eviction process, abandon property and shut off is denied for the following reasons:

1. Your request is for emergency or security information or procedures for buildings or facilities which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security of the building or facility or persons therein. Such information is not within the scope of OPRA's definition of a government record, is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of OPRA, and is therefore not subject to disclosure. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

2. Your interest in the requested information is outweighed by the municipality's interest in protecting and preserving property and persons. The release of any information or records regarding vacant or abandoned properties in Woodbury would substantially compromise the City's ability to do so. Executive Order 21 (McGreevey, July 8, 2002).

3. The requested records contain information for which identified persons have a reasonable expectation of privacy. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; Executive Order No. 21 (McGreevey 2002); *Paff v. Ocean County Prosecutor's Office*, 235 N.J. 1 (2018); *Brennan v. Bergen County Prosecutor's Office*, 233 N.J. 330 (2018); *In the Matter of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association*, 230 N.J. 258 (2017); *Burnett v. County of Bergen*, 198 N.J. 408 (2009); *Nelson v. N.J. Department of Law & Public Safety*, No. 2013-124 (GRC 2014); *Merino v. Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus*, No. 2003-110 (GRC 2004).

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 City of Woodbury 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.

Very truly yours,

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