C273960-070926 - Construction & Inspections

Message History (6)

On 9/1/2026 4:53:46 PM, Leo Katz wrote:

FOLLOW UP
SDCI reported finding no responsive records, yet Seattle IT produced emails in which the publicly identified dataset owner describes changing a field, acknowledges the precise LastInspDate problem covered by my request, and later confirms that it was fixed.

Your response does not establish whether you searched the actual dataset owner's records. Explain whether Moon Callison was contacted, what records were searched, and how these directly relevant communications were missed or excluded.

Produce any responsive communications between Moon Callison and Mike Miller, along with the referrals and escalation records Mike said existed. Account for the technical records requested, including the stored procedure explicitly referenced in the production.

If you maintain that SDCI holds none of these records, explain the search supporting that conclusion and reconcile it with the correspondence IT has already produced.

On 8/15/2026 3:45:56 AM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

Subject: Customer Satisfaction Survey - C273960-070926
Body:

RE: Public Disclosure Request Number - C273960-070926

Dear Leo Katz:

Thank you for submitting your public records request through the City of Seattle's Public Records Request Center. We would like to invite you to take a short six-question survey on your experience.

Please click the following link if you would like to participate.

Satisfaction Survey

We appreciate your feedback. Thank you.

On 8/14/2026 12:21:11 PM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

Subject: Construction & Inspections :: C273960-070926
Body:

Dear Leo Katz,

On July 09, 2026, the Department of Construction and Inspections received your public records request C273960-070926.

Your request:

To the Public Records Officer:

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RECORDS REQUESTED

1. Origin and design of the field.
All existing records — from the creation of the dataset through the date this request is processed — that document the decision, specification, or configuration determining what data would populate the LastInspDate field of dataset ez4a-iug7. This includes but is not limited to design specifications, requirements documents, field-mapping documents, data dictionaries, schema definitions, configuration files, and any record identifying the person(s) or team(s) who made or approved that determination.

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Thank you for your assistance.

A reasonable search of my department, including contact will all Code Compliance Analysts and the Director did not find any responsive records. As per those contacts, there was no awareness of any change made by SDCI and it was a decision made by IT to change and/or correct these fields. IT will respond with any responsive records they may have.

If you have any follow-up questions or would like to initiate an administrative appeal under MDAR 17-0002 Section 6, please contact us within 10 business days, after which this request will no longer be monitored for communications. You may also seek judicial review of our response to your request for a period of one year, beginning as of the date of this message, consistent with RCW 42.56.550.

Sincerely,

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

On 7/16/2026 7:42:10 AM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

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I can provide records held by Department of Construction and Inspections. For records from other City of Seattle departments, please use the public records portal to make a request directly to that department. The requested records or a first installment of records (if any) will be provided on **August**

14, 2026. Please note that from the research so far, this appears to be a request that needs to be forwarded to IT. The managers who I've discussed this request with did not request any changes to the public data and it seems to be a decision made by IT to correct the data input. I will contact you once I know more.

Sincerely,

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

On 7/9/2026 6:40:15 AM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

Dear SIGIL VALE,

Welcome to the City of Seattle Public Records Request Center (PRRC). Your request was received on July 09, 2026 and is appended below. Please add seattle@mycusthelp.net to your email contacts/address book to ensure delivery of the record center emails to your Inbox.

The reference number for this request is C273960-070926. You will see this number in the title of any communications about this request.

You will hear from a Public Disclosure Officer within five business days regarding the status of your request.

Please visit the City of Seattle Public Records Request Center where you can manage your profile and access your request. Your login ID is: eclectikatz@gmail.com

If a Public Disclosure Officer submitted your public disclosure request into the PRRC on your behalf, please login and complete your new user account by following these steps:

- Access the Public Records Request Center
- Select 'Forgot my Password'
- Enter your 'Login ID' (email address)
- A temporary password will be sent to you via email

- Login with the temporary password

You may now visit the PRRC 'My Records Request Center' anytime!

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Request Created on Public Portal