Agency Name

Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)

Annual Freedom of Information Act Report for Fiscal Year 2023
October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

FOIA Officer Reporting **Alexander Joel Watson**

PROCESSING OF FOIA REQUESTS

1. Number of FOIA requests received during reporting period ……..... 53
2. Number of FOIA requests pending on October 1, 2022……... 34
3. Number of FOIA requests pending on September 30, 2023……. 4
4. The average number of days unfilled requests have been pending before each public body as of September 30, 2023…….. 73

DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS

5. Number of requests granted, in whole……... 16
6. Number of requests granted, in part, denied, in part…….. 14
7. Number of requests denied, in whole…… 22
8. Number of requests withdrawn…….. 5
9. Number of requests referred or forwarded to other public bodies……..... 0
10. Other disposition …….. 26

NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT RELIED UPON EACH FOIA EXEMPTION

11. Exemption 1 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1)……..... 5
12. Exemption 2 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2)……..... 5
13. Exemption 3 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(3)
    - Subcategory (A)…… 0
    - Subcategory (B)…… 0
    - Subcategory (C) …… 0
    - Subcategory (D) ……..... 0
    - Subcategory (E) ……..... 0
    - Subcategory (F) …… 0
14. Exemption 4 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4) ……..….. 3
15. Exemption 5 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(5)……..……..... 0

16. Exemption 6 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(6)

Subcategory (A)…….……..... 0

Subcategory (B)……... 0

17. Exemption 7 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(7)…….....0

18. Exemption 8 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(8)…….....0

19. Exemption 9 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(9)…….....0

20. Exemption 10 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(10)…….....0

21. Exemption 11 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(11)……...0

22. Exemption 12 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(12)……...0

TIME-FRAMES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

23. Number of FOIA requests processed within 15 days…….28

24. Number of FOIA requests processed between 16 and 25 days……..7

25. Number of FOIA requests processed in 26 days or more……..48

26. Median number of days to process FOIA Requests…….……28.5

RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

27. Number of staff hours devoted to processing FOIA requests…… 835 (estimate)

28. Total dollar amount expended by public body for processing FOIA requests…….. $40,000

FEES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

29. Total amount of fees collected by public body……...…… $0

PROSECUTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(d) OF THE D.C. FOIA

30. Number of employees found guilty of a misdemeanor for arbitrarily or capriciously violating any provision of the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act ……..… 0

QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTION OR SUMMARY STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 208(a)(9) of the D.C. FOIA, provide in the space below or as an attachment, "[a] qualitative description or summary statement, and conclusions drawn from the data regarding compliance [with the provisions of the Act]."

The majority of DMPED's FOIA requests were email searches of agency-wide communications or broad key-words, which required significant time to receive the email search results and review the voluminous records produced. The FOIA officer typically communicated with the requesters to narrow the searches in order to provide results within the statutory time limits, but extensions were often required to even receive the email search results within the statutory time frames, as currently mandated.