

# NORTH AUGUSTA

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## SOUTH CAROLINA'S RIVERFRONT

FOIA 2019-67

**Date:** September 17, 2019

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**RE:** FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Copy to:  
Kelly Zier - City Attorney  
Robert Pettit - Mayor  
Todd Glover – City Administrator  
Rachelle Moody – Assistant City  
Administrator

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of North Augusta has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request the 16th day of September 2019. Such request has been forwarded to the appropriate department for response. In addition, a copy of said request has been forwarded to the office of the City Attorney for his review.

The City Attorney will make a determination as to whether the request is a proper request under the FOIA act. The appropriate department will advise as to what materials, documents, etc. may be available. That department will also provide information indicating the approximate time involved related to the retrieval of the documentation, and also the amount of material that would need to be copied in order to comply with the request. At such time as a response is received from the City Attorney and the appropriate department, we will then notify you of the response of the City to your FOIA request. In the event that the request is deemed appropriate and permissible under the FOIA act, we will advise you of same and also provide an estimate of the costs that would be related to responding to said request. In the event that it is determined that the FOIA request is not proper and not permitted by the act, you'll also be advised of that decision.

A response to your request will be made within the time limits as established by section 20-4-30(c) of the FOIA act. Specifically, this requires that said response be provided within 10 business days for any record requested that is less than 24 months old. A request for a record that is more than 24 months old, is to be responded to within 20 business days from the date of the receipt of your request. The City would not normally require the full period in order to respond, but reserves its right under the act to do so.

In the event that the response to your request is positive and the costs associated with retrieving and providing the data is minimal, in most cases, the City would forward the documentation to you with a statement for the costs. An example of charges would be 15¢ per page for black and white copies, 20¢ per page for color copies. The City does not charge for search and retrieval for fifteen minutes or less. For any time required to research and retrieve the requested information more than 15 minutes, the City charges, a minimum of \$8.00 per 30 minutes. Pursuant to the act, the charge for searching, retrieving, and redacting records is not to exceed the hourly wage of the lowest paid employee on the public body staff, who has the skill and training to fulfill the request. Therefore, the charge could be in excess of the \$8.00 per 30 minutes, if a

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regular clerical person is unable to perform the services. The specific FOIA Fee schedule, as adopted by the City is available for review online. In the event that the costs are considered to be of more than a nominal amount, the City would reserve the right to require a deposit of 25% of anticipated costs to be made before assembling, copying and delivering the materials. This would also provide to you the opportunity to determine if you desired to proceed with the request in light of the costs.

**NOTICE:** SOUTH CAROLINA LAW PROVIDES THAT "IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY OBTAIN OR USE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM A PUBLIC BODY FOR COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION."



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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk  
City of North Augusta, South Carolina

**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 8:47 PM  
**To:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** Fw: Request For eMail Addresses For a Portion of a Public Body

I sent the below to you yesterday (Sun.). You've always been in timely response to such simple requests. However, today is Monday and a council-meetings Monday at that.

So, you've likely been a very busy lady this particular Monday.

Following sending you this email, I'm sending what I requested as a FOIA request because the JCCPC is a council-authorized, public body. PLEASE, only use that if it becomes necessary!!! If you have to do that, such shall become most meaningful.

I, as a public citizen and a long-time resident of this City, only wish to send a P&C email to each member and to each of the four council members not on the JCCPC. As already stated, it contains information and my own suggestions for their consideration.

Thanks, as always, for your help.

Bestest,

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Sharon Lamar <slamar@northaugusta.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2019, 11:54:38 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Request For eMail Addresses For a Portion of a Public Body

Sharon,

This public body is the John C. Calhoun Park Committee (JCCPC) as approved by Council on 03/18/19, and whose names are shown in the approved minutes of that meeting.

I have the email addresses for four of its members, the three from City Council and that of Dr. Mark Newell.

Would you please provide me the email addresses, which I do not have, of these committee members: Mr. Charles Allen, Mr. Milledge Murray, Ms. Trina Mackie, Mr. John Felak, Mr. Tony Carr, and Ms. Mandy Nelson.

I desire to send each individual committee member an email containing valuable information and a suggestion concerning their task.

I also plan to copy the other four members of Council, who are not members of the committee, to get them on board with what I state because the recommendations from the JCCPC will need the attention of all council members.

This is something I need to keep personal and confidential until my email has been discussed and a reply has been received by me from the committee. I do not wish my comments to become public record before each JCCPC member can read and discuss with other members what I have stated.

Following that, I can send you a copy as City Clerk for your records.

Thanks, Sharon.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 9:14 PM  
**To:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** FOIA Request

Sharon,

I, as a public citizen and a long-time resident of this City, wish to send a P&C email to each member of the John C. Calhoun Park Committee (JCCPC) and copy each of the four council members not on the JCCPC. My email contains pertinent information about their work and suggestions for their consideration.

I already have the email addresses of the Mayor and the two members of Council on the JCCPC. I also have Dr. Newell's email address as well as the four members of Council not members.

Since this is a public body established by City Council's passing of Res. 2019-10 as each member is named in the approved minutes of the Council meeting of March 18, 2019, I hereby use the tenets of the SC FOIA to request the email addresses of those members of the JCCPC I do not possess.

Those are: Mr. Charles Allen, Mr. Milledge Murray, Ms. Trina Mackie, Mr. John Felak, Mr. Tony Carr, and Ms. Mandy Nelson. Their email addresses should be on file with the City in one manner or another.

I will keep those email addresses personal and confidential so that singular piece of personal information regarding those members shall not be made public by me now or in the future. As an interested and involved public citizen, I only wish to address each of those stated in the first paragraph, above, with the same text.

As always, thank you for your great assistance.

Best regards to you and your family

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North Augusta, SC 29841-2173  
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