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To: OpenRecordsAssistance
Subject: Open Records Complaint

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:24:18 AM

Submitted on Tue, 08/24/2021 - 11:09

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Requestor Information

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Jessica Vargas 705 2nd ave north Texas city , Texas. 77590

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Governmental Body Information

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City of Texas city
Justin Herter
1801 9th Ave north
Texas city, Texas. 77590
jherter@texascitytx.gov
4096435926

Public Information Request at issue in Complaint

How did you submit your public information request to the governmental body?

In person

Date of your public information request:

08/05/2021

Did the governmental body ask you to pay for the requested Information?

Yes

How much did the governmental body ask you to pay for the information?

105.90

How much have you paid for the information at this time?

105.90

Background Information about Complaint

Have you contacted the governmental body about your complaint?

Yes

When did you contact the governmental body about your complaint?

The same day I paid for the request.

How did the governmental body respond to your complaint?

Told me to pay he 105.90\$ and wait 3-4 days for the request but I had already made him aware in person the day before that I accepted the charges and would be back in the morning to pick hem up. He then told me I couldn't get a refund.

Have you contacted another agency about your complaint?

No

Complaint based on Public Information Request

Which of the following options best describes the nature of your complaint?

Accepted charges in person, came back next morning to pick up and paid for them and Justin better told me I had to wait for them even though I had just paid for them.

Open Government Hotline

Yes

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Supporting Document {Empty} From: Webmaster
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Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:47:25 AM

Submitted on Thu, 08/05/2021 - 07:33

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Date of your public information request:

07/26/2021

Did the governmental body ask you to pay for the requested Information?

No

Background Information about Complaint

Have you contacted the governmental body about your complaint? $V_{\Delta S}$

When did you contact the governmental body about your complaint? 07/30/2021

How did the governmental body respond to your complaint?

Refused to provide the information.

Have you contacted another agency about your complaint?

Yes

Please provide the name and address of the agency you contacted about your complaint.

U.S. Department of housing and urban development

What action was taken by the other agency?

No hing

Complaint based on Public Information Request

Which of the following options best describes the nature of your complaint?

The governmental body's response to my public information request is inadequate.

Open Government Hotline

Yes

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From: OpenRecordsAssistance

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Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 12:42:31 PM

This e-mail acknowledges receipt of your correspondence alleging the City of Texas City (the "city") is failing to comply with the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code.

In order to evaluate your complaint, we need a copy of your original request for information, dated July 26, 2021, made to the city.

Your original request for information may be faxed to the Education and Enforcement Section of the Open Records Division at (512) 481-1992, submitted through our online form (https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/open-records-complaint), or mailed to P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please call the Open Government Hotline at (877) 673-6839.

Sincerely,

Education and Enforcement Section Open Records Division

PLEASE NOTE: Any replies to this email will not be received.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

KYLE L. DICKSON, CITY ATTORNEY KDICKSON@TEXASCITYTX.GOV

November 3, 2021

Attorney General of Texas Honorable Ken Paxton Attn: Open Records Division PO Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

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Respectfully,

By:

Kyle L. Dickson, City Attorney

Justin Herter

From:

City of Texas city <helpdesk@texascitytx.gov>

Sent:

Thursday, September 09, 2021 10:58 AM

To:

Justin Herter

Cc:

Jack P. Oliver II; Lesley Ragsdale; Toby Searcy

Subject:

Re: Open Records Request

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Subject: Ticket Updated - Open Records Request

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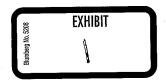
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Jessica Vargas 805 2nd Ave N Texas City, TX 77590

We have received your request for information, dated: August 5, 2021.

We have determined that complying with your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds \$40. Therefore, we are providing you with this cost estimate as required by section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code.

Itemized List of Charges:

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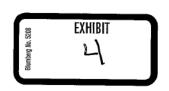
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Agency/Company:

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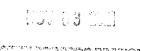
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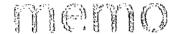
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Public Request for Records

Request Made Via:

Date Entered: 08/23/2021

Name: Jessica Vargas

Topic:

Daytime Phone: 1-409-916-1877 Mailing Address: 805 2nd Ave N

City: Texas City

Email Addr:

State: TX

Suite/Apt.

