

Ms. Vanessa Moritz

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Re: FOIA Request

Ms. Moritz,

Pursuant to the state open records law 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1 to 140/11.5, I write to request access to and a copy of the following:

1. All written communications, including but not limited to emails, in which police officials with the Village of Forest Park sent and have received that have included the words homeless, poverty, poor, panhandlers, panhandling, loitering, camping, and sleeping in the communication from 2004 to present;
2. All written communications from non-police officials with the Village of Forest Park, 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 2004 to present;
3. All policies, practices and procedures related to the treatment of homeless persons living in the Village of Forest Park from 2004 to present;
4. 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 2004 to present;
5. 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 Village of Forest Park and it's police department from 2004 to present;
6. 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 2004 to present;
7. All communications between the police department and village officials related to homeless individuals, homelessness, panhandling, loitering, camping, and sleeping from 2004 to present;

8. All records related to jail capacity, the cost of incarceration, and judicial resources involved in prosecuting homeless individuals from 2004 to present;
9. 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 Village of Forrest Park from 2004 to present;
10. All records related to official figures on the size of the local homeless population and the maximum capacity of local shelters.

I would like to request a waiver of all fees that are associated with this request. The law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest the information sought will contribute to the public's understanding as to the way in which homeless individuals are treated in the United States of America, the substantive due process rights of the homeless, the criminalization of the homeless, the legal protections that the homeless have, municipal cities responses as to dealing with homeless individuals, the liberty that homeless individuals have, the constitutional rights of homeless Americans and et cetera. Mr. Smith requests a waiver of document search, review, and duplication fees on the grounds that disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest and because the disclosure is likely to contribute and should significantly to the public understand of the operations of the activities of the government. The information that I am requesting is in the interest of the public and the information that I am seeking has educational contributable value.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within five (5) working days. See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3(c).

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.

I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of reasonable attorney' fees. See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/11(i).

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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