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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Nathan Pham

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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Pham:

I serve as the Law Director for Liberty Township (the "Township"). I am writing in response to your request dated July 8, 2026 in which you requested certain records and information from the Township.

At the outset, I would like to clarify a few items. The Butler County Sheriff's Office provides police services to the Township and is the contracting party with Flock Safety. The Township does not have its own police force and does not hold records for the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Second, the Township's online portal for public record requests is fully operational. The portal can be found here: <https://www.liberty-township.com/FormCenter/Community-5/Public-Records-Request-129>.

With these points in mind, the Township's responses to each of your requests are provided below.

- (1) All contracts, renewals, amendments, quotes, proposals, purchase orders, invoices, payment records, statements of work, subscription agreements, and service agreements.

Response: As noted above, the Township does not hold records for the Butler County Sheriff's Office. If you seek records from the Butler County Sheriff's Office, please contact their Records Division at (513) 785-1032. Nonetheless, the Township has attached records that are relevant to this request.

- (2) All budget records, Police Fund records, capital improvement records, appropriations, payment approvals, and fiscal records showing funding source, annual cost, renewal cost, or cost added to Butler County Sheriff's Office service payments.

Response: The Township does not have any records responsive to this request. *See Response to the First Public Records Request.*

- (3) All Board of Trustees agenda items, meeting minutes, meeting packets, resolutions, staff reports, memoranda, presentations, and attachments.

Response: The Township has attached documents that are responsive to this request.

- (4) All records showing when Liberty Township first approved, funded, renewed, discussed, suspended, cancelled, or considered removing the system.

Response: As noted above, the Township does not contract with Flock Safety. Nonetheless, the Township has attached records that are potentially responsive to this request.

- (5) All communications between Liberty Township officials or staff and Flock Safety.

Response: As noted above, the Township does not contract with Flock Safety. Nonetheless, the Township has attached records that are potentially responsive to this request.

- (6) All communications between Liberty Township officials or staff and the Butler County Sheriff's Office concerning Liberty Township-funded Flock/ALPR/LPR systems.

Response: Your sixth request is denied as overbroad. Ohio courts find requests for all records having to do with a particular topic overly broad. *Ohio Sunshine Laws 2025: An Open Government Resource Manual*, p. 25; *State ex rel. Zidonis v. Columbus State Community College*, 2012-Ohio-4228, ¶ 21-22. Further "Liberty Township-funded Flock/ALPR/LPR systems" is vague and does not state with "reasonable clarity" what documents you are requesting. *State ex rel. Glasgow v. Jones*, 2008-Ohio-4788, ¶ 17. Nonetheless, the Township has attempted in good faith to produce documents responsive to this request.

- (7) All records identifying the number of Liberty Township-funded Flock/ALPR/LPR cameras, camera models, installation dates, ownership, operational responsibility, and general deployment area. If precise locations are withheld, please provide all non-exempt portions and identify the legal basis for withholding.

Response: As noted above, the Township does not contract with Flock Safety. Nonetheless, the Township has attached records that are potentially responsive to this request.

- (8) All records concerning whether Liberty Township-funded Flock/ALPR/LPR data may be accessed, searched, requested, disclosed, or shared by outside agencies

Response: As noted above, the Township's police services are provided by the Butler County Sheriff's Office. The Township does not contract with Flock Safety or have the capability to access Flock Safety records.

- (9) All records concerning retention periods, search requirements, audit procedures, misuse procedures, public reporting, transparency, or resident privacy concerns for Liberty Township-funded Flock/ALPR/LPR systems.

Response: As stated above, the Township does not hold or access Flock Safety records.

- (10) All records concerning possible future expansion of Liberty Township-funded Flock/ALPR/LPR systems into additional surveillance tools or integrations, including but not limited to video analytics, PTZ cameras, Flock Condor, Flock Raven, Flock Nova, FlockOS, drones, audio detection, gunshot detection, real-time crime center tools, CAD/RMS integrations, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, RFID, device-signal tracking, facial recognition, or other surveillance integrations.

Response: Your tenth request is denied as overbroad. As already stated, Ohio law does not recognize public records requests for all records containing certain names or words. *State ex rel. Dillery v. Icsman*, 92 Ohio St.3d 312, 314-15 (2001) (request for all records “containing any reference whatsoever” to a certain topic was overly broad). Nonetheless, the Township has attempted in good faith to produce documents responsive to this request.

- (11) The records retention schedule category or categories used by Liberty Township for records relating to Flock/ALPR/LPR contracts, invoices, communications, approvals, reports, or records received from BCSO or Flock Safety.

Response: The Township does not have records responsive to this request. *See* Response to the First Public Records Request.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SD Phillips', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott D. Phillips