

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by )  
Murray Brenner, Complainant ) Report of Hearing Officer  
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against ) Docket #FIC76-217  
 )  
City and Town of Bridgeport and ) January 26, 1977  
Assessor of the City and Town of )  
Bridgeport, Respondents )  
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The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 21, 1977, at which time the complainant alone appeared 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.
2. On November 30, 1976, complainant, (a professional engineer of the State of Connecticut) requested a copy of Bridgeport's assessment manual and other documents relevant to the assessment process.
3. Complainant was refused a copy of this material on the ground that, even though he offered to pay the reasonable cost, the respondent assessor's office did not have the time or staff to make the copies.
4. Although duly noticed, respondents did not appear as required by the order to show cause of December 15, 1976 as modified on December 29, 1976.

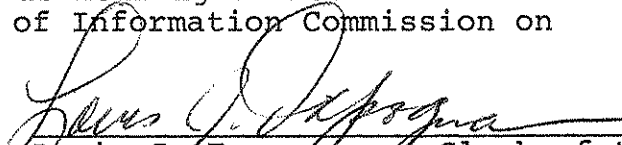
The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The respondent assessor is hereby ordered to furnish complainant the copies requested at a reasonable cost pursuant to §§2(a) and 5 of P.A. 75-342.

  
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Commissioner Herbert Brucker

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on  
February 9, 1977.

  
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Louis J. Tapogna, as Clerk of the  
Freedom of Information Commission