

Jacqueline Wade - Shut Off Data Request

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To: Debra Pospiech <PospiechD@detroitmi.gov>
Date: 5/24/2018 11:42 PM
Subject: Shut Off Data Request
Cc: JACQUELINE WADE <WADEJ818@detroitmi.gov>, Choi Portis <Portisc@detroitmi.gov>, Jacob Bahri <bahrijac@detroitmi.gov>

Hello,

This is a FOIA request pertaining to DWSD records.

I am requesting a spreadsheet in either excel or csv. format that lists all Detroit properties that in either "shut-off" or "subject to water shut off" for various dates:

- April 1, 2014
- April 1, 2015
- April 1, 2016
- April 1, 2017
- June 8, 2014 (if not available, the July 1)
- June 8, 2015 (if not available, the July 1)
- June 8, 2016 (if not available, the July 1)
- June 8, 2017 (if not available, the July 1)
- November 1, 2014
- November 1, 2015
- November 1, 2016
- November 1, 2017
- April 1, 2018
- Present (or most recent listing)

The file should include:

- parcel ID,
- property address,
- total amount owed,
- corresponding name on the account, and
- status (shut off or subject to shut off).

Feel free to call or email for clarification if needed.

Thank you,

Michele Oberholtzer

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Jacqueline Wade - FOIA Request 5/16/18 - database information

From: Miller, Elizabeth<Elizabeth.Miller@ideastream.org>
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Subject: FOIA Request 5/16/18 - database information

Ms. Pospiech,

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act § 15.231 et seq., I request the name of your database software used to store the applicable data related to my previous request relating to Detroit Water and Sewerage Account Data and Service Interruption Data, and the record layout structure of the applicable database(s).

I'm a reporter for American Public Media, a non-profit news organization. This request is made as part of newsgathering and not for commercial use.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$25. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of water use.

I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone at [\(216\)916-6258](tel:2169166258) or email, americanpublicmediafoia@gmail.com rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request. Additionally, I am interested in receiving the requested documents on a "rolling basis."

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within five business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Miller

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To: City of Detroit FOIA Coordinator From: Heather Dean

Email: wadej818@detroitmi.gov Date: May 15, 2018

Phone: 313-965-9775 Number of pages (including cover): 2

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA)

Applied EcoSystems is conducting an environmental investigation of the following site:

**2560 Michigan Avenue (PID: 10000265-6)
Detroit, Michigan**

We are requesting copies of any records or any known information that you may have relating to the known or possible past occurrence on the site of the following:

Public Works (Water and Sewer):

- Original water and sewer connection dates
- Date water and sewer were available to the area
- If the above is not available, does current city ordinance require new construction to be connected to water and sewer at the time of construction?

We appreciate your time and attention to this request. Please fax/email your response to the person below to expedite processing if possible. Your response should indicate whether you have or do not have any requested information. If you have questions, or do not receive this document in its entirety, please contact us immediately.

Thank you very much,

Heather Dean & Joshua Hendrickson
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May 15, 2018

Sent via electronic and U.S. Mail

FOIA COORDINATOR

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Water Board Building
735 Randolph, Room 701
Detroit, MI 48226
To whom it may concern,

Under the provisions of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, I respectfully request that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department provide me with the following documents, reports and records created beginning January 1, 2017 to present that contain the following information:

1. Monthly water shutoff numbers for residential customers.
2. Monthly water turn-on numbers (i.e. restoration of service) for residential customers.
3. Monthly figures showing the number of residential customers on a payment plan.
4. Monthly figures showing the number of residential customers on payment plans who are 60 days or more delinquent on payments.
5. Monthly figures showing the number of residential water customers who were removed from payment plans because they did not abide by its terms.
6. Monthly figures showing whether homes losing water service are occupied or unoccupied.

In addition, I also request a copy of the city of Detroit's current water shutoff policies (i.e. policies stating under what conditions a customer's water service is discontinued, notification policies for customers whose service is slated to be discontinued, and policies for restoring service that has been discontinued).

Exempt Records

Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter sufficient information for the ACLU of Michigan to appeal the denial pursuant to MCL 15.235(4)(a). To comply with legal requirements, the following information must be included:

1. Basic factual material about each withheld item, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and
2. Explanations and justifications for denial, including the identification of the category within the governing statutory provision under which the document (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption fits the withheld material.

If you determine that portions of a record requested are exempt from disclosure, please redact the exempt portions and provide the remainder of the record to the ACLU of Michigan.

Format of Records Requested

To reduce or avoid the costs and labor of printing and/or photocopying records, we request that records be provided in electronic format wherever possible if that is the least-costly option, including but not limited to records that are stored or maintained in electronic format. We will provide a USB drive or other media storage device for the records at our expense if requested.

Fee Waiver Request

The ACLU of Michigan requests that you waive all fees in connection with this request as provided by MCL 15.234(1) (waiver of fee is appropriate where search for and provision of copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public). The ACLU of Michigan will use the information to contribute significantly to public understanding of water issues in Detroit. The ACLU of Michigan will make all records received available to the public. The ACLU of Michigan is a non-profit organization registered as a charitable organization in Michigan, with no commercial interest in obtaining the requested information.