My Tracking Number: PIR 2021-1115

Time Spent:

Company:

Zip: 77590

General Information Request

Request Received By: Justin Herter

Date Received: 08/23/2021

Request Status: In Review Process

Does this request No need attorney review:

Delivery Method

Requested:

Department: City Attorney Office

Due Date: 09/06/2021

Records Provided:

Cell or Other Phone:

If yes, then date forwarded:

All Tasks Completed? N

Billed/No 36 HR? N

Be specific: Include address and owner of property, file name or number, time period, incident location and date, etc.

*In accordance with the provisions of the Public Information Act, I hereby request copies of the following (please be specific)

Employment records Officer Martinez #4147, Officer Gonzalez 3990 and Officer Haynes #3985 See attached.

Property Address: if applicable

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN ORDER TO PROCESS FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE AND ADDRESS.

WAIVER:

Texas Law gives the public the right to access records of governmental agencies, including those of the City of Texas City. State Law also provides that certain records are the exception to the law and are not available to the public (See Public Information Act). Request must be for information or records already in existence. The City of Texas City is happy to provide you with the records you are requesting and will do so promptly within our regular work schedule.

The act does not require the governmental body to create new information, to do legal research, or to answer questions.

Do you give permission to redact (remove) any information that is confidential pursuant to the Attorney General's Public Information Act, Sections: 522.101: Judicial Decisions: 552.102: Employees' personal privacy; 522.117: employee address, telephone nos., Social Security Nos, personal family information; 522.1175: personal information of security officers; 522.130(a); Driver's License , Permit, Title,

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Ms. Vargas,

Good afternoon!!!

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Please let me know if you have any other questions o concerns.

Thanks!!!

Benjamin A. Davis Deputy Executive Director



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FOIA REQUEST



Me
To Benjamin Davis & 4 more
Aug 9 at 4:17 PM



Good afternoon Benjamin!!!

I am FOIA requesting your complete and entire TCHA employee personnel file. I have already spoke to the Harris County HUD field office as well about this prior to this email. Thank you and have a blessed day

From: Webmaster

To: OpenRecordsAssistance
Subject: Open Records Complaint

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 12:45:10 PM

Submitted on Mon, 08/23/2021 - 12:38

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Requestor Information

Requestor Contact Information

Jessica Vargas 805 2nd ave north Texas City , Texas. 77590

4099161877

Governmental Body Information

Governmental Body Contact Information

Texas City Housing Authority Benjamin Davis PO Box 1767 Texas city , Texas. 77592 bdavis@tchousing.net 4099454011

Public Information Request at issue in Complaint

How did you submit your public information request to the governmental body?

Email

Date of your public information request:

08/09/2021

Did the governmental body ask you to pay for the requested Information?

No

Background Information about Complaint

Have you contacted the governmental body about your complaint?

Yes

When did you contact the governmental body about your complaint?

mail

How did the governmental body respond to your complaint?

No response

Have you contacted another agency about your complaint?

No

Complaint based on Public Information Request

Which of the following options best describes the nature of your complaint?

I requested informa ion more than 10 business days ago, and I have received no response from the governmental body.

Open Government Hotline

Yes

Upload Initial Request

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Supporting Document

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From: OpenRecordsAssistance

To:

Subject: Open Records Complaint

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 1:22:35 PM

This e-mail acknowledges receipt of your correspondence alleging the Texas City Housing Authority (the "authority") is failing to comply with the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code.

In order to evaluate your complaint, we need a copy of your original request for information, dated August 9, 2021, made to the authority.

Your original request for information may be faxed to the Education and Enforcement Section of the Open Records Division at (512) 481-1992, submitted through our online form (https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/open-records-complaint), or mailed to P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Benjamin A. Davis
Deputy Executive Director



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PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST CERTIFICATION FROM GOVERNMENTAL BODY

RE: OAG ID# 911948

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Please complete this form to indicate the manner in which the referenced request will be or has been answered. Include your signature and date. I am the officer of public information, or the authorized representative, for the following governmental body (the "governmental body"): Texas City Housing Authority I am aware of a public information request to the governmental body from the requestor (the "requestor"): _____Jessica Vargas Please initial the certification that applies. I certify the governmental body has made available to the requestor all existing responsive information that this governmental body owns, controls, or has a right of access to. I certify the governmental body has conducted a good faith search of information that this governmental body owns, controls, or has a right of access to, and has found no such information that is responsive to the requestor's public information request. I certify the governmental body has supplied the requestor all existing responsive information for which the governmental body is not claiming an exception, and has requested an attorney general's decision regarding the responsive information the governmental body believes is excepted from disclosure. Public Information Officer, or Authorized Representative Deni A. We 09/28/2021 Date Signature Benjamin A. Davis **Deputy Executive Director**

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September 14, 2021

Mr. Benjamin Davis Deputy Executive Director Texas City Housing Authority P.O. Box 1767 Texas City, Texas 77592

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") has received a complaint from Ms. Jessica Vargas alleging the Texas City Housing Authority (the "authority") has failed to respond appropriately to a request for information. The complaint was assigned ID# 911948.

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Mr. Benjamin Davis - Page 2

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Education and Enforcement Section Open Records Division

Enclosure

c: Ms. Jessica Vargas 805 2nd Avenue North Texas City, Texas 77590 (w/o enclosure) From: Webmaster

To: OpenRecordsAssistance
Subject: Open Records Complaint

Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:54:02 AM

Submitted on Tue, 08/31/2021 - 08:36

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Requestor Information

Requestor Contact Information

Jessica Vargas 805 2nd ave north Texas City, Texas. 77590

4099161877

Governmental Body Information

Governmental Body Contact Information

City of Texas City Justin Herter 1801 9th Ave north Texas City, Texas. 77590 jherter@texascitytx.gov 4096435926

Public Information Request at issue in Complaint

How did you submit your public information request to the governmental body?

Written request turned in to Justin Herter

Date of your public information request:

08/23/2021

Did the governmental body ask you to pay for the requested Information?

No

Background Information about Complaint

Have you contacted the governmental body about your complaint?

Yes

When did you contact the governmental body about your complaint?

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How did the governmental body respond to your complaint?

None

Have you contacted another agency about your complaint?

No

Complaint based on Public Information Request

Which of the following options best describes the nature of your complaint? Did not receive all the information requested

Open Government Hotline

Yes

Upload Initial Request

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Supporting Document

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From: OpenRecordsAssistance

To:

Subject: Open Records Complaint

Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 10:59:46 AM

This e-mail acknowledges receipt of your correspondence alleging the City of Texas City (the "city") is failing to comply with the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code.

In order to evaluate your complaint, we need a copy of your original request for information, dated August 23, 2021, made to the city.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST CERTIFICATION FROM GOVERNMENTAL BODY

RE: OAG ID# 919478

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October 15, 2021

Ms. Rhomari Leigh City Secretary City of Texas City 1801 9th Avenue North Texas City, Texas 77590

Dear Ms. Leigh:

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") has received a complaint from Freddreick Amey alleging the City of Texas City (the "city") has failed to respond appropriately to a request for information. The complaint was assigned ID# 919478.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Education and Enforcement Section Open Records Division

Enclosure

c: Mr. Freddreick Amey
P.O. Box 1993
Texas City, Texas 77590
(w/o enclosure)

No. 3445 P. 2/3

CITY OF TEXAS CITY REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS City Secretary Office 1801 9th Ave North, Texas City, TX 77590

Fax 409-649-5952

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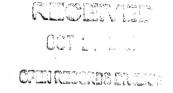
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No. 3445 P. 2/3

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September 20,2021

Good morning, I am reaching out to the Education and Enforcementorias against the City of Texas city failing to comply with the Public cliqqq78 Information act. I filed a open records request on September 3rd that request has not been completed or responded to at all. I filed another open records request on September 3rd and the city attorney legal assistant Justin Herter refused to complete the request and closed it. I have a video of Derrick Miller taking a photo of me on either his personal cell phone or work phone while acting as a government employee at the city hall of Texas city I submitted a open records request for it and Justin Herter refused to complete the request and closed the request. The two request that I submitted on the 3rd are now past the 10th business day allowed without a request for a ruling from the OAG or to provide me with Cost for the information. I am faxing over all supporting documents with this formal complaint as well. In The public records act it informs citizens that if they are having an issue with a governmental body complying with The ACT to make the County District attorney office aware as well so I will also take that step to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. The email address I can be reached at for official responses to this complaint are

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Submitted on Fri, 10/22/2021 - 12:24

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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Requestor Contact Information

Freddrick amey P.O.Box 1993 Texas City , Texas. 77592

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City of Texas City Rhomari Leigh/Justin Herter 1801 9th Ave N Texas City, Texas. 77592 jherter@texas-city-tx.org 4096435917

Public Information Request at issue in Complaint

How did you submit your public information request to the governmental body? In person

Date of your public information request:

09/21/2021

Did the governmental body ask you to pay for the requested Information?

