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In re: Lori Davenport/City of Ludlow

Summary: The City of Ludlow (“the City”) did not violate the Open Records Act (“the Act”) when it produced all records it reasonably believed were responsive to the Appellant’s request.

Open Records Decision

Lori Davenport (“Appellant”) submitted a request seeking “the bills and the corresponding payment methods used for the fiscal year” ending on June 30, 2025. In response, the City provided the Appellant with reports detailing all checks issued on behalf of the City between July 2024 and June 2025. This appeal followed.

When a public agency receives a request to inspect records, that agency must decide within five business days “whether to comply with the request” and notify the requester “of its decision.” KRS 61.880(1).

The Appellant asserts that the City failed to provide the bills associated with its outgoing checks. However, the City reasonably interpreted the Appellant’s request as seeking its reports detailing to whom the checks were directed, the reason for each check, the amount paid, and the date of issuance. Thus, the City did not violate the Act by not providing the individual invoices associated with each check issued by the City.

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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