



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Motion to File Within Time Denied

Kristine M. Thomas
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-118

v.

Township of Washington (Gloucester)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Christine Ciallella
Request Received by Custodian: February 21, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: May 27, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on May 23, 2025, alleging she was denied access to her OPRA request on February 24, 2025, or eighty-eight (88) days prior. The Complainant argued that she: 1) had no knowledge that she could file a complaint; 2) was unaware of the statute of limitations for filing a complaint; and 3) was not informed of her complaint options by the Custodian. Custodian's Counsel objected to the motion, noting that information about complaint filings was included on the OPRA request form the Complainant used to submit her OPRA request. Upon review, the GRC is persuaded that the Complainant failed to show good cause to permit the complaint to proceed out of time. Therefore, this complaint shall be dismissed.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor who is accurately identified by name, may, within 45 days of the date of denial . . . file a complaint with the Government Records Council" N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

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: June 24, 2025

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso
Executive Director

Date: June 17, 2025

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