From: Leslie Coty <lcoty@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: 1/28/2022 3:05:18 PM
To: Samantha Booth <sbooth@ashevillenc.gov>,John Maddux <jmaddux@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc: Mike Lamb <mlamb@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External Message Added] City of Asheville records request #22-21
Attachments: Homeless Camp Issues and Responses_.pdf,Encampments.pdf

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Thanks for the information, Samantha. Does the following accurately capture the information and is the response adequate?

The homeless camps were identified by Captain Lamb using: 1) A list of homeless camp issues that is maintained by several departments within the City (see attached â€œHomeless Camp Issues and Responsesâ€ document) and 2) Captain Lambâ€™s knowledge of active encampments over the last two years.Â
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A list of geographical coordinates was used to identify the location of the encampments (see attached â€œEncampmentsâ€ document).Â
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Regarding the methodology, the data source used to count crimes is the Cityâ€™s internal crime data, which aligns with the public crime data available on the Open Data Portal. Crime counts included all crimes within 500ft and 1,000 for the attached coordinates with overlapping areas taken into account in order to avoid duplicate counting of events.Â

For reference, Ursula's follow up questions are below:
We do have some questions and need some more information: - In general, what was the methodology used to make these calculations? - What was the original data source and determinants used to define the list of camps? I.e. was it camps where a certain number of people lived for a certain amount of time? How many people and how much time, Etc? In other words, why are these camps on this list? - Are there any records showing when camps were active vs when they were not active? - What was the original data source used to count crimes? - Please provide any and all of the following: the files, calculation, map, process, query, code, hand-draw notes, and/or GIS files used to identify which crimes occured at specific proximities to which camps. if the data sources were composed of several files or data tables joined together, or a query given to data tables, please provide those data tables and the code or query used to join them. Thanks, Ursula Wren The Asheville Free Press >Â Â

I told Ursula I would have an answer to her by the end of today so if you could respond asap I would appreciate it.

Thanks,
Leslie

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 2:36 PM Samantha Booth <sbooth@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

> Leslie,
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> Regarding the additional questions asked in reference to records request 22-21, a list of geographical coordinates were used to identify the encampments. I have attached the list to this email. Those locations listed were identified by the Community Engagement Division. Towards Ursula's questions about methodology, ourÂ data source used to count crimes is our internal crime data, which aligns with the public crime data available on the Open Data Portal. Crime counts included all crimes within 500ft and 1,000 for the attached coordinates with overlapping areas taken into account in order to avoid duplicate counting of events.Â
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> As for Ursula's request how these camps were identified, I would have to defer to Capt. Lamb and the Community Engagement Division, as the locations were already identified by the team.Â
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> I spoke with Captain Lamb about hoe the locations were indentified. HeÂ pulled the locations from a document that is owned by COA Sanitation and combined it with active encampments that I had knowledge of over the last two years. APD is not the owner of the document but is a contributorÂ and it is used by several departments within the city.
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> Here is the link:Â https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13WXN8Bl-j267EY82djuYWzkHOcJKQaqBwSMAlnyI78s/edit#gid=0
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> It is still an activeÂ and working spreadsheet.Â
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> Respectully,
> SamanthaÂ

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 11:54 AM Leslie Coty <lcoty@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Hi, Samantha,

Just following up on this request for further clarification on the crime states presented by Mike Lamb.Â

Thanks!
Leslie

On Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 3:16 PM Leslie Coty <lcoty@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Hi, Samantha,

Not sure if you're cc'd on this message? Follow up question regarding the crime statistics Mike Lamb presented at the City Council meeting.

Thanks,
Leslie

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **City of Asheville Public Records** <support@nextrequest.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 1:33 PM
Subject: [External Message Added] City of Asheville records request #22-21
To: <bshook@ashevillenc.gov>, <lcoty@ashevillenc.gov>

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A message was added to record request #22-21:

Hi Leslie, thanks for the timely response to this records request. We do have some questions and need some more information: - In general, what was the methodology used to make these calculations? - What was the original data source and determinants used to define the list of camps? I.e. was it camps where a certain number of people lived for a certain amount of time? How many people and how much time, Etc? In other words, why are these camps on this list? - Are there any records showing when camps were active vs when they were not active? - What was the original data source used to count crimes? - Please provide any and all of the following: the files, calculation, map, process, query, code, hand-draw notes, and/or GIS files used to identify which crimes occured at specific proximities to which camps. if the data sources were composed of several files or data tables joined together, or a query given to data tables, please provide those data tables and the code or query used to join them. Thanks, Ursula Wren The Asheville Free Press >

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Regards,
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