Yes

How much did the governmental body ask you to pay for the information?

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How much have you paid for the information at this time?

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Background Information about Complaint

Have you contacted the governmental body about your complaint? No

Have you contacted another agency about your complaint?

No

Complaint based on Public Information Request

Which of the following options best describes the nature of your complaint? I think a governmental body is overcharging me for the information I requested.

Open Government Hotline

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Upload Initial Request

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I would like to add the documents that are attached, to complaint id#919599. On 10/20/2022 I attempted to pick up the documents I paid the 105.90 for, and I was informed that NOW, in initially the city refused until I pulled out my cellphone and started recording asking them if they 2375 were refusing to provide me with a itemized record of the were refusing to provide me with a itemized receipt of the new cost. I then made them aware that in the PIA it specifically states that they have a certain amount of time to contact me and let me know of the new charges. That was not done at all, it cannot be done because as you will see on the cost estimate that I received from them that they have my contact information wrong even though in the past I have received and outgoing email from them from my correct email address where we have communicated successfully through Email. They also attempted to tell me that I only paid a deposit of 78 dollars that's when I provided them with TWO receipts proving that I paid the full amount of 105.90 I then let them know I paid with my credit card and a check and that all of my payments are documented and asked them to provide me with a receipt of my deposit of 78 dollars. They refused. Also when I pulled out my cellphone right before i started recording The City attorney Kyle Dickson when he initially refused to provide me with a itemized receipt he threatened to call the police on me for recording him. A officer then came to city hall and Kyle Dickson went and said something to him but the officer did not engage me. I should not have to deal with the police being called on me for filing open record request and recording when the city employees habitually violate the PIA. This is a violation of the PIA. In the PIA it states that All governmental bodies responding to information request have the responsibility to treat all requestors UNIFORMLY and shall give to the requestor all reasonable comfort and facility, including accommodation in accordance with ADA requirements.

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Jessica Vargas 805 2nd Ave N Texas City, TX 77590

We have received your request for information, dated: August 5, 2021.

We have determined that complying with your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds \$40. Therefore, we are providing you with this cost estimate as required by section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code.

Itemized List of Charges:

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1	Standard Size Paper Copies (black and white), \$0.10 per page	609	\$60.90
2	Personnel charges, \$15.00	3	\$45.00

Total cost; \$105.90

There is a less expensive way for you to obtain this information. You may narrow the scope of your request.

Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not notify us in writing within ten business days from the date of this letter that you either:

1. (a) accept the charges, or

2. (c) have sent to the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you are being overcharged for the information you have requested.

Sincerely,

Justin Herter



City Secretary's Office

August 31, 2021

Jessica Vargas,

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Status: In Process

Open Records Request stating "Justin Herter outbound emails July to August 2021" is still in process. The request's due date is 9/10/2021.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Vargas 805 2nd Ave N Texas City, TX 77590

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We have determined that complying with your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds \$40. Therefore, we are providing you with this cost estimate as required by section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code.

Itemized List of Charges:

LN	ITEMS	QTY	FEE
11	Standard Size Paper Copies (black and white), \$0.10 per page	609	\$60.90
2	Personnel charges, \$15.00	3	\$45.00

Total cost: \$105.90

There is a less expensive way for you to obtain this information. You may narrow the scope of your request.

Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not notify us in writing within ten business days from the date of this letter that you either:

1. (a) accept the charges, or

2. (c) have sent to the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you are being overcharged for the information you have requested.

Sincerely,

Justin Herter

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Records Description: #PIR 2021-1053 Date: September 23, 2021

Attention: Jessica Vargas

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Texas City, TX 77590

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Total: \$133.50

Deposit

\$78.75

Balance Due:

\$54,25

Public Information/Charges

(Please make check payable to: City of Texas City)

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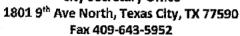
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August 31, 2021

Jessica Vargas,

PIR: 2021-1133

Status: In Process

Open Records Request stating "Justin Herter outbound emails July to August 2021" is still in process. The request's due date is 9/10/2021.

