



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

David P. Leeds
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-110

v.

City of Absecon (Atlantic)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Carrie A. Crone

Request Received by Custodian: May 15, 2025¹

GRC Complaint Received: May 19, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time indicating that no records responsive to the OPRA request exist. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification.² Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive records exist.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "'Government record' or 'record' means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business . . ." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

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: December 9, 2025

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso
Executive Director

Date: December 2, 2025

Distribution Date: December 11, 2025

¹ The Complainant originally submitted his OPRA request on May 8, 2025 directly to an e-mail address of employee that was no longer with the City of Absecon. He subsequently resubmitted his OPRA request to the Custodian on May 15, 2025 after being advised of the other employee's status,

² The Complainant contended that the Custodian should have been required to direct him to the location on the internet where responsive records existed. While N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(e) allows for such an action, OPRA does not require a custodian to direct a requestor to websites not managed or maintained by that specific agency.