

# NORTH AUGUSTA

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## SOUTH CAROLINA'S RIVERFRONT

FOIA 2020-71

**Date:** December 8, 2020

**TO:** Jeff Page  
[ipage@partneresi.com](mailto:ipage@partneresi.com)

**Respond to:**  
Mary Illian  
[millian@partneresi.com](mailto:millian@partneresi.com)

Copy to:  
Kelly Zier - City Attorney  
Tom Zeaser – Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Libby Hodges – Director of Planning & Development  
John Thomas- Director of Public Safety  
Mark Timmerman – Superintendent of Building Standards

**RE:** FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of North Augusta has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request the 8th day of December 2020. 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.

The response as required by the Act as referred to in the above paragraph is NOT the delivery of the documents. It is a response advising the person making the FOIA request of the City's determination as to the public availability, of the requested public records. The ACT further provides that if the request is granted, the document must be furnished or made available for inspection or copying no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the final determination as to the availability of the documents is made, unless the record are more than twenty-four (24) months old, in which case the Public Body is to provide such records no late than

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thirty-five (35) calendar days from the date on which the final determination was provided. In the event that a deposit for the costs of providing the documentation is required, the providing of the documents would be based upon the date on which the deposit is received. In such case, the time remains thirty (30) or thirty-five (35) calendar days based upon the age of the documents requested.

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 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.” Section 30-2-50



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

**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** Page, Jeff <JPage@partneresi.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2020 7:28 PM  
**To:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** Verizon; Parcel: 10 14 12 003, 1057 Edgefield Road, North Augusta, SC 29860

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Reference: Verizon; Parcel: 10 14 12 003  
1057 Edgefield Road  
North Augusta, SC 29860  
Project Number: 20-300126.3

Planning & Development

Dear Zoning Administrator,

Partner Engineering and Science, a national Real Estate Due Diligence Firm, is preparing a Property Condition Report on the above-named development for a financial services client. In accordance with rules and regulations of conventional Freedom of Information Act provisions, we are requesting the following information to include in our report. If I have forwarded this request to the wrong department or person, if you would kindly forward it to the correct department, or call/email me to let me know who the correct contacts are, I would appreciate it.

*(Zoning letter not required, verbal, or reply email is more than adequate)*

1. What is the current zoning designation for the property?

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2. Is the current use of the property compliant with the current designation?

Compliant use      Legal, non-compliant use      Non-compliant use

(If not compliant, please provide details as applicable)

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3. Are there any current zoning department violations against the property?      Yes      No

(If Yes, please provide details below or by attachment)

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We appreciate your assistance with this information. Please return email, or fax this page and any additional attachments to 704-978-8583.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey T. Page, PE  
Project Manager/Senior Engineer

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**PARTNER ENGINEERING NORTH CAROLINA, PLLC**

C: 980-308-2089 | F: 704-978-8583

**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** Page, Jeff <JPage@partneresi.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** Verizon; Parcel: 10 14 12 003, 1057 Edgefield Road, North Augusta, SC 29860

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Public Safety

Dear Fire Marshal,

Partner Engineering and Science, a national Real Estate Due Diligence Firm, is preparing a Property Condition Report on the above-named development for a financial services client. In accordance with rules and regulations of conventional Freedom of Information Act provisions, we are requesting the following information to include in our report.

1. Are there any current fire department violations against the property? Yes No  
(If Yes, please provide details below or by attachment)

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2. How frequently is the property inspected by the fire department?  
During construction activity      To investigate a citizen complaint      Annually  
Never      Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of last inspection (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

We appreciate your assistance with this information. Please return email, or fax this page and any additional attachments to 704-978-8583.

Respectfully,

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Project Manager/Senior Engineer

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**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** Inspections, Building  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** Page, Jeff  
**Cc:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** RE: Verizon; Parcel: 10 14 12 003, 1057 Edgefield Road, North Augusta, SC 29860

Good morning mr Page. all FOIA requests must be directed to Sharron Lamar @ ( slamar@northaugusta.net ) 441-4202 with the city first. thanks for the assistance and look forward to helping you soon.

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*Building Standards*

Dear Building Official,

Partner Engineering and Science, a national Real Estate Due Diligence Firm, is preparing a Property Condition Report on the above-named development for a financial services client. In accordance with rules and regulations of conventional Freedom of Information Act provisions, we are requesting the following information to include in our report. *(letter not required, verbal, or reply email is more than adequate)*

1. Are there any current building department violations against the property?      Yes    No  
(If Yes, please provide details below or by attachment)

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2. How frequently is the property inspected by the building department?  
During construction activity      To investigate a citizen complaint      Annually  
Never      Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of last inspection (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

4. When was the original core/shell Certificate of Occupancy issued? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is a copy of the original core/shell Certificate of Occupancy available?      Yes    No

6. Are there any open building department permits?      Yes    No  
(If Yes, please describe below or by attachment)

Respectfully,

Jeffrey T. Page, PE  
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