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In re: Louis Adamson/Louisville Metro Government

Summary: The Louisville Metro Government (“Metro”) violated the Open Records Act (“the Act”), when failed to timely respond to requests it received under the Act.

Open Records Decision

Louis Adamson (“Appellant”) submitted three requests to Metro for records related to his properties: (1) Request 24-14233 was submitted on November 3, 2024, and Metro granted the request eight business days later, on November 15, 2024; (2) Request 25-6234 was submitted on May 22, 2025, and Metro granted it six business days later, on June 2, 2025; and (3) Request 25-2252 was submitted on February 24, 2025, and Metro granted the request six business days later, on March 4, 2025. This appeal followed.

First, under KRS 61.880(1), upon receiving a request for records under the Act, a public agency “shall determine within five (5) [business] days . . . after the receipt of any such request whether to comply with the request and shall notify in writing the person making the request, within the five (5) day period, of its decision.” On appeal, Metro does not dispute that its three responses to the Appellant’s requests were untimely. As a result, Metro violated the Act when it failed to timely respond to the Appellant’s three requests.¹

¹ Metro asks the Office to consider “the significant delay between the production of records” and the Appellant’s appeal. Although Metro is correct that the Appellant waited several months to initiate this appeal, despite having received all responsive records, the Office still must find that Metro’s responses were untimely. See 25-ORD-294.

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating an action in the appropriate circuit court under KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882 within 30 days from the date of this decision. Under KRS 61.880(3), the Attorney General shall be notified of any action in circuit court, but shall not be named as a party in that action or in any subsequent proceedings. The Attorney General will accept notice of the complaint emailed to OAGAppeals@ky.gov.

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