



March 30, 2026

Via Online Submission

Office of the Attorney General
Open Records Division
State of Texas
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

RE: Public information request received on February 20, 2026 (the "Request") to the Town of Addison (the "City") from requestor Ryan Johnson -- (our file reference 13125).

Dear Open Records Division:

The undersigned represents the Town of Addison, Texas ("City"), and in that capacity submits this letter as a request for an opinion to except from public disclosure certain information held by the City. On February 20, 2026, the City received a request for information from Ryan Johnson ("Requestor"). A true and correct copy of the request is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**¹.

It is the City's position that some of the information sought may be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 552.101 through 552.156, including, but not limited to, Sections 552.101 and 552.108. The City intends to withhold such information pending an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether or not such information is exempt.

Under Texas Government Code Section 552.301(a), this letter constitutes the City's request for said opinion. Not later than fifteen (15) business days after City's receipt of the request, our office, on behalf of the City, will comply with Texas Government Code, Section 552.301(e).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley L. White".

Ashley L. White
City Attorney

Enclosures

Cc: Requestor: via email (ryanjohnsonthepatriot@gmail.com)
Town of Addison

¹ Please note, the City sought clarification from the requestor on March 5, 2026, and the requestor responded on March 6, 2026. Additionally, a cost estimate exceeding \$100.00 was provided to the requestor on March 9, 2026. The requestor provided payment on March 17, 2026, which establishes **March 17, 2026**, as the official date of receipt for the request.

EXHIBIT A

Request, City's Clarification, Requestor's Clarification, and City's Cost Estimate
(attached)

Open Records Request (#W013125-022026)

▼ Open Records Request Details

Type of Information Requested: Finance

Public Record Desired: Under the Texas Public Information Act, I am requesting the following records for Bruce Arfsten, David Gaines, and Steven Glickman for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026:

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breakdown of where "Fines and Forfeitures" go. The 2023 ACFR shows \$391,711 in the General Fund and \$67,261 in the Municipal Court Fund. I need the Third-Party Collection Agency contracts.

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Disposition of Assets

All internal affairs or Citizen complaints regarding Alan Schiek

All internal affairs or citizen complaints regarding Sarah Walsh

Preferred Method to Receive Documents: Electronic by Email

> Clarification(s) Requested/Required

> Clarification(s) Received

> Activity Generation -- Records Collection (EZchecklist)

> Payment Information

> Extension Information

> AG Information

▼ Notes

Note	Created	Modified
The cost estimate payment was paid in full during business hours on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.	3/30/2026 2:01:00 PM by City Attorney	3/30/2026 2:01:00 PM by City Attorney

▼ Message History

Date

On 3/9/2026 4:20:37 PM, City Attorney wrote:
CC: vgarcia@addisontx.gov
Subject: Open Records Request :: W013125-022026
Body:
Good afternoon,

Thank you for your follow-up. For clarity, I would like to refer back to the cost estimate provided, which states: 'The estimated charges for fulfilling your current request exceed \$100.00; therefore, as permitted by section 552.263(a) of the Texas Government Code, the Town requires a deposit of the total estimated amount due before starting work.' **To confirm, the required deposit is for the full estimated total of \$180.00**, rather than the \$100.00 mentioned in your correspondence.

The estimate also outlines the accepted payment methods: deposits may be made via cash, check, or money order payable to the 'Town of Addison, ' with '13125-Ryan Johnson' noted in the memo line. These can be submitted in person at Town Hall or via mail.

Regarding the timeline for an Attorney General's opinion, the Town has not waived its right to seek one. As noted in the Public Information Act Handbook, when the cost estimate exceeds \$100.00 and a deposit is required, **the request is officially considered 'received' on the date the payment is made**. Therefore, the 10-business-day timeframe for the Town to seek an opinion will begin once the deposit is successfully received.

