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Department of Housing and Community Development

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

FOIA Officer Reporting Vonda Orders

PROCESSING OF FOIA REQUESTS

1. Number of FOIA requests received during reporting period ……..... 88
2. Number of FOIA requests pending on October 1, 2008……... 4
3. Number of FOIA requests pending on September 30, 2009……. 1
4. The average number of days unfilled requests have been pending before each public body as of September 30, 2009 …….. 12

DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS

5. Number of requests granted, in whole……... 53
6. Number of requests granted, in part, denied, in part…….. 2
7. Number of requests denied, in whole…… 1
8. Number of requests withdrawn…….. 24
9. Number of requests referred or forwarded to other public bodies……... 7
10. Other disposition …….. 1

NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT RELIED UPON EACH FOIA EXEMPTION

11. Exemption 1 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(1)……..... 3
12. Exemption 2 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(2)……..... 2
13. Exemption 3 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(3)
    - Subcategory (A)…….. 0
    - 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) ……...….. 2
15. Exemption 5 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(5)……..……..... 0
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)……..... 0
18. Exemption 8 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(8)……..... 0
19. Exemption 9 - D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)(9)……..... 0
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)……... 0

TIME-FRAMES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

23. Number of FOIA requests processed within 15 days……. 57
24. Number of FOIA requests processed between 16 and 25 days…….. 20
25. Number of FOIA requests processed in 26 days or more…….. 10
26. Median number of days to process FOIA Requests…….…… 12

RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

27. Number of staff hours devoted to processing FOIA requests…… 1300
28. Total dollar amount expended by public body for processing FOIA requests……... $69,124

FEES FOR PROCESSING FOIA REQUESTS

29. Total amount of fees collected by public body……...…… $1,575.0

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]."

In FY 2009, the Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") received and processed 88 Freedom of Information Act requests. Of those requests, 53 were granted; 2 were granted in part, denied in part; 1 was denied; 24 were withdrawn; 7 were forwarded to other public bodies; and 1 is pending. In most cases, requests that were withdrawn were indicated as such because the requestor did not follow through with the request once they were notified that payment was required. Since the Housing Regulation Administration, which is responsible for rental housing registration and condominium registration, was transferred to DHCD from the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, FOIA requests received by DHCD have increased from 9 in FY 2007 to 81 in FY 2008 and 88 in FY 2009. The majority of FOIA requests regarding HRA documents are for condominium registration documents. These documents are normally 150-300 pages, and DHCD charges requestors for copying these documents, as per