Sincerely,

Rhomari Leigh City Secretary

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OPEN RECORDS PIR 2021-1053

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Supporting Document

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To: <u>Opinion Committee</u>

 Subject:
 ID 923375 ATTN. Terra Smith

 Date:
 Saturday, April 2, 2022 4:45:15 PM

Attachments: <u>image003.jpg</u>

Ms. Smith,

This is a response to your questions in reference to Mr. Amey's complaint (923375). I am in charge of open records for the City of Texas City and I am currently deployed with the military and working remotely. I believe you have been in contact with Rhomari Leigh, the City Secretary, and I needed to provide some facts. On October 8, 2021, Mr. Amey accepted the charges and was directed to contact the cashiers to submit his payment. He never made and on February 26, 2022, I closed this request (log from our system below).

2-26-22 - Requestor never submitted payment. Closing request.

10-08-21- Requestor accepted cost. He was directed to contact by phone the cashiers .

Mr. Amey has a history of filing requests with the City and never picking them up. He was trespassed from City Hall for displaying a very offensive sign and graphic regarding our City Secretary, Rhomari Leigh. I am confused that he accepted the charges and then filed a complaint. Can you please advise me when he submitted it?

I will provide the answers you requested, but I want to verify that his complaint is valid as he accepted charges.

Very respectfully,

Justin Herter City of Texas City Office Of The City Attorney 409-643-5926 – Office

<u>To File An Open Records Request Click Below:</u> http://agenda.texas-city-tx.org/public_records.cfm



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Frederick Amey PO Box 1993 Texas City, TX 77591

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3	Personnel Time - Body Cam Redaction & Blurring, \$15.00	2	\$30.00

Total cost: \$130.00

There is a less expensive way for you to obtain this information. You may narrow the scope of your request.

Your request will be considered automatically withdrawn if you do not notify us in writing within ten business days from the date of this letter that you either:

- 1. (a) accept the charges, or
- 2. (c) have sent to the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you are being overcharged for the information you have requested.

Sincerely,

Justin Herter

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CITY OF TEXAS CITY REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS City Secretary Office 1801 9th Ave North, Texas City, TX 77590 Fax 409-643-5952

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KYLE L. DICKSON, CITY ATTORNEY KDICKSON@TEXASCITYTX.GOV

August 21, 2022

Attorney General of Texas Honorable Ken Paxton Attn: Open Records Division PO Box 12548 Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Tex. Gov't Code § 552.301(a) and on behalf of the City of Texas City, Texas ("City"), we hereby request the Attorney General's decision about whether information requested under the Texas Public Information Act (the "Public Information Act" or the "Act") is exempt from disclosure.

On August 11, 2022, the City received an open records request from Jessica Rae Vargas ("Vargas") for the following documents:

Three request as follows: 1. requesting copy of email sent to Chief Joe Stanton on March 2, 2019 from the Texas City African American Association 2. Requesting body camera footage from Manuel Johnson on May 19, 2019. Time frame 11:00 pm- 1:00 am 3. Requesting the email that Mayor Dedrick Johnson sent out to city employees on September 22, 2021 at 3:55 pm. I would like the full unredacted email.

Attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is a copy of the open records request from Vargas.

With regard to item No. 1 - The document requested was not received via email, but was a memo dated March 2, 2019 ("Memo") that was left under the door of Chief Joe Stanton office. A copy of the Memo is attached as Exhibit "2". The Memo purports to be form the Texas City African American Association but is unsigned and the person(s) who delivered it to Chief Stanton are unknown. The Memo makes numerous allegations against police officers employed by the Texas City Police Department. Based on the allegations contained in the Memo, an investigation was conducted but no misconduct was found and therefore no disciplinary action was taken, The Memo and other documents assembled during the investigation were put in the "G" file of one of police officers named in the Memo.

The Texas Public Information Act ("PIA") generally makes information in the possession of a governmental body available to the public. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.021. The PIA contains numerous exceptions to the general rule of required public disclosure, one of which applies to information made confidential by law under §552.101. Section 552.101 of the Tex. Gov't Code provides that "[i]nformation is excepted from required public disclosure if it is information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision."

