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Via electronic mail

Ms. Loretta Slowik

Mr. Peter Georgiades

26 N. Center St.

Bensenville, Illinois 60106

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act request
Received May 31, 2024

Dear Ms. Slowik and Mr. Georgiades,

I am pleased to help you with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* Your FOIA request was received by the Village of Bensenville ("Village") on April 1, 2024. You requested copies of the records indicated below:

1. *"Any zoning ordinances referring or relating to the zoning treatment and category for the property commonly known as 26 N. Center Street, Bensenville, Illinois (hereinafter "Property") from 1900 to present."*
2. *"All documents and correspondence referring or relating to any claim or treatment of abandonment or non-abandonment for any claimed or actual legal nonconforming use of the Property permitting 2 residential units."*
3. *"All documents and correspondence referring or relating to the purchase of the Property by Peter Georgiades a/k/a Peter George and Loretta Slowik in 2022, including, but not limited to any realtors, brokers, agents, lenders, title insurance companies/agents, title escrow companies/agents."*
4. *"Any other documents and correspondence relating to the purchase of the Property not already produced per the above requests."*
5. *"All documents and correspondence relating to Peter Georgiades a/k/a Peter George not already produced per the above requests."*
6. *"All documents and correspondence referring or relating to former owner of the Property Ruth Baumgartner, her agents, attorneys or relatives."*
7. *"All documents and correspondence referring or relating to the Property from any Village of Bensenville attorney/staff to any individual or entity other than employees of Bensenville."*
8. *"Any other documents or communications referring or relating to Loretta Slowik or Peter Georgiades a/k/a Peter George."*

Your FOIA request is hereby granted in part and denied in part as follows. Records responsive to your FOIA request are being provided to you at no charge and are available at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iuWV4NCpowH103mqMjGSzx5Xrky1r4T?usp=sharing>

Portions of email correspondence in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are formulated by Village officials and/or employees have been withheld as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA, which exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary 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.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). The information in question has not been publicly cited and identified by the Village President.

Additionally, portions of email correspondence reflecting communications between the Village’s attorneys and Village staff have been withheld as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(m) of FOIA, which exempts from inspection and copying communications between the Village and its attorneys that would not be subject to discovery in litigation. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(m).

You have the right to have the partial denial of your FOIA request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You may file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Ms. Leah Bartelt
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of the partial denial of your FOIA request by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Very truly yours,


Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Requested records/correspondence to be copied (inclusive, but not limited to, emails, PDFs, CRM, and text messages) from both Village of Bensenville and Village of Bensenville Police Department:

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Please advise of copying costs and expenses (if any) prior to making copies.

If any items requested above are deemed as exceptions to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, please specify the same and the basis for the exception.



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Ms. Loretta Slowick
Mr. Peter Georgiades
26 North Center Street
Bensenville, Illinois 60106
Email: [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Received May 31, 2024

Dear Ms. Slowick & Mr. Georgiades:

I am pleased to help you with your May 31, 2024 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). Your request was received by the Village of Bensenville on May 31, 2024. You requested copies of the items indicated below:

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The Village needs to consult with the Village Attorney to determine whether any of the records you have requested are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of the FOIA or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions. Therefore, pursuant to Section 3(e)(v) of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/3(e)(v), the Village is extending the time it has to respond to your request by an additional five (5) business days. The Village will respond to your request on or before June 14, 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville