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May 24, 2024

Kevin Smith 2605 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite C Maitland, FL 32751

In Re: Right-to-Know Request dated May 21, 2024

Dear Mr. Smith:

I serve as the acting Open Records Officer for the Borough of Jefferson Hills and it is in that capacity that I write to you at this time regarding your records request (copy attached) dated and received on May 21, 2024, seeking the following:

Our firm has been requested to research the referenced property for any BUILDING PERMITS, CODE VIOLATION & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEES on record in any city, town, village or port authority.

Property Address: Council Place, Clairton, Pennsylvania 15025

Parcel: 0881-A-00250-00000-00

Owner: Allen Sherwood/Majestic Lane Development

Upon a thorough search of Borough records, your request for the above requested documents has been denied for the following reasons. Per Section 705 of the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know law, an agency shall not be required to create a record which does not currently exist, or to compile, maintain, format or organize a record in a manner in which the agency does not currently compile, maintain, format or organize the record.

Please be further advised that this letter will serve to close this record request with our office as permitted by law. You have a right to appeal any denials of information. Information regarding the appeals process can be found at <a href="https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/HowToFile.cfm">https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/HowToFile.cfm</a>.

Specifically, appeals must be made in writing, through the online version of the official OOR Appeal Form (https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/AppealForm.cfm), by email (openrecords@pa.gov), fax (717-425-5343), or postal mail addressed to: Office of Open Records, 333 Market Street, 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234. All appeals must be made in writing and must be submitted to the Office of Open Records within fifteen (15) business days from the mailing date of this response pursuant to 65 P.S. § 67.1101.

Very truly yours,

Erika Horvat

CC:

Open Records Officer

Michele McPeak Cromer, Solicitor

## **ATTESTATION OF NONEXISTENCE OF RECORDS**

Name of Requester:

Kevin Smith

**Records Requested:** 

See attached Exhibit "A"

I, Erika Horvat, Acting Open Records Officer, hereby declare, pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, that the following statements are true and correct based upon my personal knowledge information and belief:

- 1. I serve as the Acting Open Records Officer for the Borough of Jefferson Hills ("Agency").
- 2. I am responsible for responding to Right-to-Know requests filed with the Agency.
- 3. In my capacity as the Open Records Officer, I am familiar with the records of the Agency.
- 4. Upon receipt of the request, I conducted a thorough examination of files in the possession, custody and control of the Agency for records responsive to Kevin Smith's request.
- 5. Additionally, I have inquired with relevant Agency personnel and, if applicable, relevant third-party contractors as to whether the requested records exist in their possession.
- 6. After conducting a good faith search of the Agency's files and inquiring with relevant Agency personnel, I have made the determination that on the date of the Request, the records requested do not exist within the Agency's possession, custody or control.
- 7. It is understood that this does not mean that the requested records do not exist within another agency's possession custody or control.

Date: May 28, 2024

Signature: Erika Horvat, Acting Open Records Officer

Borough of Jefferson Hills



## Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

Good communication is vital in the RTKL process. Complete this form thoroughly and retain a copy; it may be required if an appeal is filed. You have 15 business days to appeal after a request is denied or deemed denied.

SUBMITTED TO AGENCY	NAME: Borough	of Jefferson Hills				(Attn: AORO)
Date of Request:05/21/202	4	Submitted via:	■ Email	□ U.S. Mail	☐ Fax	☐ In Person
PERSON MAKING REQUES	T:					
Name: Kevin Smith			applicable	): <u>Stellar Inno</u>	vation	
Mailing Address: 2605 Mait	and Center Park	cway, Suite C,				
City: Maitland			Email: ML	S@stellaripl.c	om	
Telephone: (302) 261-9069						
How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? $\Box$ Telephone $\blacksquare$ Email $\Box$ U.S. Mail						
RECORDS REQUESTED: B matter, time frame, and type of are not required to explain why Use additional pages if necessal Hello	f record or party v the records are s	names. RTKL request.	s should see	k records, not a	isk questi	ons. Requesters
Our firm has been requested VIOLATION & SPECIAL ASSI						
Property Address : Council I Parcel : 0881-A-00250-000 Owner: Allen Sherwood/Maj	00-00					
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30-Day Ext.? ☐ Yes ☐ No (	If Yes, Final Du	e Date:	) Actu	al Response D	ate:	-00,04
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☐ Appropriate third partie	s notified and g	given an opportunity	y to object	to the release	of reque	ested records.
NOTE: In most cases, a com	pleted RTKL red	quest form is a public	record.		Form upd	ated Feb. 3, 2020

More information about the RTKL is available at https://www.openrecords.pa.gov