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The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Annual Freedom of Information Act Report for Fiscal Year 2009
October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

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PROCESSING OF FOIA REQUESTS

1. Number of FOIA requests received during reporting period ……..... 728
2. Number of FOIA requests pending on October 1, 2008…….... 169
3. Number of FOIA requests pending on September 30, 2009……. 256
4. The average number of days unfilled requests have been pending before each public body as of September 30, 2009 …….. 40

DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS

5. Number of requests granted, in whole……... 432
6. Number of requests granted, in part, denied, in part…….. 27
7. Number of requests denied, in whole…… 2
8. Number of requests withdrawn…….. 7
9. Number of requests referred or forwarded to other public bodies……... 4
10. Other disposition …….. 1

NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT RELIED UPON EACH FOIA EXEMPTION

11. Exemption 1 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1)……..... 1
12. Exemption 2 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2)……..... 36
13. Exemption 3 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(3)
    - Subcategory (A)…….. 1
    - Subcategory (B)…….…… 0
    - Subcategory (C) ……..…… 0
    - Subcategory (D) …….…..... 0
    - Subcategory (E) ……..... 0
    - Subcategory (F) ……. 0
14. Exemption 4 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(4) ……...….. 4
15. Exemption 5 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(5)……..……..... 1
16. Exemption 6 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(6)
    - Subcategory (A)……..……..... 0
    - Subcategory (B)……... 0

17. Exemption 7 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(7)……..... 2
18. Exemption 8 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(8)……..... 2
19. Exemption 9 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(9)……..... 1
20. Exemption 10 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(10)……..... 0
21. Exemption 11 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(11)……... 0
22. Exemption 12 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(12)……... 1

TIME-FRAMES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

23. Number of FOIA requests processed within 15 days……. 175
24. Number of FOIA requests processed between 16 and 25 days…….. 97
25. Number of FOIA requests processed in 26 days or more…….. 200
26. Median number of days to process FOIA Requests…….…… 40

RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

27. Number of staff hours devoted to processing FOIA requests…… 10870
28. Total dollar amount expended by public body for processing FOIA requests……... 200,096

FEES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

29. Total amount of fees collected by public body……...…… 5150.75

PROSECUTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(d) OF THE D.C. FOIA

30. Number of employees found guilty of a misdemeanor for arbitrarily or capriciously violating any provision of the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act ……..…. 0

QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTION OR SUMMARY STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 208(a)(9) of the D.C. FOIA, provide in the space below or as an attachment, "[a] qualitative description or summary statement, and conclusions drawn from the data regarding compliance [with the provisions of the Act]."

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program is Reporting 728 FOIA request received during Fiscal Year 2009 (FY 2009). Of these requests four hundred seventy two (472) were disposed of. One hundred sixty nine (169) cases were pending on 10/1/2008. In processing the FY 2009 requests DCRA granted in full four hundred thirty two (432) requests, granted in part or denied in part twenty seven (27) requests and denied in whole two (2) requests. Additionally, ten (10) requests were withdrawn, seven (7) were referred to other public bodies and one was "other disposition". The number of pending FOIA requests at DCRA at the end of Fiscal year 2009 was two hundred fifty six (256). he greater part of this backlog can be attributed to staff reductions and an increase in the number of FOIA requests received. Currently, in addition to their other duties, managers must now retrieve and submit documents.