

Council E-mails

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January 7, 2008

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CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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December 17, 2009

Virginia Simon
830 West Washington Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated December 2, 2009
09-290 Simon

Dear Ms. Simon:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated December 2, 2009, received December 3, 2009, and extended to December 24, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meetings which began on January 7, 2008" is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

1. Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. MCL 15.243(1)(a)

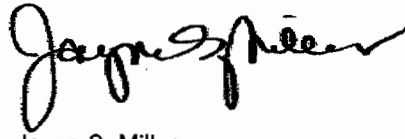
The City does not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Rather, it provides the documents only to comply in good faith with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, and not for any other purpose.

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

Your documents may be picked up in the Community Services Office (Sixth Floor, City Hall), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne S. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

Foondle, Laurie

From: vsimon@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 12:29 PM
To: Foondle, Laurie
Cc: virginia
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: FOIA request

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From: vsimon@comcast.net
To: cdking@a2gov.org
Cc: virginia
Sent: Wed, 2 Dec 2009 16:59:54 +0000 (UTC)
Subject: Fwd: FOIA request

Carol King
FOIA Coordinator
City of Ann Arbor
100 N Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor MI 48104

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the the council meetings which began on **January 7, 2008** but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the city attorney's office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

If you determine that the contents of an electronic communication, in whole or in part, is subject to a disclosure exemption under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, please provide the electronic communication, including the header information, with the exempt portions redacted.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter a description of the item and the statutory provision that exempts it from disclosure. If you determine that an item is exempt from disclosure under

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7:06 - 7:42 pm

M.C.L. sec 15.243(1)(m) (communications and notes within a public body), please include an explanation of why the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Upon identifying the records that should be disclosed under this request, please notify me of the estimated cost of providing copies to me. I will accept the material in electronic machine readable format to reduce costs. If the costs will exceed \$25, I would like to exercise my section M.C.L. Sec. 15.233(3) right to inspect the public records prior to incurring any cost for duplication. Please contact me at vsimon@comcast.net or 734 662 5035 to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,

Virginia Simon
830 W.Washington
Ann Arbor, MI
48103

12/2/2009



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December 10, 2009

Virginia Simon
830 West Washington Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated December 2, 2009
09-290 Simon

Dear Ms. Simon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request, dated December 2, 2009 and received December 3, 2009, for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meetings which began on January 7, 2008." The City of Ann Arbor, by this letter, is giving notice, as required under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, to extend for not more than ten business days the period during which it will respond to the above-stated request. You may expect a response by December 24, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6000 ext. 42198.

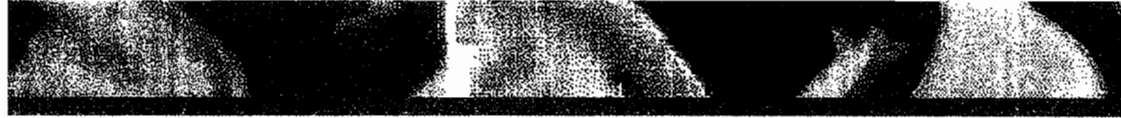
Sincerely,

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

Foondle, Laurie

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:47 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Easthope, Christopher; Fraser, Roger; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Kunselman, Stephen; Lowenstein, Joan; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Schopieray, Christine; Suarez, Ron; Teall, Margie
Attachments: C-2 Ord Attachment.pdf; C-2.pdf

*Anissa R. Bowden
Council Administrative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk
734.994.2892
734.994.8296 (Fax)*



12/10/2009

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10:1a OF CHAPTER 126 (TRAFFIC) OF TITLE X
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

The City of Ann Arbor Ordains:

Section 1. That Section 10:1a of Chapter 126 of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended to read as follows:

10:1a. Adoption of Michigan Vehicle Code.

(1) ~~Effective May 1, 2005,~~ The City of Ann Arbor adopts by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923 and as subsequently amended, except for MCL 257.627, 257.628, and 257.629. A complete copy of the code is available to the public for inspection in the Office of the Ann Arbor City Clerk.

