

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by  
Nicholas B. Wynnich,  
Complainant

Final Decision

against

Docket #FIC79-131

City and Town of Ansonia; and  
Ansonia Library; and Board of  
Directors of the Ansonia  
Library,

January 23, 1980

Respondents

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on December 18, 1979, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined by §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. On May 16, 1979, the complainant made a written request for access to the applications for employment for the position of Librarian I of the Ansonia Library. Said position was advertised in area newspapers on or about June 28, 1978.

3. By same letter, the complainant further requested the names and addresses of all applicants for said position who did not successfully obtain the position.

4. Having failed to receive a reply within four business days, the complainant filed a notice of appeal with the Commission on June 12, 1980 asserting his right to the requested information.

5. On December 14, 1979, the respondents provided the complainant with 26 applications requested with certain information, including the names and addresses, deleted.

6. The complainant seeks the information that was deleted from such applications.

7. Names, addresses and other identifiable information is therefore found to fall within the exemption to disclosure provided under §1-19(b)(2) as constituting a personnel or similar file the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The respondents shall forthwith provide the complainant with copies of all applications requested.

2. The respondents may mask or delete only the personally identifiable portions of the requested applications.

Approved by order of the Freedom  
of Information Commission on  
January 23, 1980.

  
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Leslie Ann McGuire,  
Clerk of the Commission