

# NORTH AUGUSTA

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## SOUTH CAROLINA'S RIVERFRONT

FOIA 2023-28

**Date:** March 22, 2023

**TO:** Jo Beth White

Copy to:  
Kelly Zier - City Attorney  
Tommy Paradise – Director of Planning & Development

**RE:** FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of North Augusta has received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request the 21st day of March 2023. 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 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

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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**

*Jamie Paul*

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Jamie Paul, City Clerk, CMC

City of North Augusta, South Carolina

Use this form to make an Electronic FOIA (E-FOIA) request. The use of this form is voluntary. FOIA requests can also be submitted to the City by personal delivery, mail, fax or email.

**\* Date and Time**

03/21/2023 12:00 AM

**\* Full Name**

jo beth white

**\* Full Address**

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**\* Phone**

**Email**

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Description of Request: Please state what public records you are requesting and include the following: company name, addresses, specific dates and times or date range, and any other information relevant to the request.

**\* I request the following information under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act**

My company is completing a feasibility study for self-storage and rv/boat storage in your jurisdiction. We are needing to know if there are any of these types of projects in planning, permitting or under construction. Two questionnaires are attached to assist you. Thank you in advance for your help. Jo Beth White Development Services Inc. 9494333395

**\* FOIA Document Type**

City General

**\* Select purpose of the request**

Other: research

**\* FOIA allows agencies to charge fees for processing FOIA requests. Are you willing to pay a fee?**

Yes

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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INC.**

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Del Norte, CO

FROM THE CITY OF: \_\_\_\_\_ FROM PLANNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RE: Self-Storage and RV Storage Projects in Planning FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ -

Our firm is working on a feasibility study and market study for your area for self-storage and RV Storage. We would like to include projects currently in planning or under construction in your area. If you could take a moment to fill out and fax back the following information it would be greatly appreciated. We recognize your time at the counter is valuable and by requesting a fax response we hope minimize your time spent assisting us.

If you have a document which shows all the projects in planning on a matrix and it would be easier for you to forward this, that would be fine. ***If we can be added to your agenda distributions, please let us know your procedures***

1) Are there any **self-storage** projects in planning or under construction in your jurisdiction  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, could you provide the following information on each project

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address or Parcel # of subject project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planner assigned to this project \_\_\_\_\_ Planning # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate size of project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address or Parcel # of subject project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planner assigned to this project \_\_\_\_\_ Planning # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate size of project \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Address or Parcel # of subject project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planner assigned to this project \_\_\_\_\_ Planning # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate size of project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

2) Are there any **RV/Boat Storage** projects in planning or under construction in your jurisdiction  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, could you provide the following information on each project

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address or Parcel # of subject project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planner assigned to this project \_\_\_\_\_ Planning # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate size of project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your prompt response to our inquiry. If you have any questions, we may be reached by mobile, fax or email.

Jo Beth White, President



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FROM THE CITY OF: \_\_\_\_\_ PLANNERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RE: Self-Storage and RV Storage Zoning FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Our firm is working on a feasibility study and market study for your area for self-storage and RV Storage.

We need to know the zoning criteria for self-storage and RV Storage within your municipality

If you have a document which shows all the zoning on a matrix and it would be easier for you to forward that that would be fine.

1) **What zones is self-storage (mini-storage) allowed within**

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Does the self-storage (mini-storage) zone have special requirements, if so, what are they

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Do you have any special criteria that limit self-storage development, such as:

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2) **What zones is RV-Boat and vehicle storage allowed within**

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Does the RV-Boat-Vehicle Storage zone have special requirements, if so, what are they

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Do you have any special criteria that limit self-storage development, such as:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you could take the time to fill out the above and email back to me or send to me it would be greatly appreciated.

email: [JoBeth@StorageFeasibility.com](mailto:JoBeth@StorageFeasibility.com)

Jo Beth White, President