

File No.: 04-1000-20-2017-106

March 21, 2017

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 March 14, 2017 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

**From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2016:**

- 1. Total number of how many residential rental buildings (including strata) in Vancouver have had a fire due to smoking inside the premises;**
- 2. Total number broken down by neighbourhood.**

The Fire and Rescue Services Department has confirmed that they are unable to compile records related to this request in that they do not maintain the type of statistics you are requesting. While they have some basic information related to smoking-related fires, there is no way to confirm an accurate number. In addition, they do not maintain statistics of smoking-related fires based on whether a building is a single family dwelling, a multi-family dwelling unit or strata without going to each individual incident file which would require manual access. This will result in an extraordinary amount of work which would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department.

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Office of 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: [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca); Tel. 250-387-5629. You will need to provide: 1) the request number: (#04-1000-20-2017-106); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information; and 4) the reason for the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto: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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