



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: June 5, 2026

IN RE: *Florence-Elizabeth Mason v. Coatesville City*; OOR Dkt. AP 2026-2141

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is untimely. The appeal indicates the Request was submitted to Coatesville City (“City”) on April 28, 2026.¹ Because the Requester indicates the City did not respond within five business days, the Request was deemed denied on May 5, 2026. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). Appeals of deemed denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the deemed denial, or by May 27, 2026 in this instance.² 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was submitted to the OOR on June 1, 2026. The Requester is not prohibited from refileing the Request and, if necessary, filing a new appeal pursuant to the requirements of 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1).

For this reason, the City is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, you may appeal or petition for review with the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303. However, as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party.³ All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: <http://openrecords.pa.gov>.

Issued by:

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Sent via E-File Portal to: Requester; Agency Open Records Officer, Coatesville City

¹ The Requester did not include a copy of the Request; therefore, the appeal is also insufficient under Section 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a).

² The OOR’s offices were closed on May 25, 2026 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday; therefore, this day was not included in the calculation of the appeal period.

³ *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).