

Lake St. Croix Beach Transparency Project
April 10, 2026

Subject: Request for Review of Apparent Pattern of Noncompliance with Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and Potential Violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.43

To:
Washington County Attorney's Office

CC:
Washington County Sheriff's Office
Minnesota Department of Administration – Data Practices Office

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to request a formal review of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach's handling of public data requests, based on what appears to be an ongoing pattern of delayed or nonresponsive conduct.

Multiple residents have experienced extended delays or complete lack of response to properly submitted public records requests, raising serious concerns regarding compliance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Chapter 13).

By way of documented example:

- A public data request submitted on November 11, 2025, has gone more than four months without fulfillment or meaningful response.
- A separate request submitted on March 12, 2026, has not been acknowledged.

Under Minn. Stat. Chapter 13, government entities are required to respond to public data requests within a reasonable time and in a manner consistent with the law.

The circumstances described above raise concern that required duties related to the receipt, acknowledgment, and fulfillment of public data requests are not being performed in a consistent or timely manner.

Minn. Stat. § 609.43 provides for criminal penalties in cases involving intentional failure to perform a known mandatory, nondiscretionary duty.

Given the duration of the delays and the absence of acknowledgment in at least one instance, there is a reasonable basis to question whether statutory obligations are being consistently met.

This correspondence is not intended to assert legal conclusions, but rather to formally request that your office examine these circumstances and determine whether further inquiry or action is appropriate.

Relevant documentation, including copies of submitted requests and a publicly maintained request tracker, are available at:
lscbtransparency.com

Residents have expressed ongoing concern regarding transparency, consistency, and adherence to statutory obligations, and are seeking clarity on the appropriate channels for addressing these issues.

Given the potential implications for statutory compliance and public accountability, I would appreciate confirmation that this referral has been received and whether it will be reviewed by the appropriate office or authority.

Please also advise whether this matter falls within your office's jurisdiction, or if it should be directed

elsewhere.

If appropriate, I would also request that this matter be reviewed in consultation with legal counsel to ensure proper interpretation and application of the relevant statutory requirements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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