



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Office of the General Counsel

April 19, 2018

Re: FOIA Request 2018-FOIA-03417

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Code for DC Organizational Account
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Dear Code for DC Organizational Account:

The D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is in receipt of your request pursuant to the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, you requested:

Pursuant to the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act of 1974, D.C. Code Ann. § 2-531 et seq. ("D.C. Act"), I am requesting raw data — in a machine-readable database or spreadsheet format such as Excel, CSV, Access, SQL or XML — pertaining to the “Vacant Buildings Inspections,” which is described in the D.C. Government’s Data Enterprise Inventory as “Internal data used by DCRA to monitor scheduled and re-scheduled vacant buildings, inspection results, workflow as well as enforcement determinations, where applicable” from the earliest date available through the date my data export is generated.

The data should include all fields in “Vacant Buildings Inspections” that contain non-exempt information, including but not limited to the following types of information:

Unique identifiers and/or primary keys; location information including but not limited to address, cross street, parcel number, ward number, and latitude and longitude; cause for inspection; date of inspection; enforcement determination or result of inspection; date of enforcement determination.

I would like to reiterate that I am seeking all fields containing non-exempt information in “Vacant Buildings Inspections.” That means fields containing the above information, and fields containing any additional information not listed, but that would still be disclosable under the law.

If the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs only began tracking certain information in its database in more recent years — as a result of system upgrades or policy changes, for example — include that information for the years it became available.

The DCRA Vacant Building Enforcement searched its records and found that the information you seek is made available to the public via the following link:

<https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1254746>

Through the aforementioned link, you can find the list for “Vacant Building Survey Inspections by Ward - FY 2018.” Please know that this information is continually changing as inspections regularly occur at DCRA.

You may also utilize the DCRA Property Information Verification System (PIVS) to view additional information regarding various properties in the District of Columbia. Please see the following link for details:

<https://pivs.dcra.dc.gov/#!/searchHomePage>

This determination was made by Erin Roberts, FOIA Officer, upon the review of all records maintained by the DCRA. If you disagree with this finding, you may file an administrative appeal or seek judicial review.

Appeal Rights

Pursuant to D.C. Code §2-537 and Title 1 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations (DCMR) §412, you may file an administrative appeal or seek judicial review if you are dissatisfied with a public body’s response to your request. Administrative appeals are submitted to the Mayor. If you submitted your FOIA request via the Freedom of Information Act Public Access Website, you may submit the appeal by logging on to your account via FOIAXpress. An appeal may also be submitted by mail or email. The appeal must include a copy of the original request as well as a copy of the public body's written denial letter issued to you, if any. In addition, the appeal must include a written statement of the arguments, circumstances, or reasons in support of the information sought by your request. The appeal letter must include "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line of the letter as well as marked on the outside of the envelope. You may direct a written appeal to:

foia.appeals@dc.gov

Or



The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel
FOIA Appeal
1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Suite 407
Washington, DC 20004

A copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to Erin Roberts, D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, 1100 4th Street, S.W., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20024.

Please refer to the District of Columbia Superior Court rules concerning procedures for filing a civil action.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

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