



Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide

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May 13, 2011

Quartzsite Town Manager Alex Taft
City of Quartzsite
P.O. Box 2812
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Re: Case #1101388

Dear Ms. Taft:

This letter is notification of our intent, under the provisions of A.R.S. § 41-1376.01, to conduct an investigation regarding a complaint filed by Ed Foster. Mr. Foster contends that you violated the public records law on one count:

1) You failed to produce the checks and vouchers issued by the town for pay periods ending January 23, 2010, August 21, 2010 and September 18, 2010.

On April 22, 2011, Kathryn Marquoit, Assistant Ombudsman – Public Access contacted you to discuss this allegation. You responded that the materials would be ready for inspection in two business days. On April 26, 2011, Mr. Foster received a letter denying his request. On April 28, 2011, you were forwarded a copy of the Attorney General Opinion that discusses this specific issue. On May 10, 2011, you informed Kathryn Marquoit that you do not intend to fill the public records request. Please designate a primary point of contact within your agency for this matter and ask that person to contact Kathryn Marquoit at (602) 285-9136 x32 prior to Friday, June 27, 2011.

In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-1376.01(D), it is against the policy of this state for any agency to take adverse action against an individual in retaliation because the individual cooperated with or provided information to the Ombudsman–Citizens' Aide.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Shannahan
Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide