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Town of Warrenton: Exempted Emails

It was recently reported by the Fauquier Times, Fauquier Now, and the Washington Post that the 3,142 emails the Town exempted from CFFC's FOIA request were between the former Town Manager and Amazon representatives. The 3,142 fully exempted emails were not emails between Ms. Schaeffer and Amazon representatives. The Town has never stated that they were.

CFFC requested as part of their FOIA request, "all documents exchanged between or relating or referring to correspondence or communications between Town employees, Staff, elected officials and/or consultants and/or Brandie Schaeffer* and/or Amazon, Amazon's employees, representatives, attorneys or consultants from April 1, 2022, to present." For reference, "present" is July 12, 2022, the last day the former Town Manager's employment with the Town of Warrenton. When the Town sought clarification of the request, CFFC insisted on the broad request for all of Ms. Schaeffer's emails from the time period specified.

The 3,142 emails were emails sent between Ms. Schaeffer and anyone else, on any subject of Town business. That is town staff, Town Council, Town Attorney, citizens, businesses, or organizations.

Of the 3,142 emails, 0 emails were exchanged between Ms. Schaeffer and any Amazon representative. There were 13 emails exchanged between Ms. Schaeffer with staff or Town Council that referenced the Amazon SUP.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Martino at the contact information above.

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