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March 24, 2022

Christopher Hansen
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RE: FOIA request #22-01-148A – Police Complaints for 2021 and 2022

Dear Requestor:

On January 27, 2022, you requested police complaint records from 2010 to present (FOIA #22-01-148). As agreed upon, the City continues to work to provide those requested documents.

On February 23, 2022, the City denied the records for 2021 and 2022 based on exemptions 7(1)(d)(i), 7(1)(d)(ii) and 7(1)(f) and provided the following explanation for the denial:

“The City began reviewing and redacting the Police Department’s complaint records for 2021 and 2022, and until the final dispositions were requested, we didn’t realize these complaints were part of pending investigations. As such, final dispositions are pending. As you are aware, the Police Chief makes the final determination and the City has had a rapid turnover in that position over the past year. However, once the investigations have concluded, the records will be subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable law. Complaints against police officers may result in discipline of officers involved. There are various State laws that apply to discipline records and the release of information related to the discipline. Until final disposition of these complaints and investigations, the City is unable to determine what information can be legally released.”

On March 21, 2022, you made the following request for records:

“Please provide:
All police complaints received by the City in 2021 and 2022.

These records were requested on January 26, 2022, but the City did not provide a detailed factual basis for the exemptions claimed.”

Your current request for police complaints for 2021 and 2022 is also being denied based on same exemptions:

7(1)(d)(i)	Interfere with pending or actually and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings conducted by any law enforcement or correctional agency that is the recipient of the request
7(1)(d)(ii)	Interfere with active administrative enforcement proceedings conducted by the public body that is the recipient of the request
7(1)(f)	Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body. The exemption provided in this paragraph (f) extends to all those records of officers and agencies of the General Assembly that pertain to the preparation of legislative documents

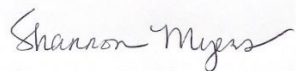
You have a right to request review of this response by the Illinois Public Access Counselor:

Public Access Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois, 62706
(217) 558-0486
publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)

You may also file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Champaign County, Illinois. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,



Shannon Myers
Acting Records Manager/City Clerk