

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-321

September 27, 2016

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")

I am responding to your request of August 31, 2016 for:

Statistics on the number of marijuana dispensaries operating in the City summarized by year for the period of January 1, 2009 to the present.

Unfortunately, other than the current year when the City began to issue business licenses for marijuana dispensaries, the City had no tracking mechanism for this type of operation and no knowledge of this type of operation unless a complaint was received and investigated.

Complaints are recorded by address, not business type, and the only way to search and compile information in the complaint and inspection files regarding the illegal operation of a marijuana dispensary, prior to the implementation of business licensing this year, would require a search of all complaint records for the six year time frame. The information compiled would be accurate regarding complaints, but it would not provide an accurate number for your purposes because not all operations had complaints laid against them.

I have spoken to the Director of Licensing and Property Use Inspections as well as the Deputy Chief License Inspector/License Office Manager regarding this request and they have nothing further to add. Based on all of the preceding information, the final conclusion and response is that the staff time required to search and compile the responsive information the City holds would be insufficient to provide accurate records responsive to this request and therefore, the City does not have responsive records for this request.

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2016-³²¹); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy

of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', written in a cursive style.

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