Sincerely,
Tiffany
Wyatt Hamilton Findlay

On 3/9/2026 1:06:14 PM, Ryan Johnson wrote:
TO: "Town of Addison Support Center"[addisontx@mycusthelp.net]

TO: Tiffany / Wyatt Hamilton Findlay (Counsel for the Town of Addison)
RE: PIR #13125 – URGENT: NOTICE OF PAYMENT OBSTRUCTION & WAIVER OF EXCEPTIONS
Tiffany,

I am attempting to pay the \$100.00 deposit for request #13125 immediately to satisfy your demand. However, your correspondence failed to provide a functional method for payment (e.g., an online payment link, wiring instructions, or a specific department for check delivery).

Be advised that I am ready and willing to pay right now. Any further delay in providing a payment method will be documented as a willful obstruction of the Public Information Act.

Furthermore, take notice of the Town's current legal status as of today, March 9, 2026:

WAIVER OF ALL EXCEPTIONS: The Town received this request on February 20, 2026. Per Tex. Gov't Code § 552.301, today is the 10th business day—the statutory deadline to seek an Attorney General (OAG) opinion. As of 1:00 PM today, I have received no notice of an OAG request. Therefore, the Town has waived all discretionary exceptions under § 552.302, including Attorney-Client privilege (§ 552.107).

REJECTION OF REDACTION LABOR: Since the Town has waived its right to redact by missing the 10-day window, there is no longer a legal basis for the "redaction preparation" labor charges in your estimate. I am paying the \$100.00 deposit under protest to secure the records, but I will be filing a formal overcharge complaint to recover fees for labor that is now legally unnecessary.

UNREDACTED INSPECTION: I maintain my election to inspect the fully unredacted records in person.

Provide a payment method immediately so we can lock in the production date. I expect a date and time for my inspection of the unredacted Gaines/Vincent emails and debt schedules by the end of business tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Ryan Johnson

P.S. To address your point regarding complaints: I have already filed a formal complaint with the Attorney General regarding these overcharges and obstruction tactics. The AG Complaint ID is 66387862. Tiffany, I ask you to take a moment and consider the reality of this situation. Your client is the Town of Addison—the taxpayers—not the City Manager personally. I have identified a massive debt gap and a "blueprint" of financial mismanagement that is draining millions from this community. The garbage contracts and debt receipts are clearly so damaging that the Town feels the need to fight a war and circumvent the Constitution just to keep an honest man from looking at them. By working overtime to hide this evidence, you are assisting in the cover-up of a "Criminal Signature" that is hurting the very city you represent. You have an opportunity to help recover what has been taken, rather than helping to bury it.

Sincerely,
Ryan Johnson
On Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 11:43 AM Town of Addison Support Center wrote:

Attachments:
Addison_-_Cost_Estimate__13125_.pdf

On 3/9/2026 11:43:01 AM, City Attorney wrote:
CC: vgarcia@addisontx.gov
Subject: Open Records Request :: W013125-022026

Body:
Good morning,

In some cases, inspection is the less expensive option. However, we have confirmed with the specified departments that the labor fees remain unaffected by electing to inspect the records. Therefore, we are once again providing you with the cost estimate.

Per the Public Information Act Handbook:

'If a request is estimated to exceed \$100.00, a governmental body... may also require that the requestor pay a deposit or bond. A governmental body that requires a deposit or bond may consider the request withdrawn if payment is not made within ten business days... If the requestor makes payment within the required time, the request is considered received on the date the payment is made.'

As the cost estimate states, this request will be considered withdrawn if you do not respond in writing within ten (10) business days from the date this estimate is mailed. You must notify us in writing that:

1. You accept the estimated charges and specify which option you are accepting;
2. You wish to modify your request (please specify your modifications); or
3. You have sent a complaint to the Attorney General alleging that you have been overcharged.

