

Redaction Action Challenge

Overview

When it comes to safeguarding the data and information maintained by the city, there are many factors to consider and many regulations that affect our conduct. One such regulation is the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA). As a state statute, the MGDPA governs how we classify, maintain and release information. While we emphasize a focus on transparency and accountability in our work, there are many instances where we must also be vigilant in our protection of information that is classified as private, confidential, or otherwise not public. An example where we often need to apply these protections is the release of information to an individual or entity making a data practices request. When fulfilling a request, we must redact or remove any not public data prior to release. Today you can test your knowledge of government data privacy and protection by reviewing and redacting the document on the backside of this page.

DIRECTIONS

Review the document on the backside of this page. Redact any information that you believe should be classified as not public and not released. You may either print the document and redact a physical copy by blacking out the not public information, or, if you have access, utilize a program such as Adobe Acrobat Pro to apply the redactions electronically.

*Note – When the city provides redacted information to a data requestor, we are required to cite each statutory section under which the data has been withheld. Bonus points will be awarded for providing the correct statutory citations along with your redactions. The full text of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act can be viewed at: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=13>

Once you have completed the redactions, you may return the document to the City Clerk’s Office in Room 304 of City Hall or email the document to records@minneapolismn.gov with the subject line “Redaction Challenge”. If you would like to be eligible for prize, please add your name and contact information below.

Name:

Email:

From: [Schaffer, Josh J.](#)
To: [Olson, Kristen L.](#)
Subject: Data Request
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 10:07:40 AM

Kristen,

Please see the data request copied below which I received earlier today. Could you please review and respond to the requestor directly. I also wanted to let you know that I'm sorry to hear about your recent medical struggle with MGDPA. On a more pleasant note, I'm looking forward to your 28th birthday party on the 31st.

From: John Q. Public <johnq@publicmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:27 AM
To: Schaffer, Josh <josh.schaffer@minneapolismn.gov>
Subject: Request for Information

Mr. Schaffer,

I am writing to request information that the City of Minneapolis may maintain on me, John Q. Public, with regard to recent legal issues I have been having in my neighborhood. To aid in this request, my social security number is 123-45-6789 and my address is 1230 Road Ave. N.

As a background on my situation, my neighbor, Steven Sampleguy, who lives at 1238 Road Ave. N., recently called the city to complain about the property that lies between our houses at 1234 Road Ave. N. I have also made several complaints regarding this property related to excessive noise and the keeping of miniature donkeys on a city parcel. Our entire block is frustrated with this property owner and the City has made many attempts to resolve the situation to date to no avail. I have personally spoken with City Inspector, Edward Example, (Employee ID number 123456) on multiple occasions regarding this matter. I would like to receive any and all data that the city maintains regarding this matter, to include any correspondence or communication, written or electronic data, drone surveillance footage and all loose post-it notes. Please have this data available for my inspection no later than the close of business today. I understand that I may be charged for any copies that I request. If there are fees associated with this request, please charge them to my Visa, card number 1234-5678-9101-1213.

I would like to note that I have also recently learned that City Inspector Example is under investigation for a disciplinary matter regarding his alleged theft of leftover cod filets from a break room refrigerator. As this may affect the City's response time, please also include any information you have on this investigation so I may add it my records regarding follow-up on my complaints. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at 612-123-4567.

Josh Schaffer, MPA

City Records Manager

City of Minneapolis – City Clerk

350 S. Fifth St. – Room #304