

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Denial of Access at Issue

Terri Howell, Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2016-36

v.

Township of Greenwich (Warren), Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Kimberly Cooney (née Viscomi) Request Received by Custodian: December 23, 2015

GRC Complaint Received: January 28, 2016

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant stated in her Denial of Access Complaint that the Custodian was "very rude" and "unprofessional" to her at the time she delivered the OPRA request in person. She stated that she asked the Custodian to stamp her OPRA request with the date but that the Custodian refused. The Complainant does not dispute any denial of access to the records requested pursuant to her December 23, 2015 OPRA request. *See* Kremer v. Twp. of Stafford (Ocean), GRC Complaint No. 2011-08 (January 2011).

Applicable OPRA Provision: OPRA provides that: "A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor, may institute a proceeding to challenge the custodian's decision by . . . [filing] a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to [OPRA]." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

"The Government Records Council shall . . . receive, hear, review and adjudicate a complaint filed by any person concerning a denial of access to a government record by a record custodian . . ." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-7(b) (emphasis added).

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.

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