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Carmen J. Morris
City Clerk, City of Biddeford
205 Main Street
Biddeford, ME 04005

*Re: Freedom of Access Act Request
By Email and Regular Mail*

Dear Carmen:

I am writing to request information from the City of Biddeford in accordance with the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S. § 401-414. Specifically, I request that the City make available for inspection and copying, in accordance with 1 M.R.S. § 408-A, all public records, as defined below, in the possession or control of the City (including its employees) that relate to the following:

- A. Any public record regarding the habitability and/or physical condition of the building located at 10 Clifford Street, Biddeford, ME 04005, including, but not limited to descriptions, accounts, or photographs of that building's condition.
- B. Any public record containing memoranda, reports, correspondence, writings, and or photographs—whether in electronic format or otherwise—that discuss or mention the physical condition of the building located at 10 Clifford Street, Biddeford, ME 04005.
- C. Any public record regarding lead inspections, environmental hazards, lead grant applications, and loans made under the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program for the building located at 10 Clifford Street, Biddeford, ME 04005.
- D. Any public record, including body camera footage if available, regarding police activity at 10 Clifford Street, Biddeford, ME 04005 on May 22, 2021.

To the extent that the City of Biddeford had possession or control of public records that are covered by this request at one time, but no longer has possession or control of those materials, please identify those public records, describe the nature of the disposition of the records, and provide contact information for the current custodian of such records.

If the City of Biddeford objects to any of the requested public records on the basis that they are not subject to the Freedom of Access Act, please describe in your reply to this request the

nature of the materials that the City of Biddeford refuses to provide and indicate the basis for the refusal.

For the purposes of this request, the following terms have the indicated meaning:

- A. "Public record" means public record as defined by 1 M.R.S. § 402(3); specifically, "any written, printed or graphic matter or any mechanical or electronic data compilation from which information can be obtained, directly or after translation into a form susceptible of visual or aural comprehension."
- B. The City of Biddeford means the municipality and its subdivisions, including, but not limited to the Biddeford Fire Department, Biddeford Code Enforcement, and the Biddeford Police Department.

Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc. is a non-profit legal aid law firm that serves the public interest for low-income Mainers. Because this request is not for pecuniary or commercial purposes, we request a waiver of all fees associated with this request. If a waiver of all fees is not possible, PTLA will pay all reasonable costs permitted by statute. At this time, we agree to pay \$25.00 for the applicable and reasonable costs permitted by statute. If a fee is assessed, we ask that a detailed bill be provided.

If possible, please send an electronic copy of all items requested to mspalding@ptla.org. Otherwise, please mail copies of all items to the following:

Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.
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88 Federal St.
P.O. Box 547
Portland, ME 04112

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions at mspalding@ptla.org or (207) 400-3211. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael Spalding