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In re: Brittany Coffman/Junction City

Summary: Junction City (“the City”) violated the Open Records Act (“the Act”) when it did not timely respond to a request.

Open Records Decision

On March 2, 2025, Brittany Coffman (“the Appellant”) submitted a request for records related to the hiring of the City’s Chief of Police. On March 13, having received no response to her request, the Appellant initiated this appeal.

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, the City acknowledges that it did not timely respond to the Appellant’s request. Thus, the City violated the Act.¹

A party aggrieved by this decision may appeal it by initiating an action in the appropriate circuit court pursuant to KRS 61.880(5) and KRS 61.882 within 30 days from the date of this decision. Pursuant to 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.

¹ The City states that it has since provided all responsive records to the Appellant.

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