The disclosure of information from the personnel files of police officers serving in cities that have adopted Chapter 143 of the Local Government is governed by Tex. Gov't Code Tex. §143.089. Texas City has adopted Chapter 143. Section 143.089 contemplates two different types of personnel files: (1) a police officer's civil service file that the civil service director is required to maintain pursuant to section 143.089(a) and (2) an internal file that the police department may maintain for its own use pursuant to section 143.089(g). In cases in which a police department investigates a police officer's alleged misconduct and takes disciplinary action against a police officer, it is required by section 143.089(a)(2) to place all investigatory records relating to the investigation and disciplinary action, including background documents such as complaints, witness statements, and documents of like nature from individuals who were not in a supervisory capacity, in the police officer's civil service file maintained under section 143.089(a). Records maintained in the police officer's civil service file are subject to release under chapter 552 of the Government Code. However, information maintained in a police department's internal file pursuant to section 143.089(g) is confidential and must not be released '[e]xcept as provided by Subsection (h)" which states that "[a]s provided by Section 1701.451, Occupations Code, a law enforcement agency hiring a police officer is entitled to view the contents of the officer's personnel file maintained under Subsection (g)." TEX. GOV'T CODE §143.089(h) is not applicable in this matter.

This issue was addressed in OR2021-35503 and therefore, the City believes that the information requested by Vargus in item No. 1 is exempt from disclosure under Tex. Gov't Code §143.089(g). A copy of OR2021-35503 is attached as Exhibit "3". Open Records Decision No. 642 may be applicable as well.

With regard to item No. 2 – Prior to Vargas' open records request, an internal investigation was initiated by the Texas City Police Department related to allegations of actions/conduct of Officer Johnson The investigation is still being conducted by the Texas City Police Department, Case. The City believes that the information requested by Vargas would be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §552.108(a)(1) until the conclusion of the internal investigation. Section 552.152 of the Tex. Local Gov't Code provides that "[i]nformation in the custody of a governmental body that relates to an employee or officer of the governmental body is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat of physical harm." The information should also be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code 552.152.

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Therefore, the City believes that the information requested by Vargus in item No. 2 is exempt from disclosure under Tex. Local Gov't Code §552.108(a)(1) and/or Tex. Local Gov't Code § 552.152.

With regard to item No. 3 – Vargus previously requested this email on November 24, 2021, PIR 2022-177 and was provided a reacted copy. See Exhibit "4".

The City believes that the information requested by Vargus in item No. 3 is exempt from disclosure under Tex. Local Gov't Code § 552.152 of the Government Code which provides that "[i]nformation in the custody of a governmental body that relates to an employee or officer of the governmental body is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat of physical harm."

Attached as Exhibit "5" is a copy of the email from Mayor Johnson. The email concerns the physical safety of all of the City's employees located at City Hall, 1801 9th Avenue North, Texas City, Texas. The email was sent due to events that had occurred at City Hall shortly before the email was sent. This email deals directly with the safety of all employees located at that facility and the release of this document could subject the employees to a substantial threat of physical harm.

For the reasons set forth above, the City believes that the information requested by Vargas is exempt from disclosure. If you need any additional information, you may contact me directly at (409) 643-5926. We thank the Attorney General in advance for its consideration of this matter and hereby request a decision.

Respectfully,

By: Kyle L. Dickson

Kyle L. Dickson, City Attorney

Attachment(s)







Rhomari Leigh

RE: FOIA REQUEST (2023-414)



