

File No.: 04-1000-20-2023-647

October 26, 2023

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 October 19, 2023 under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for:

Record of database regarding number of total business licenses issued in Vancouver, separated by year in the following categories:

- 1. Renewed;**
- 2. Closed or out of business; and**
- 3. New Applications**

Date range: January 1, 2018 to October 18, 2023.

Please note, the departmental record holders provided updated information after our initial response on October 24, 2023. The updated record responsive to your request can be found in the revised table below.

| Year | Renewed | Out of Business/Closed | New Applications |
|------|---------|------------------------|------------------|
| 2018 | 44,285 | 3,806 | 12,773 |
| 2019 | 48,310 | 5,475 | 11,271 |
| 2020 | 49,004 | 5,000 | 7,270 |
| 2021 | 47,091 | 4,409 | 8,830 |
| 2022 | 47,442 | 4,858 | 9,442 |
| 2023 | 48,317 | 4,804 | 8,543 |

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request 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 (#04-1000-20-2023-647); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,

[Signed by Cobi Falconer]

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If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604-871-6584.

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