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200 South 4th Street, Room 213
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RE: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Via Email and U.S Mail

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for public records pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 to 140/11. It seeks information regarding the City of DeKalb's Landlord-Tenant Regulations (Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code) and Disorderly House Ordinance (Section 52.06 of the Municipal Code).

Please provide the following:

- All correspondence in whatever form, including email, generated between the Chief of Police, his designee, and/or any other City official or employee and any landlord pursuant to enforcement of Section 52.06(c) of the Municipal Code;
- All documents in whatever form generated as a result of any meeting held between the Chief of Police, his designee, and/or any other City official or employee and any landlord to discuss unlawful activity and/or a declaration of a chronic disorderly house pursuant to enforcement of Section 52.06(c) of the Municipal Code;
- All agreements entered between the Chief of Police, his designee and/or any other City official or employee and any landlord pursuant to enforcement of Section 52.06(c) of the Municipal Code;
- All documents concerning any administrative and/or judicial enforcement proceedings initiated by the City pursuant to Section 52.06(c) of the Municipal Code with regard to any alleged chronic disorderly house and/or disorderly rental premises;
- Any notice issued regarding the declaration of a property as a disorderly rental premises pursuant to enforcement of Section 52.06(c)(11) of the Municipal Code;
- Any application for an order and/or any order lifting a prohibition on leasing of a property declared to be a disorderly rental premises pursuant to enforcement of Section 52.06(c)(11) of the Municipal Code;
- Any other information concerning an instance where the Chief of Police, his designee, and/or any other City official or employee has enforced Section 52.06(c) in a situation involving an incident and/or allegation of actual and/or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault;



- Any other documents that provide a summary and/or overview of actions taken by the Chief of Police, his designee, and/or any other City official or employee to enforce Section 52.06 of the Municipal Code;
- Any other correspondence in whatever form, including email, generated between the Chief of Police, his designee, and/or any other City official or employee and any landlord regarding possible enforcement of a Crime Free Housing Lease Addendum required by Section 10.10(c) of the Municipal Code;
- All documents concerning any administrative and/or judicial enforcement proceedings initiated by the City regarding violations of Section 10.10 (Rental Agreements – Required Terms) and/or Section 10.16 (Registration and Educational Programming) of the Municipal Code; and
- All documents in whatever form, including videos and/or PowerPoint presentations, provided to attendees and/or otherwise utilized as part of the educational program for landlords required by Section 10.16 of the Municipal Code.

For each of the above identified categories, I am seeking only those documents created and/or updated since December 1, 2012.

If any of these documents are available via the internet, please advise me of the proper site for downloading these documents.

I am asking for a waiver of the fees incurred for the information I seek. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act permits you to waive or reduce fees if you determine that doing so would serve the public interest. 5 ILCS 140/6(c). A “waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is to disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.” *Id.* I am making this request in order to assess whether the City’s enforcement of the Disorderly House Ordinance may have an adverse impact on low-income tenant households, including minority families and/or survivors of domestic violence or sexual violence. This matter directly affects the health, safety, welfare and legal rights of low-income renters, particularly low-income women, and these records are not being sought for any personal or commercial benefit. Therefore, it would be appropriate for you to waive any fees associated with reproducing the records we have requested. In the event that you deny my request to waive costs, please consult me in advance of copying to discuss what costs these requests may incur.

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(d), I expect you to comply with or deny my written request within 5 working days of its receipt. You may contact me at (312) 368-2679 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Katherine E. Walz
Director, Housing Justice



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