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Re: Open Records Request

Mr. Lohman,

Under the Oregon Public Records Law, §192.410 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records. I hereby request copy of the following:

1. All written communications, including but not limited to emails, in which police officials with the City of Ashland, sent and have received that have included the words homeless, poverty, poor, panhandlers, panhandling, loitering, camping, and sleeping in the communication from 2010 to present;
2. All policies, practices and procedures related to the treatment of homeless persons living in the City of Ashland;
3. All internal written police department statements of policy, practice, guidance, or similar documents relating to the enforcement of anti-panhandling, anti-loitering, anti-camping and anti-sleeping ordinances from 2010 to present;
4. All documents that is in regards and pertaining to complaints of homeless individuals, individuals panhandling, loitering, camping, sleeping in public, and eating in public that are in the possession of the City of Ashland and it's police department from 2010 to present;
5. All documents relating to arrest(s), citation (s), warning (s) or other actions taken by police officials in relation to violations under anti-camping, anti-panhandling, anti-loitering, and/or other ordinances used in your community to target homeless individuals from 2010 to present;
6. All communications between the police department and village officials related to homeless individuals, homelessness, panhandling, loitering, camping, and sleeping from 2010 to present;
7. All records related to jail capacity, the cost of incarceration, and judicial resources involved in prosecuting homeless individuals from 2010 to present;
8. All records related to jail capacity, the cost of incarceration, and judicial resources involved in prosecuting individuals that violated anti-panhandling, anti-loitering, anti-camping and anti-sleeping ordinances of the City of Ashland from 2010 to present;

9. All records related to official figures on the size of the local homeless population and the maximum capacity of local shelters.
10. All written communications from non-police officials with the City of Ashland, including but not limited to emails, in which they have sent and have received that have included the words homeless, poverty, poor, panhandlers, panhandling, loitering, camping, and sleeping in the communication from 2010 to present;

I would like to request a waiver of all fees that are associated with this request pursuant to ORS 192.440 (4). The production of these records is "in the public interest because making the record available primarily benefits the general public." (ORS 192.440 (4)) The public has already demonstrated substantial interest in the operation of the government as to the way in which homeless individuals and individuals that are in poverty are treated by officials with the City of Ashland. The information that Mr. Smith is requesting is in the interest of the public and the information that I am seeking has educational contributable value.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within seven (7) days. See Or. Rev. Stat. Sec. 192.465(2).

I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of litigation costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney fees. See Or. Rev. Stat. Sec. 192.490(3).

I would prefer to receive all of the requested information to me by email. My email address is at: iscampaign@usa.com. You can also send me my requested records by mail at the following mailing address:

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