From rleigh@texascitytx.gov
To Jessica Vargas & 1 more
Jan 24 at 10:48 AM >

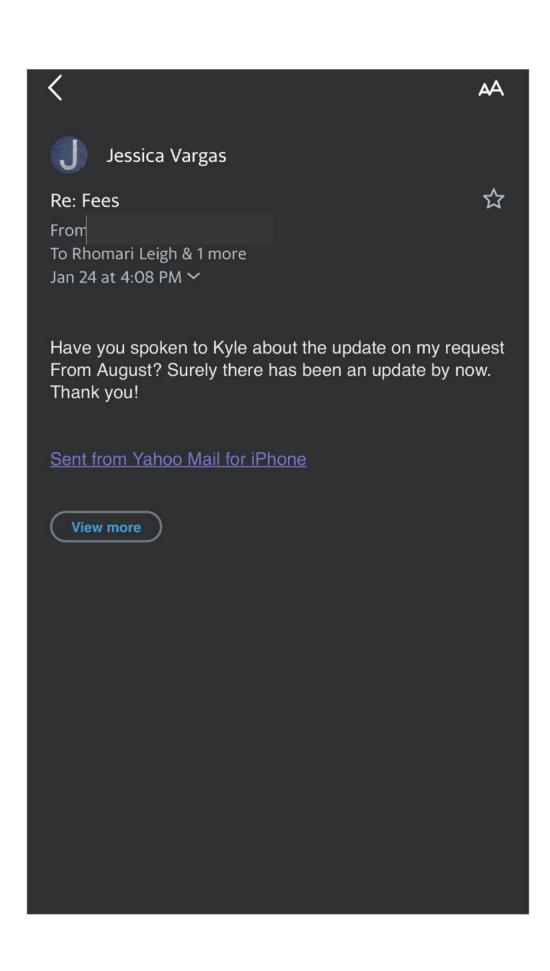
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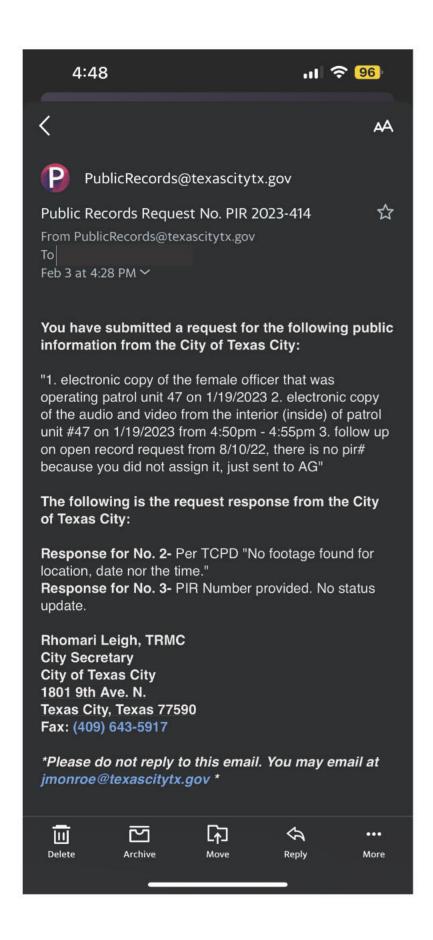
This request was received on January 24, 2023, and has been assigned tracking number PIR <u>2023-414</u>.

The request received on August 11, 2022, and was assigned tracking number PIR 2022-1225. It can be located in the title of the PDF attachment. I will ask the City Attorney to provide an update on the OAG letter.

Many Thanks,

Rhomari Leigh, TRMC City Secretary





CITY OF TEXAS CITY REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS

City Secretary Office

1801 9th Ave North, Texas City, TX 77590

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Public Records Request No. PIR 2023-792



From PublicRecords@texascitytx.gov To

Apr 26 at 4:23 PM >

You have submitted a request for the following public information from the City of Texas City:

"2 PIR requests are attached."

The following is the request response from the City of Texas City:

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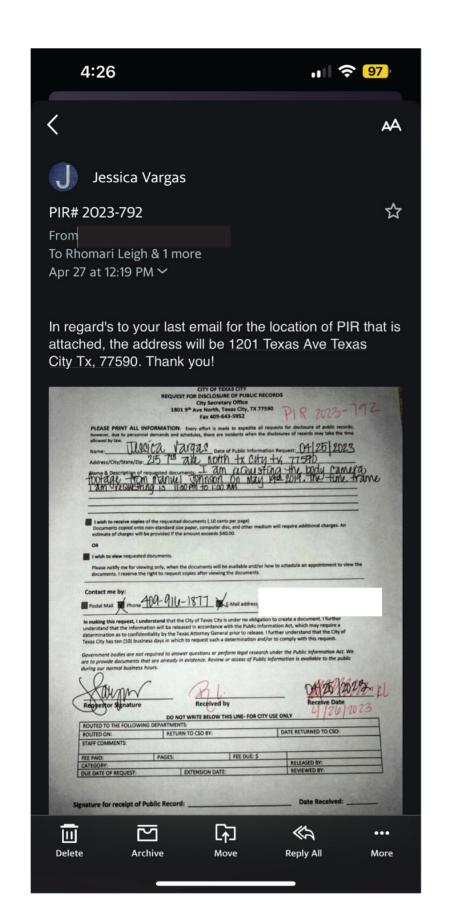
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City Secretary
City of Texas City
1801 9th Ave. N.
Texas City, Texas 77590

Fax: (409) 643-5917

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Public Records Request No. PIR 2023-792



From PublicRecords@texascitytx.gov To May 10 at 3:52 PM ➤

You have submitted a request for the following public information from the City of Texas City:

"2 PIR requests are attached. 4/28/23 - email stated "In regard's to your last email for the location of PIR that is attached, the address will be 1201 Texas Ave Texas City Tx, 77590. Thank you!""

The following is the request response from the City of Texas City:

Both of the requested records (Body Cam & email) were part of an internal investigation that was placed in Officer M. Johnson's G-file. Neither is available for public release at this time.

Rhomari Leigh, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Texas City
1801 9th Ave. N.
Texas City, Texas 77590

Fax: (409) 643-5917

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Kyle Dickson

Re: PIR#2023-792



From kdickson@texascitytx.gov
To Jessica Vargas & 2 more
May 17 at 10:23 AM >

No, we are not producing any documents in response to <u>2023-</u> <u>792</u>. That document was already addressed by the AG's office.

Kyle

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Kyle Dickson

Re:



From kdickson@texascitytx.gov
To Jessica Vargas & 2 more
May 12 at 3:51 PM ➤

Attached is OR2021-35503. The OAG states at the bottom of page 2 and top of page 3 that the City "**must withhold** the submitted information." This OR was provided to the OAG yesterday in response to your complaint. The document you have requested is the same document that was the subject of OR2021-35503 and will not be provided.

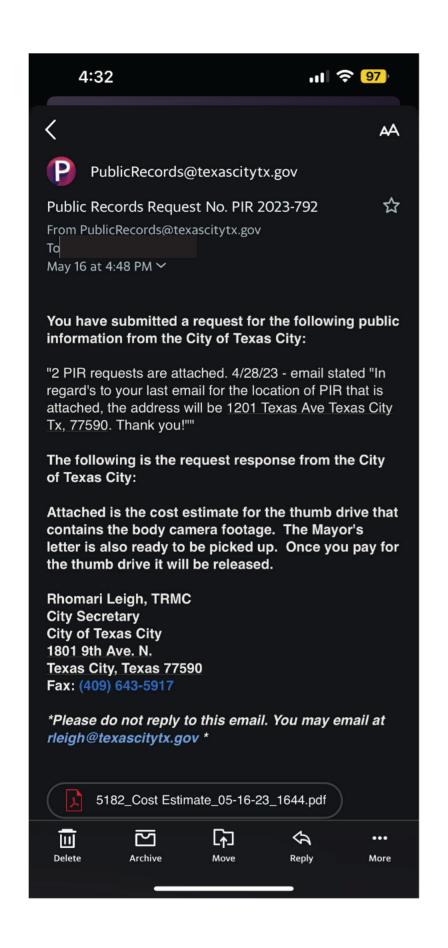
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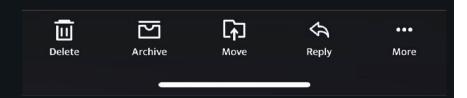
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The following is the request response from the City of Texas City:

The Body Camera Footage and the un-redacted email from the Mayor is ready to be picked up at City Hall at the front window.

Rhomari Leigh, TRMC City Secretary City of Texas City 1801 9th Ave. N. Texas City, Texas 77590 Fax: (409) 643-5917

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The body cam footage you provided me was INCORRECT, please refer to the email you sent stating it would be ready with the CORRECT date and time. You provided me body cam footage for 17 min that was completely blurred out. This has also been paid for. The request i asked for from Manuel was 11pm to 1am on May 19th 2019 location was 1201 Texas Ave. Please provide the PROPER documentation by Monday (5/22/23) to avoid me having to update my OAG complaint. MANY THANKS!!