



FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: October 16, 2026

IN RE: *Kathryne Hemmings and Horn Williamson & Collins v. City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-4089

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records (“OOR”) to the above-referenced docket number, as well as the submissions of the City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections (“City”), it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is untimely. The City received the Request on August 10, 2026 and issued a Final Response to the Request on August 14, 2026.¹ Appeals of denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency’s response, or by September 4, 2026 in this instance. *See* 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was filed on September 22, 2026. The Requester is not prohibited from making a new request for these records 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 as it relates to this appeal. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Philadelphia 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, but 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.² 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:

/s/ Catherine R. Hecker

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¹ On August 17, 2026, subsequent to the issuance of the Final Response on August 14, 2026, the City sent the Requester correspondence that it was invoking a thirty-day extension to respond to the Request. A thirty-day extension cannot be invoked after the issuance of a Final Response to a Request, and thus, it did not extend the agency’s response timeframe or the Requester’s appeal period. *See* 65 P.S. §§ 67.901, 67.902, 67.903.

² *Padgett v. Pa. State Police*, 73 A.3d 644, 648 n.5 (Pa. Commw. Ct. 2013).