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13, June 2024

Manza Arthur, Supervisor of Records  
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Public Records Division  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1719  
Boston, MA 02108

RE: Request for Reconsideration of Decision SPR 24/1690 – **FEE PETITION**  
(Public Records Request 2024-0262/SPR 24/1597)

Good day Supervisor Arthur:

This office is writing to request that you reconsider your decision in the above referenced matter. As reason for this request, the City states that it submitted its Fee Petition within ten business days after receipt of the request. Below is the table of *business days* allowed for the City to file its requested Fee Petition.

ACTUAL DAYS	DATE	EVENT	BUSINESS DAYS*
1	Monday, May 20, 2024 at <b>10:33 PM</b>	Request Sent to City	0
2	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Request Received	0
3	Wednesday, May 22, 2024		1
4	Thursday, May 23		2
5	Friday, May 24, 2024		3
6	Saturday, May 25, 2024	Weekend	~
7	Sunday, May 26, 2024	Weekend	~
8	Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day – Holiday	~
9	Tuesday, May 28, 2024		4
10	Wednesday, May 29, 2024		5
11	Thursday, May 30, 2024		6
12	Friday, May 31, 2024		7
13	Saturday, June 1, 2024	Weekend	~
14	Sunday, June 2, 2024	Weekend	~
15	Monday, June 3, 2024		8
16	Tuesday, June 4, 2024		9
17	Wednesday, June 5, 2024	Fee Petition Sent to	10

\*The days in red are not counted towards the ten day period.

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In this case, the City states that the fee requested in its Fee Petition reflects “an actual and good faith representation...to comply with the request”. G.L. c. 66 § 10(d)(iv). In your decision on a related matter involving the same request of over 49,000 emails, (SPR24/1698) you found that the City had established good cause for an extension of time “in light of the need to collect, segregate and examine the records”, and granted the City 30 additional business days.

As stated in the City’s original Fee Petition, the emails of over 49,000 will require searching through, segregating and possibly redacting, which you recognized in approving the City’s Time Petition. Given the broad scope of the request and the volume of potentially responsive records which require detailed review and redaction, the Fee Petition requested by the City is reasonable and is not designed to limit, deter or prevent access to the requested records.

Considering your reason for denying the City’s request was that “the City [did] not demonstrate[ ] that it submitted its petition within ten business days after receipt of the request...”, and that the table above establishes that the City did in fact submit its Fee Petition within ten business days after receipt of the request, (along with the sheer volume of emails that are the subject of this request), we ask that you reconsider your determination and grant the Fee Petition.

Sincerely,

*Alicia A. McNeil*

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