



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Denial of Access at Issue

Anne LaGrange Loving
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2023-120

v.

Village of Ridgewood (Bergen)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Heather Mailander
Request Received by Custodian: April 6, 2023
GRC Complaint Received: May 30, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant states in her Denial of Access Complaint that her sole argument in said complaint is that the delay in disclosure, which occurred on May 8, 2023, was unjustified. The Complainant did not dispute any denial of access to the requested records pursuant to her April 6, 2023 OPRA request.¹

Applicable OPRA Provision: OPRA provides that: “A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor, may institute a proceeding to challenge the custodian's decision by. . . [filing] a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to [OPRA].” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

“[t]he Government Records Council shall . . . receive, hear, review and adjudicate a complaint filed by any person concerning a denial of access to a government record by a record custodian . . .” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(b) (emphasis added).

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: July 25, 2023

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso
Executive Director

Date: July 18, 2023

Distribution Date: July 27, 2023

¹ The GRC notes that the Complainant asserted that the Custodian’s initial response as untimely. However, when accounting for the Good Friday holiday on April 7, 2023, the Custodian’s initial response extending the time frame occurred on the seventh (7th) business day. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i).