



September 3, 2020

Mr. Perry Boxx
News Director
100 Television Lane
Paducah, KY 42003

RE: Cease and desist – Paducah Redevelopment TIF news article

Dear Mr. Boxx,

I am contacting you about an article you contributed to on the WPSD Local 6 website titled “Paducah leaders negotiating with state, as TIF district plans could be in jeopardy.” This news article cites findings from a draft report written by Anderson Economic Group titled “Paducah Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment Mixed-Use TIF.” I am requesting that this report and all information used in the news story obtained from the report be removed from your website immediately because the document was not lawfully obtained in accordance with the Commonwealth’s Open Records Act.

I am noting the following:

- WPSD Local 6 obtained the Anderson Economic Group report from the City of Paducah through a Kentucky Open Records Act request submitted to the City of Paducah.
- The document is property of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, not the City of Paducah.
- The State’s open record law KRS 61.878(1)(c)(2)(b) excludes from public inspection except on order of court “any document prepared in conjunction with an application for the administration of assessments, incentives, inducements, and tax credits described in KRS Chapter 154.”
- The Anderson Economic Group report was prepared for the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development in accordance with KRS 154.30.
- WPSD 6 did not obtain the report via court order.

Please remove the report and any information obtained from the report from the WPSD website immediately. Should you not comply with our request, we may be forced to take further legal action against WPSD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian R. Peterson'.

Brian R. Peterson
Director, Public Policy & Economic Analysis