



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

Brian Camelio
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2026-321

v.

City of Jersey City (Hudson)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Sean J. Gallagher
Request Received by Custodian: January 7, 2026
GRC Complaint Received: June 2, 2026

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on May 26, 2026, alleging he was denied access to his OPRA request on January 16, 2026, or one hundred thirty (130) days prior. The Complainant argued the delay in filing is attributable to his “good faith” attempts to resolve this matter directly with the City of Jersey City prior to filing a Denial of Access Complaint. Custodian’s Counsel noted its objection to the Complainant’s motion. Upon review, the GRC does not find that delaying a complaint filing 130 days, or triple the amount of the statute of limitations, to attempt to cure an alleged failure to respond or unlawful denial represents “good cause” to allow the complaint to proceed. Thus, 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 30, 2026

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Date: June 23, 2026

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