

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION**

SURGRET URANIA DOSS,

Case No.: 24-CA-003040

Petitioner,

v.

Division: G

SUSAN LOPEZ, in her Official Capacity as
Hillsborough County State Attorney;
THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY STATE
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE;
JANE CASTOR, in her Official Capacity as
Mayor of Tampa, Florida; THE CITY OF TAMPA,
A Florida Municipality; CHAD CHRONISTER,
In his Official Capacity as Hillsborough County Sheriff;
THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PROPERTY
APPRAISER OFFICE; BOB HENRIQUEZ,
in his Official Capacity as Hillsborough County
Property Appraiser,

Respondents.

**ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS TO ENFORCE PUBLIC
RECORDS LAW**

THIS CAUSE is before the court on the Petition for Writ of Mandamus to Enforce Public Records Law, filed on April 15, 2024, by Petitioner Surgret Urania Doss, seeking to compel Respondents to produce a list of documents pursuant to Florida Statute § 119.07, which requires custodians of public records to permit inspection of those records, within certain parameters, including a special service charge for records requests that require “extensive use of information technology resources or [] labor cost” Fla. Stat. § 119.07(4). Having reviewed the petition, response, all appendices, and applicable law, the court determines that:

Petitioner submitted a seven page long Public Record request on March 15, 2023. On April 13, 2023, the City of Tampa provided Petitioner with an invoice that required prepayment of a deposit before the City would begin fulfilling the request. On August 1, 2023, the City sent a letter to Petitioner informing him that he could narrow his seven page request and be provided with a new invoice. As of April 11, 2024, Petitioner had neither narrowed his request nor prepaid the deposit for his initial request.

Florida Statute § 119.07(1)(c) requires public records custodians to respond to requests promptly and in good faith. The custodian may require a special service charge “[i]f the nature or volume of public records, request to be inspected or copied pursuant to this subsection is such as to require extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance by personnel of the agency involved.” Fla. Stat. § 119.07(4). In this case, Petitioner submitted a seven-page long request seeking 21 categories of documents, including emails, spanning a 23-year period. The City responded to Petitioner’s request with an invoice, informing Petitioner that his request would be fulfilled upon prepayment of a deposit, as permitted by statute. Given the sheer volume of Petitioner’s request, the Court finds that the City fulfilled its ministerial duty by providing Petitioner with an invoice and explaining that due to the size and complexity of the request, a deposit would be required.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Mandamus to Enforce Public Records Law is hereby **DENIED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Tampa, Florida on the date imprinted with the Judge’s signature.

24-CA-003040 6/29/2024 9:00:35 PM

24-CA-003040 6/29/2024 9:00:35 PM

HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER C. NASH
Circuit Court Judge

Copies Furnished To:

Petitioner

Respondents