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VIA EMAIL

Dear Alderman Stamper,

I represent CRG Advocates. Orville Seymer recently made three record requests to you on behalf of CRG:

- 3/8/2018 – Request for a copy of your calendar
- 3/20/2018 – Request for phone records for October, November, and December, 2017
- 4/18/2018 – Request for a keyword search of your and your assistants' emails from September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

You have not provided responsive records to any of them. That failure violates Wisconsin's Open Records Law.

The Open Records Law requires custodians to fulfill requests "as soon as practicable and without delay." Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(a). While the statutes do not provide a strict deadline, the Attorney General (who is empowered to interpret and enforce the Open Records Law) has opined that 10 working days is more than enough time for most record requests, and all record requests should be given "high priority". 2018 Wisconsin Public Records Law Compliance Guide, 15. Governor Scott Walker has also directed state agencies to fulfill straightforward requests within 10 business days. Executive Order #189.

While neither the Attorney General's nor the governor's statements create hard and fast rules for city aldermen, they demonstrate the rough range requesters should expect custodians to abide by. None of Mr. Seymer's requests are complicated. They should have been fulfilled long ago, not left to linger for months.

The first two requests were extremely simple and could have and should have been fulfilled within a couple days at most. A four-month delay is inexcusable.

The third request is more complex, but still should have been finished long ago. Mr. Seymer provided you with the five keywords to search for and gave you the date range. Keyword searches can be coordinated and performed quite easily. I performed a search of my own email over the same period for the same terms and was able to locate the responsive emails and copy them to a dedicated location in under 15 minutes. There is no reason why such a search in your own office should have taken more than a week to complete.

I hope that we can resolve this situation quickly. While we would rather finish this amicably, my client will enforce its rights in court if you continue to ignore and delay fulfilling Mr. Seymer's request.

Sincerely,

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