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Town of Carrollton
206 W. Washington Street
Carrollton, MO 64633

Subject: Response to Deposit Request and Revision of Sunshine Request

Dear Dana,

Thank you for your response to my request.

I am writing in response to the Town of Carrollton's requirement of a \$350.00 deposit for fulfilling my Sunshine request regarding calls for service related to smoke disturbances caused by recreational and/or open fires. I would like to address several points in relation to this matter and formally revise my request.

1. Inconsistent Deposit Requirements

Previously, I have submitted similar requests related to noise disturbances, and no deposit was required. It is evident that this deposit is an unusual barrier, seemingly aimed at discouraging my access to these records. However, I remain resolute in obtaining the requested information.

2. Anticipated Volume of Records is a Concern

The Town's indication that such a significant deposit is necessary raises a serious question about the volume of calls related to smoke disturbances. If the number of records is indeed so high that a deposit of \$350.00 is warranted, this is a major red flag that deserves further investigation.

To that end, I am formally revising my request to include details regarding the process the Town will use to locate the requested reports. It is difficult to believe that physical documents must be manually sifted through to fulfill my request, given the widespread use of Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems. CAD systems should make locating and printing records relatively straightforward. This inefficiency piques my interest further, as it raises questions about whether other city processes are similarly outdated and burdensome to taxpayers.

3. Non-Commercial Nature and Public Interest

I want to reiterate that the information I am requesting is not for any commercial purpose. Additionally, I intend to share the results of this request with the public, as the information is of significant public interest. Residents of Carrollton have the right to be informed about how such matters are handled, and any inefficiencies uncovered could directly affect taxpayers.

4. Request for Clarification on the Records Search Process

Please confirm whether you would like me to submit a separate Sunshine request regarding the Town's process for locating and producing the requested records. Like the request for calls for service, this additional request will serve no commercial purpose and will be in the public interest.

I look forward to your response and hope the Town will proceed in a transparent and efficient manner. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

Christopher Larsen

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Larsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".