Sincerely,

Tiffany

Wyatt Hamilton Findlay

On 3/5/2026 8:21:17 PM, Ryan Johnson wrote:
TO: "Town of Addison Support Center"[addisontx@mycusthelp.net], [ashley@whflegal.com]
Subject: CLARIFICATION RESPONSE: Reference 13125 (W013125-022026)
To: Wyatt Hamilton Findlay; Valencia Garcia (City Secretary)

Dear Counsel,

I am in receipt of your request for clarification dated March 5, 2026. Please see my clarifications below. Note that per the Texas Public Information Act, these clarifications are intended to assist the Town in locating the records I have already requested, not to reset the statutory timeline for the items that required no clarification.1. Regarding "Disposition of Assets"

To clarify: I am seeking both categories of records, as they both pertain to the fiscal "Administrative Triad" oversight I am conducting:

Seized Property/Auctions: All records regarding the sale or auction of seized property and civil asset forfeitures from 2023-2026.

Departmental Equipment: The "Disposition" (sale, trade-in, or decommissioning) records for major departmental equipment, specifically squad cars and specialized gear.

The Goal: I am looking for the "Audit Trail" of where the cash from these sales was deposited.2. Regarding "Fines and Forfeitures" (\$391, 711 and \$67, 261)

The 2023 ACFR clearly lists these as revenue line items. My request is for the Expenditures:

The Expenditure Report: I am seeking the itemized report of exactly what these specific funds were spent on.

Fund Accounting: Since these funds are restricted/specialized, provide the ledger showing the outflow of these funds from the General Fund and the Municipal Court Fund for FY2023 and FY2024.The "Inspection" Directive

In light of the \$180.00 cost estimate provided in your concurrent letter, I am exercising my right under Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221 to inspect these records in person at Town Hall.

I will bring my own equipment to digitize these records. By electing in-person inspection, the Town is relieved of the "labor" and "overhead" costs associated with printing or programming, and I expect the \$180 fee to be waived accordingly. Please provide a date and

time within the next 48 hours for this inspection.

Respectfully,

Ryan Johnson

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 6:29 PM Town of Addison Support Center wrote:

Attachments:

Addison_-_Cost_Estimate__13125_.pdf

Addison_-_Clarification__13125_.pdf

On 3/5/2026 6:29:01 PM, City Attorney wrote:

CC: vgarcia@addisontx.gov

Subject: Open Records Request :: W013125-022026

Body:

Good evening,

Please find attached the correspondence addressing your recent Public Information Request received by the Town of Addison. At this time, the Town is requesting clarification on portions of your request. Additionally, please find the attached cost estimate for the remaining items in your request.

Sincerely,

Tiffany

Wyatt Hamilton Findlay

On 2/20/2026 11:37:48 PM, System Generated Message:

Message sent to: **Ryan Johnson**

Subject: [Town of Addison] Open Records Request :: W013125-022026

Body:



02/20/2026

Ryan Johnson
4910 Goodman Ave apt 3924
Addison TX 75001

RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST RECEIVED 2/20/2026, REFERENCE # W013125-022026

Dear Mr./Ms. Johnson,

Welcome to the Town of Addison Open Records Center. The Town received your Open Records Request on 2/20/2026 asking for "Under the Texas Public Information Act, I am requesting the following records for Bruce Arfsten, David Gaines, and Steven Glickman for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026:

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Disposition of Assets

All internal affairs or Citizen complaints regarding Alan Schiek

All internal affairs or citizen complaints regarding Sarah Walsh. Your request has been assigned Number W013125-022026.

Town staff will review your request and start compiling the responsive records if possible. Please be advised that the Town may seek additional clarification of your request. In addition, the Town may collect a fee as prescribed by law to provide the requested records. If the responsive information contains confidential information or information that is excepted from disclosure, your request may be forwarded to the Town Attorney's Office. You will be contacted again as soon as the Town's review is complete, but no later than ten (10) business days from the date your request was received.

[Click Here](#) to monitor the progress of your request.