(2) The penalties provided by the Michigan vehicle code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that no ordinance violation shall be punishable by more than 93 days imprisonment.

(3) The provisions of the Michigan vehicle code adopted in this section supersede all provisions of this chapter that substantially correspond to provisions in the Michigan Vehicle Code, except for Sections 10:44, 10:45, 10:46, 10:47, and 10:48.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the tenth day following legal publication.

Foondle, Laurie

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:28 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Subject: FW: Call to Action from CTN, Cable Channels 16, 17, 18 & 19

Attachments: Call to Action.doc; Call to Action.pdf

From: Visovatti, Lucy Ann
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:54 PM
To: Visovatti, Lucy Ann
Subject: Call to Action from CTN, Cable Channels 16, 17, 18 & 19

From: Visovatti, Lucy Ann
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:10 PM
To: Visovatti, Lucy Ann
Subject: Call to Action from CTN, Cable Channels 16, 17, 18 & 19

The Michigan legislature is poised to take action concerning the channel placement of PEG channels THIS WEEK. We need you to contact your legislators TODAY. *You may have previously done this, but it is extremely important that they hear from you again on this issue.*

Please see the attached letters from CTN Manager Ralph Salmeron (both in Word and PDF) with all of the details, including a sample letter that you can use as a template. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thanks for your support of this important community media resource!

With appreciation,

Lucy Ann Visovatti

Assistant Manager
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Call to
Action.doc (30 KB)



Call to
Action.pdf (138 KB)

January 7, 2008

Subject: **CALL TO ACTION !**

Dear Community Television Network Supporter:

We, the staff of CTN, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you've shown us over the last couple of weeks. It is important that you know that you are not alone in helping us in this struggle. Communities all across the state have rallied to support their PEG stations. As some of you may have experienced, the Michigan Public Service Commission's voicemail and email boxes were flooded with calls and letters to the point of overflowing during the holidays. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

However, we need your help again! In a show of bi-partisan support, State Representatives and Senators are planning to introduce an amendment to Public Act 480 this **Wednesday, January 9**, when both the House and the Senate convene at Noon at the Capitol. This is the first day both branches will be back in session after the holiday break, and the only day this week.

We are requesting that you send a new email, see sample text attached, to your elected officials in Lansing **no later than Tuesday, January 8, 2008** so that they receive the letter and know that their support is needed for an amendment to P.A. 480.

The purpose of the letter is to urge support of an amendment that would keep PEG channels at their existing locations. The legislators supporting this amendment feel there can be strong bi-partisan support for this in Lansing and need our help in alerting OUR legislators to support it.

Sincerely,

Ralph Salmeron
Manager
Community Television Network

--- Sample Letter to adapt and send to your State Senators and Representatives---

January 7, 2008

Your State Senator/State Representative
Lansing office

Dear Senator / Representative:

As one of the more than 85,000 Comcast cable subscribers and 300,000+ residents of the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti area, I would like to extend our community's wholehearted support and enthusiastic appreciation to you for supporting proposed legislation amending the Michigan Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act to keep our public access, educational and government (PEG) access channels at current positions on our cable dial.

Prior to enactment of the Public Act 480, the City of Ann Arbor crafted mutually beneficial local franchise agreements with Comcast to maintain local control, preserve mutual benefits therein, and keep our channels at their current locations--positions that the local PEG channels have enjoyed for more than 34 years. An unintended consequence of Public Act 480 has stripped those legal agreements and given video providers, in Comcast's view, the authority to move PEG channels without prior approval of municipalities, townships and villages.

In addition to requiring basic tier customers to obtain a digital converter box to view PEG programming, we believe that Comcast's planned channel move on Jan. 15 will result in added costs, inconvenience and confusion with respect to viewers, your constituents, who wish to view PEG programming. We believe this measure negatively affects poor, elderly and socio-economically challenged residents.

