

VIA EMAIL

October 7, 2024

Waynesville Village Council
c/o Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council
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RE: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Morley,



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Pursuant to Ohio's open records law, Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43 (Public Records Act) and Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22 (Open Meetings Act), the following is a formal request for all public records in the possession of the Village of Waynesville (the "Village") and the Waynesville Village Council (the "Council") and its members.

For purposes of this request, the term "records" includes any and all writings, documents, papers, text files, computer files, emails, text messages, instant messages, video recordings, annals, archives, records, journals, logs, notes and/or minutes. Requests for emails include all pertinent emails and text messages sent to or from official or personal accounts or devices. Unless otherwise specified in the request, the time period for these requests is June 1, 2024, to present.

1. All records containing or referring to the filling of the vacant Council seat, which was announced at Council's June 17, 2024, meeting and filled at Council's July 31, 2024, Special Meeting ("the Open Council Seat"), including but not limited to the application process, solicitation of candidates, interview process, deliberations, setting of the July 31st Special Council Meeting, and selection of a candidate to fill the seat;
2. All records containing or referring to communications between or among Council members regarding the Open Council Seat;
3. All records containing or referring to David Nation;
4. All records containing or referring to Council's July 31st Special Meeting;
5. All records containing or referring to the Village's policies, efforts, initiatives, or education about diversity, equity, and/or inclusion, from January 1, 2020, to present;

6. All records containing or referring to incidents of discrimination or harassment against the Village, Council, or members of Council from the past 20 years;
7. A copy of the Village's liability insurance for the year 2024; and
8. A copy of the Village's and Council's public officials liability insurance for the year 2024.

Please provide responsive records on a rolling basis as you are able to prepare them, and kindly send the records to me in electronic format at agilbert@acluohio.org **no later than October 21, 2024**. See R.C. § 139.43(B)(1) (records must be produced "promptly"); *State ex rel. Consumer News Serv., Inc. v. Worthington City Bd. of Educ.*, 97 Ohio St. 3d 58, 65 (2002). To the extent that responsive documents are unavailable in electronic format, please send them via U.S. Mail to:

Amy Gilbert
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If there is a cost related to production, please advise me before incurring that cost. If you believe that any portion of a responsive record is exempted from disclosure by the Ohio Revised Code, please specify the basis for redaction and release all non-exempt portions of the record.

If there are any questions relating to this request, please contact me at (216) 770-6704, or agilbert@acluohio.org.

Sincerely,



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