Thank you for using the Open Records Center

Sincerely,

Valencia Garcia

Town of Addison

On 2/20/2026 11:36:50 PM, Ryan Johnson wrote:
Request Created on Public Portal

▼ Request Details

Reference No:	W013125-022026
Create Date:	2/20/2026 11:37 PM
Update Date:	3/30/2026 2:01 PM
Completed/Closed:	No
Required Completion Date:	3/9/2026
Status:	Waiting For Payment
Priority:	Customer Updated
Assigned Dept:	City Secretary
Assigned Staff:	Valencia Garcia

Customer Name: Ryan Johnson
Email Address: ryanjohnsonthepatriot@gmail.com
Phone: 7064741296
Group: (Not Specified)

Source: Web



March 5, 2026

Via Email

Ryan Johnson

ryanjohnsonthepatriot@gmail.com

RE: Public information request received on February 23, 2026 (the “Request”) by the Town of Addison, Texas (the “City”) from requestor Ryan Johnson (the “Requestor”)¹ -- (Our file reference 13125).

Dear Requestor:

The above-referenced firm represents the Town of Addison, Texas. This letter addresses the public information request received by the Town from you seeking multiple city records. A copy of your request is attached for reference.

In order to provide you with the correct information and to limit the time and cost of labor to provide this information to you, pursuant to Section 552.222 of the Texas Government Code, the City requests that you clarify or narrow your request as follows:

1. To ensure we provide the correct documentation and avoid unnecessary costs to you, we require clarification on the following items:
 - Disposition of Assets: To narrow our search, please clarify the type of "assets" you are referring to:
 - Are you seeking records regarding seized property and items sent to auction?
 - Or are you seeking an inventory of departmental equipment, such as squad cars, computers, and specialized gear?
 - “Fines and Forfeitures”: Regarding your inquiry into the \$391,711 and \$67,261 figures noted in the 2023 ACFR:
 - Fund Accounting: Please clarify if you are seeking a breakdown of the revenue sources (where the money comes from) or a report on the expenditures (what those specific funds are/were spent on).

Please note, based on your clarification response, the City reserves the right to further clarify your request in accordance with the Public Information Act.

¹ Please note that the City received the request after normal business hours on February 20, 2026. Therefore, the request was officially received on **February 23, 2026**.

In order to comply with your request in a timely manner, I ask that you submit your response to the City's questions above in writing, via email, to ashley@whflegal.com.

My contact information is at the bottom of this correspondence should you have any questions or wish to submit your clarification via USPS first class mail.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Section 552.222(d) of the Texas Government Code, your request for information is considered withdrawn if you do not respond to this request for clarification and narrowing of scope in writing within sixty-one (61) days from the date of this letter. You should also be advised that in accordance with the Texas Supreme Court's holding in *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S.W.3d 380 (Tex. 2010), the City's obligation under the Texas Public Information Act to request an opinion from the Texas Attorney General regarding those matters for which clarification and/or a narrowing of the scope of your request is sought will not commence until you have provided your written clarification. Note also that depending on your answer, the City reserves the right to request additional clarifications and narrowing of the scope of your request. Therefore, you can help the City find and prepare the information more quickly if you can provide detailed and clear answers to this request.

Please address all correspondence concerning this matter to the undersigned at the following address:

Ashley L. White
Email: ashley@whflegal.com

Thank you kindly for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything further in this regard.

Sincerely,



Ashley L. White
City Attorney

Enclosures

Cc: Town of Addison (via email)



March 9, 2026

Ryan Johnson

email: ryanjohnsonthepatriot@gmail.com

Reference: 13125

Dear Requestor:

This letter is in response to your open records request to the Town of Addison for multiple city records. A copy of your request¹ is attached hereto.

The Town of Addison has reviewed the records responsive to your request. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a written estimate of charges for producing the information responsive to your above-referenced request. We have determined that the cost of providing the information will exceed \$40.

The estimated costs of providing the information you have requested are below, as said costs are determined in accordance with the rules established by the Texas Attorney General under Section 552.262 of the Texas Government Code and promulgated by the Cost Rules Administrator in the Office of the Attorney General.