On Dec. 17, 2007 the Ann Arbor City Council approved a resolution requesting the preservation of existing channel locations for PEG channels. The resolution also asks video providers to agree that the channels will not be changed in the future without the written consent of the government entity or entities that provide programming on the affected channels. The resolution also asks the legislature to immediately amend Public Act 480.

I respectfully ask you to support the proposed legislation expected to be filed as a Speaker's Priority Request on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

If you have any questions for me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME
Your Address

Send to:

Senator: Liz Brater: <mailto:senLBrater@senate.michigan.gov>
Senator Randy Richardville: <mailto:senRRichardville@senate.michigan.gov>
Rep. Rebekah Warren <mailto:rebekahwarren@house.mi.gov>
Rep. Pam Byrnes: pambyrnes@house.mi.gov
Rep. Kathy Angerer: <mailto:kathyangerer@house.mi.gov>
Rep: Alma Wheeler Smith: <mailto:almasmith@house.mi.gov>

Please copy <mailto:ctn@a2ctn.org> in your correspondence.

Foondle, Laurie

From: Teryl Asher [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 9:26 PM
To: Kathgdsn [REDACTED]
Cc: Lbriggz [REDACTED]; kimhawes [REDACTED]; WKupsky@dmc.org; randyhawes [REDACTED]; Hieftje, John
Subject: Re: February 24 Musical Soiree

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12/10/2009

Start the year off right. Easy ways to stay in shape in the new year.

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.516 / Virus Database: 269.17.13/1211 - Release Date: 1/6/2008 11:57 AM

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Foondle, Laurie

From: Dan Lattner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:40 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Re: We need to pay you!

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Foondle, Laurie

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:04 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: DS-6

Good question.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:02 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: DS-6

Margie just wrote with a question about it.

I like your idea-- postpone with no date. If nobody objects, then it's postponed indefinitely. If they ask for a date, what do we say???

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:00 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: DS-6

We can just postpone without a date certain and see how that goes. Do you think anyone will debate this.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:59 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: DS-6

Holy moly, huh?? Can't we just move to postpone indefinitely right away, and then debate that motion to postpone?

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:57 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: DS-6

I was wrong and Stephen is checking it now in my Roberts Rules of Order.

The motion is to Postpone Indefinitely requires a second. If we do not want to debate this, an immediate motion should be made to call the question which requires a second, but is not debatable and goes to a vote. Then the vote on the Postpone Indefinitely.

More in a minute.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:33 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: DS-6

So you're doing this? It's a table not a postponement, right?

Foondle, Laurie

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:59 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE: F-2 discussion...

I understand the cans, but I thought compost cans were going to be just like the garbage cans and rolled out this year.

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:44 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE: F-2 discussion...

Excellent! We'll still hear about the cans, but I understand that argument anyhow.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:42 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE: F-2 discussion...

I agree. I asked Sue to prepare necessary lingo to approve #1 (the cans) but reject #2 (the compost pick-up).

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:41 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: F-2 discussion...

We need to talk about this Compost Pick-up change, don't you all think? We had to extend compost pick-up this year. Unless they want branches and other material out on the street, I don't think this will go over very well. Thoughts?

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Foondle, Laurie

From: huntersofa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:32 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: another development

At apartmentratings.com, Alabama, Birmingham, Collegiate Hall Properties now called Campus Heights, scrolling down number 68 with 13% approval rating. Another Wood Properties recently sold. I've been trying to find something positive about any of these student developments and have found nothing. They are simply too big to be managed well. This is not something we want in Ann Arbor.
Stephanie Hunter

More new features than ever. Check out the new [AOL Mail!](#)

12/10/2009

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 7:21 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Postema, Stephen
Subject: B-1 vote

Council:

As you know, I have historically recused myself from voting on matters involving McKinley because, although I do not do any real estate law work for McKinley, my law firm has done such work. My firm no longer represents McKinley and did not perform any work on this matter. Accordingly, per the City Attorney, I am obligated to vote on the matter and will not be recusing myself.

-Leigh