Willingness to Pay Fees Under Protest

While a fee waiver should be granted for the reasons set forth above, the ACLU of Michigan is seeking these records regardless of the DWSD's ultimate decision on the fee waiver request. The ACLU of Michigan thus is willing to pay fees in keeping with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, if necessary and under protest, to enable the timely delivery of the records. Fees must be limited to actual costs of labor and copying, and the means for copying must be the most economical available. MCL 15.234(1) and (3). Furthermore, fees may only be assessed based on procedures and guidelines published by the MDEQ. *Id.* at (3).

Record Delivery

Pursuant to MCL 15.232(2), we expect a response to this request within 5 business days. We request the DWSD, in responding to this request, to comply with all relevant deadlines and other obligations set forth in the Michigan FOIA. To reduce or avoid the costs and labor of printing and/or photocopying records, if it is the most cost-effective way we request that records be provided in electronic format wherever possible, including but not limited to records that are stored or maintained in electronic format. We will provide a USB drive or other media storage device for the records at our expense.

Please produce the requested records on a rolling basis; at no point should the search for – or deliberation concerning – certain records delay the production of others that the DWSD has already retrieved and elected to produce.

Please contact me so that I can pick obtain these records as soon as possible. If you find that this request is unclear in any way please contact me immediately so I can clarify the request or otherwise expedite and simplify your efforts to comply.

Sincerely,

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Jacqueline Wade - Re: Fwd: FOIA Information (Email from FOIA)

From: Ellen HA<haell@detroitmi.gov>
To: <homer@jnrcollects.com>
Subject: Re: Fwd: FOIA Information (Email from FOIA)
Cc: Jacob Bahri<bahrijac@detroitmi.gov>; Choi Portis<Portisc@detroitmi.gov>; Debra Pospiech<PospiechD@detroitmi.gov>; JACQUELINE WADE<WADEJ818@detroitmi.gov>

Mr. Heard:

The City of Detroit DWSD handles its own FOIA requests through its Office of General Counsel.

Therefore, I am copying Debra Pospiech, General Counsel for the DWSD and her staff on this email.

Thank you,

Ellen Ha
Chief of Staff
City of Detroit Law Department

>>> FOIA 5/8/2018 4:45 PM >>>
Email from FOIA

>>> "Homer Heard" <homer@jnrcollects.com> 05/08/18 16:43 >>>

RE: JNR# Z94234 AT&T# AMER23201609370015

Detroit Water & Sewage Contract# WS 700

Dear FOIA Officer,

My name is Homer Heard and I am looking for a copy of the daily notes/journal that were taken by the project manager or inspector for the period of 8/25/2016 thru 8/31/2016. Contractor is denying doing damage to AT&T property but will not disclose who did while they were working on a water main repair.

If you have any questions please contact me and reference my file Z94234.

Thank You,

Jacqueline Wade - Fwd: Revised Freedom of Information Act Request to The DetroitWater and Sewerage Department (Email from FOIA)

From: Ellen HA<haell@detroitmi.gov>
To: Jacob Bahri<bahrijac@detroitmi.gov>; Choi Portis<Portisc@detroitmi.gov>; JACQUELINE WADE<WADEJ818@detroitmi.gov>
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Cc: Debra Pospiech<PospiechD@detroitmi.gov>

Did I forward this to you?

Can you let me know?

Thanks,

Ellen

>>> FOIA 5/7/2018 2:25 PM >>>
Email from FOIA

>>> "Glenn Oliver, H2bid, Inc." <glenn@h2bid.com> 05/07/18 14:25 >>>

Earlier today I sent a public records request.
I am proposing a new request that might be better at getting the information I am seeking (and require less work). Here is the request:

I am seeking information on the waterworks (or sewer) parts and equipment purchases that may be regularly purchased but the dollar amounts are generally too small for a formal bid. I would like to see the specs of the item purchased, vendor name, quantity, and amount paid. If you emailed copies of invoices or purchase orders, would that be an efficient way of providing the information?

Also, would the past 90 days be a good representation of the items purchased on a routine basis?

Please advise.

Glenn D. Oliver

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May 5, 2018

FOIA Coordinator
Detroit Water & Sewerage Department
735 Randolph Street
Detroit, MI 48226
Dwsd-publicaffairs@detroit.gov

Re: Request for information on water and sewer line rehabilitation

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am requesting documentation on:

- 1) The DWSD Budget for Water & Sewer Rehabilitation utilizing lining technologies.
- 2) A copy of a recent Request for Bid for a sewer lining project and/or an "as-needed" contract.
- 3) A list of awarded contracts over the past two years.
- 4) Bid tabs for all sewer/water rehabilitation projects awarded over the past 2 years.
- 5) List of existing sewer rehabilitation contracts, the contract amounts, and the expiration dates.

I have been asked to perform a market analysis on the water/sewer rehabilitation sector. I am reaching out to several major utilities to assemble this information. I would gladly visit your facilities and review/assemble the requested material. We will also pay for the reproduction of the material as detailed in the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.232) and the DWSD Guidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 313-410-6504 or jridgway@ectinc.com.

I thank you in advance for your help in assembling the requested information.

Sincerely,

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Jacqueline Wade - RFQ449446 FOIA Request

From: Andre Brooks<andreb9609@gmail.com>
To: <trammelk@detroitmi.gov>
Subject: RFQ449446 FOIA Request

Kelly,

Per our conversation earlier, in the event that my request is not granted to view the bid of the firm that won this contract the last time around. We are submitting a FIOA request to view the bid of the firm that won the last contract for this service.

If my request is granted then this request can be ignored.

Thanks,

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