



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – Motion to File Within Time Denied in Part

Steven Van Wingerden
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-134

v.

Rockaway Township (Morris)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Lisa Caruso
Request Received by Custodian: March 18, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: May 30, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant submitted the instant complaint on May 30, 2025, alleging he was denied access to two (2) OPRA requests submitted on March 18, 2025, and April 24, 2025, respectively. The Complainant asserted the Custodian denied access to the March 18, 2025 request on March 31, 2025, or sixty (60) days prior to submission. The Complainant also asserted he was denied access to the April 24, 2025 OPRA request on May 5, 2025, which was within time. Ultimately, the Complainant failed to show good cause to permit the complaint to proceed out of time with respect to the OPRA submitted on March 18, 2025. However, the complaint shall move forward with respect to the OPRA request submitted on April 24, 2025.

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: July 29, 2025

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