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In re: Heidi Mefford/City of Dover

Summary: The City of Dover (“the City”) violated the Open Records Act (“the Act”) when it failed to respond to requests for records within five business days.

Open Records Decision

On May 4, 2026, Heidi Mefford (“the Appellant”) submitted three requests to the City to inspect various records dating back to January 1, 2023, including meeting minutes, bank records, employment applications, background checks, “bids for any work done by non-city employees,” budgets, “bonding paperwork,” maintenance records, ordinances, property inventories, and paychecks. Having received no response to her requests by May 12, 2026, the Appellant initiated this appeal.

Under KRS 61.880(1), a public agency must respond to a request for public records within five business days after receiving it. Here, the City has not disputed the Appellant’s claim that it failed to respond timely to her requests. Thus, the City violated the Act.

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.

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