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December 22, 2022

Sent Via Email Only

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RE: OPRA Request # 22-1361

Dear Ms. Mattfield:

The City of Bayonne and the official Records Custodian, Madelene C. Medina, received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on December 20, 2022. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is January 4, 2023.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following: Please see attached OPRA.

Due to staffing shortages, your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to fulfill. 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 January 19, 2023.

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 Bayonne to deny access. At your option, you may either institute proceedings 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,



Jessica H. Connors, Esq.
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Attachment

cc: Madelene C. Medina, City Clerk & Records Custodian

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OPRA

From: Elizabeth Mattfield <opra+request-37732-219cf64a@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 2:46 PM
To: OPRA
Subject: OPRA request - TNR Program

Dear Bayonne City (attn Public Health Dept),

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. Municipal funds allotted yearly to Bayonne's Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program.
2. When was the TNR program first implemented?
3. To date, how many cats have been sterilized and vaccinated through Bayonne's TNR program?
4. Does the program have a dedicated veterinarian? How many cats are sterilized/vaccinated for the Bayonne TNR program per week through the veterinarian?
5. Does Bayonne's TNR program lend traps and how many are available to residents of Bayonne?
6. How many unfulfilled requests for vet appointments (i.e. per cat) through Bayonne's TNR program are outstanding as of December 1, 2022?
7. How many residents have requested appointments and are on a wait list of equivalent wait list as of December 1, 2022?
8. If Bayonne's TNR program expends the allotted annual funds prior to the end of the fiscal year, will additional funds be allotted?
9. How many cat colonies are currently registered with Bayonne Public Health Dept in accordance with Bayonne's ordinances, Chapter 5 Article 8 5-27?

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Mattfield

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
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