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I am writing to follow up and clarify because a blanket "no records" response appears inconsistent with the scope of my request and with the City's implementation of Ordinance 2025-24 and related Texas Government Code § 552.275 tracking requirements.

To recap, my November 26, 2025 request sought existing records maintained by the City in any form, including:

- Any report, summary, log, spreadsheet, database, or similar record showing the total number of Texas Public Information Act requests received during calendar year 2024
- If no aggregate summary exists, any log, spreadsheet, database, or similar record used to track individual public information requests received during 2024 and 2025 to date, including non-confidential fields such as date received, requestor name, subject, department or custodian, whether an Attorney General ruling was sought, charges assessed, and whether a public-interest waiver was granted or denied, to the extent those fields exist

I also expressly stated that I was not asking the City to create new information or perform legal analysis. If the City does not maintain a pre-compiled subtotal, I can perform any filtering or counting myself once the underlying log or tracking record is produced.

In addition, during the December 2, 2025 City Council meeting, you stated on the record that the City receives "anywhere from five to ten" public information requests per week. This statement appears in the City's meeting video and transcript. Given that acknowledgment, it is difficult to reconcile the City's position that it maintains no records reflecting public information request activity for 2024–2025, including intake emails, routing communications, cost estimates, or other administrative tracking documentation that would ordinarily be created and maintained in the regular course of business.

Given the above, please clarify the City's position on the following points:

1. **Tracking under Ordinance 2025-24 and § 552.275**

   Ordinance 2025-24 and § 552.275 contemplate tracking personnel time spent responding to requests from the requestor. If the City maintains no reports, logs, spreadsheets, databases, or similar records for 2024–2025, please explain how the City is tracking personnel time and how it will document any future determinations under § 552.275.

2. **Existence of underlying request records**

   Even if the City does not maintain a centralized "TPIA log," each public information request necessarily generates records in the ordinary course of business, such as request intake emails, routing communications, cost estimate letters, and Attorney General correspondence when applicable. Please confirm whether your "no records" response is intended to mean that these underlying records do not exist, or whether the City is only stating that it does not maintain a pre-compiled aggregate summary.

3. **Alternative production requested in my November 26, 2025 request**

   My request specifically anticipated that aggregate totals might not exist and requested, in the alternative, any existing log or tracking record reflecting requests received during 2024–2025. Please confirm whether the City's position is:

   - The City maintains no log, spreadsheet, database, or similar tracking record for public information requests for 2024 or 2025
   - A tracking record exists, but the City is declining to produce it; in which case, please identify the statutory basis for withholding or redaction

To avoid any misunderstanding, I am not withdrawing or narrowing my November 26, 2025 request. Please treat this email as clarification and a request that the City:

1. Re-evaluate the "no records" response in light of the full text of my November 26 request
2. Either produce any responsive records the City maintains or confirm in writing that no such records exist for 2024–2025

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Because these records relate directly to the City's administration of the Public Information Act and its justification for new limitations under Ordinance 2025-24, they are important to public understanding of how the City processes and characterizes requests.

Please confirm receipt of this email and advise whether the City will supplement its response.

With gratitude,

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Ms. Webster,

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552, this is a request for public information.

For transparency and so that the governing body will ultimately have access to the same objective data about public information requests that I receive, I am copying the Mayor and City Council on this request. **I am not asking the Mayor or any Council Member to respond to this email or to deliberate outside a properly posted public meeting.** Once I receive the City's response and any responsive records, I intend to forward those records to the Mayor and City Council strictly for their information, so that any future discussion, if at all, may occur only in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at a posted meeting.

I respectfully request the following records, in electronic form if possible:

I. Public information requests – Calendar Year 2024

For the period **January 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024**, please provide:

1. Any **reports, summaries, logs, spreadsheets, databases, or other records** maintained by the City that show the **total number of public information (TPIA) requests** received during calendar year 2024.
2. If the City maintains any log, spreadsheet, database, or similar record tracking individual public information requests in 2024, please provide that record in full, including any of the following fields to the extent they are kept in the ordinary course of business:
    - Date the request was received

- Name of the requestor (individual or entity)
- General description or subject matter of the request
- Department or office primarily responsible for responding
- Date the City issued its written response or produced records
- Whether the City requested an Attorney General ruling for the request
- Whether charges or cost estimates were issued
- Amount of charges assessed and, if recorded, amount actually paid
- Whether a fee waiver or reduction was granted or denied
- Whether the request was treated as withdrawn (e.g., for non-payment or failure to narrow)
- Any notation or classification indicating that a request was considered repetitive, burdensome, or "vexatious," if such fields exist

This request is intended to obtain **existing records** reflecting the number of requests the City received in 2024 and, if tracked, basic non-confidential information about those requests. It is **not** a request for the City to create a new record or perform legal analysis.

II. Public information requests – Calendar Year 2025 (to date), excluding my own requests

For the period **January 1, 2025 through the date this request is processed**, please provide:

1. Any **reports, summaries, logs, spreadsheets, databases, or other records** that show the **total number of public information (TPIA) requests received from persons other than myself, Kyle Douglas Moring**, during that period.
    - For avoidance of doubt, this item is specifically directed to requests filed by requestors **other than**:
        - *Kyle Douglas Moring or Kyle Moring*
        - Any requests submitted from my email address(es) (including but not limited to [redacted])
        - Any requests submitted on my behalf where the City's records expressly identify me as the requestor or authorized representative.
2. If the City does **not** maintain any existing record that separately states the total number of 2025 requests from requestors other than myself, then please instead provide any **log, spreadsheet, database, or similar record-tracking** all public information requests received from **January 01, 2025 through the date this request is processed**, including the same data elements listed in Section I.2 above, regardless of requestor.

    I understand that the City is not required to create new information; if the City does not maintain a pre-existing record that directly reflects the requested subtotal, I will perform any necessary filtering or counting myself once the log or underlying records are produced.

III. Format, fees, and public interest

- Please provide responsive records in **electronic form**, transmitted by email or other electronic means, in any standard format maintained in the ordinary course of business (for example, Excel, CSV, PDF, or a report export from the City's records-tracking system).
- To the extent records are maintained electronically, I request that they be produced in a manner that preserves any non-exempt **metadata** that is ordinarily part of the electronic record.
- I request a **waiver or reduction of charges** under **Texas Government Code § 552.267**, because the requested information concerns the City's administration of the Texas Public Information Act itself, overall request volume, and staff-burden assertions that are directly relevant to public oversight of proposed Ordinance 2025-24 and any related "vexatious requester" policies. Disclosure will primarily benefit the public by allowing objective evaluation of how the City handles public information requests and whether new restrictions are justified.

If you anticipate that the charges for fulfilling this request will exceed **$40.00**, please provide a detailed written **cost estimate** before proceeding, as required by the TPIA, so that I may consider narrowing or clarifying the request if necessary.

If any portion of this request is denied or information is withheld, please:

1. Identify the specific portion being withheld
2. State the **specific statutory exception(s)** you contend justify withholding
3. Provide the written statement and, where required, request for an Attorney General decision under Chapter 552

This request is made in good faith and is directed solely at obtaining **aggregate and administrative data** about TPIA requests submitted to the City in 2024 and 2025 to date. Again, I am not asking the City to create new information, but only to produce existing records that reflect the requested totals and tracking data. As noted above, after I receive the City's response, I intend to share the responsive records with the Mayor and City Council for informational purposes only, without requesting any response outside a posted public meeting.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at [redacted] or [redacted] if you believe any clarification is necessary to identify responsive records.

With gratitude,

/s/ Kyle Douglas Moring

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