

File No.: 04-1000-20-2025-868

November 27, 2025

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 November 10, 2025 under the ***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*** for:

Information regarding business licenses granted in downtown Vancouver in 2025 (list below*) that do not meet current assembly bylaw codes for handicap accessibility criteria, particularly those lacking essential features such as handicap washrooms, wheelchair ramps, elevators, or lift access on stairs, specifically:

- a. The original approval date of the license;
- b. Specifically what exemption was made regarding assembly with regards to wheelchair access; and
- c. The reasons why they granted the license, especially if exemptions were made concerning accessibility requirements regarding wheel chair lifts in stairwells and due to undue hardships and where they tried to accommodate individuals with disabilities up to the point of undue hardship and exemptions were made.

Date range: January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2025.

***List:**

- Restaurant;
- Nightclub;
- Special Events;
- Arts and Cultural event;
- Artist studio class A & B;
- Production / rehearsal studio;
- School - Arts or Self Improvement;

- **And any Government facility or educational school in all of Vancouver 6. Class A and Class B Production and Rehearsal Studio (for all of Vancouver)**

Some of the information you have requested in relation to business licences is publicly available; you can find it on the City of Vancouver's Open Data Portal at the following link: <https://opendata.vancouver.ca/explore/dataset/business-licences/>.

We have completed the search for responsive records for the remainder of your request and no responsive records have been located. Development, Buildings & Licensing staff (including the Licence Office) have confirmed they do not have a record of the information you have requested.

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 (2025-868); 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,

Kevin Tuerlings, FOI Case Manager, for

[Signed by Kevin Tuerlings]

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Director, Access to Information & Privacy

If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. You may also contact 3-1-1 (604-873-7000) if you require accommodation or do not have access to email.

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