The total estimated cost for this request is **\$180.00**. A detailed breakdown of the total cost is attached. The Total Amount is an estimate only and may change based on the actual time and cost involved with processing your request.

There may be less costly methods for you to review or receive the records. For instance, you may choose to inspect the information in person at the Town's main offices. If you prefer this option, please inform this department so that we may coordinate a convenient time and place for the review. Please note that while you will not be charged for the labor costs of an attorney conducting legal review of the documents, other applicable charges for locating and preparing the records and facilitating their review may still apply.

Pursuant to Section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code, your request will be considered withdrawn if you do not respond to this cost estimate in writing within ten (10) business days from the date this estimate is provided. You must respond in writing and notify us that:

- (1) You will accept the estimated charges as outlined and the specific option of charges you are accepting;**

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(2) You will modify your request in response to the estimate (The Town requests you specify your modifications); or

(3) You have sent, or are sending, the Attorney General a complaint alleging that you have been overcharged for being provided with copies of the requested information.

You must respond to this letter in writing, either via United States Postal Service; personal hand delivery; through the Town's WebQA portal, or electronic mail (e-mail). A mailed response should be addressed to "Town of Addison, Attention: City Secretary, 15600 Addison Rd., Addison, Texas 75001. The Town's WebQA portal can be found at [https://addisontx.mycusthelp.com/webapp/rs/\(S\(4s42hbxbhemqznye5dnwzapm2\)\)/supporthome.aspx](https://addisontx.mycusthelp.com/webapp/rs/(S(4s42hbxbhemqznye5dnwzapm2))/supporthome.aspx) If you prefer to respond via electronic mail, please direct all correspondence to vgarcia@addisontx.gov.

The estimated charges for fulfilling your current request exceed \$100.00; therefore, as permitted by section 552.263(a) of the Texas Government Code, the Town requires a deposit of the total estimated amount due before starting work on your request. The deposit must be made by cash, check or money order addressed to "Town of Addison" with a reference to "13125-Ryan Johnson" in the memo line. Payment can be made in person during normal business hours at the Addison Town Hall located at 15600 Addison Rd., Addison, Texas 75001, or via mail to "Town of Addison, Attention: City Secretary, 15600 Addison Rd., Addison, Texas 75001. **Please be advised that your request is considered withdrawn if the deposit in the Total amount listed above is not received within ten (10) business days of this letter.**

Reproduction of the requested material will commence upon your acceptance and the Town's receipt of the required deposit. If additional charges apply or are owed, a separate correspondence will indicate the final balance due once reproduction is complete. If you choose to modify your request, an updated cost estimate will be provided.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Valencia Garcia

Valencia Garcia
City Secretary
Town of Addison

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Labor Charge	\$15.00/hour	TOTAL: 10 hrs	\$150.00
Photocopy	\$0.10/page	TOTAL	\$
Copy of Accident Report	\$6.00 each	TOTAL:	\$
CD	\$1.00 each	TOTAL	\$
DVD	\$3.00 each	TOTAL:	\$
Body Camera Recording	\$10 each +\$1.00/minute	TOTAL:	\$
Labor Charge for Programming	\$28.50/hour	TOTAL	\$
Computer Resource Charge	\$2.20/ hour	TOTAL	\$
Photographs	ACTUAL COST	TOTAL	\$
Postage and Supplies	ACTUAL COST	TOTAL	\$
Overhead	20% of Total Labor charges	TOTAL 20% of \$150.00	\$30.00
OTHER:	ACTUAL COST	TOTAL	\$

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$180.00

Labor charge includes charge for locating, compiling, reproducing information (and manipulation of data and time spent redacting confidential information, if applicable).

Fee of Obtaining body worn camera recording (Title 1, Texas Administrative Code §70.13):

(1) \$10.00 per recording responsive to the request for information; and

(2) \$1.00 per full minute of body worn camera video or audio footage responsive to the request

Labor charge for programming includes time spent writing the program. Only applicable with requests requiring programming