

5/16/2017

Re: \*Public Records request: BUILDING Dept - City of Chicago\*

**From:** DOBFOIA <DOBFOIA@cityofchicago.org>  
**To:** gww1210 <gww1210@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: \*Public Records request: BUILDING Dept - City of Chicago\*  
**Date:** Fri, Apr 7, 2017 4:59 pm  
**Attachments:** 1720\_N\_Sedgwick1.pdf (17K), 1720\_N\_Sedgwick.pdf (17K)

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Mr. Watts:

Regarding your question as to whether there were any photos taken of the Stop Work Orders for 1720 N. Sedgwick, I have attached the latest records I have for this address.

Sincerely,

C. Lynch  
City of Chicago, Dept. of Buildings

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**From:** [gww1210@aol.com](mailto:gww1210@aol.com) <[gww1210@aol.com](mailto:gww1210@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:44:59 PM  
**To:** DOBFOIA; DOB-info  
**Cc:** DOBFOIA; Lynch, Chris; Porche, Rodney; [gww1210@aol.com](mailto:gww1210@aol.com); [gww1210@gmail.com](mailto:gww1210@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Re: \*Public Records request: BUILDING Dept - City of Chicago\*

Chris, this is Gordon again.

I hate to bother you, but these criminals that have been trying to destroy the house at 1720 North Sedgwick Street, Old Towne, Chicago, IL (and resultantly make you all very busy, when y'all have to repeatedly put up "Stop Work Order" signs to put a stop to the illegal construction, demolition, & destruction of property), and I feel the need to do more news coverage.

This time, since i know of a recent Stop Work Order that your department had to put up, and since I know you all must document said illegalities with things like photographs... therefore: I would like to ask you all for copies of all the photographs -- emailing me image files ((\* .jpg Jay Pegs, PNG Portable Network Graphics, or embedded images in PDF files, for example)) would be fine.

Sorry to bother you again, but the cops and courts, and state attorney, and attorney general, and your Chicago press & news media, all seem to have decided not to do their jobs, so the workload is doubly heavy on your back and my back... (When will they ever stop those who illegally insist on illegal demolition/destruction!?), but be that as it may, I'll do my part to meet y'all halfway.

Please email me said photos to [Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com) with a cc to [Gww1210@Gmail.com](mailto:Gww1210@Gmail.com) and if you have any problems or questions, PHONE:(863)688-9880 and pre-paid Cell:(863)409-2109. Thank you,

Gordon Wayne Watts  
Editor-in-Chief, *The Register*

In a message dated 6/3/2016 12:18:10 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com) writes:

The records arrived safely. Thank you, Chris.

Gordon

---Original Message---

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**To:** Gww1210 <[Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Fri, Jun 3, 2016 9:41 am  
**Subject:** Re: \*Public Records request: BUILDING Dept - City of Chicago\*

Mr. Watts:

The records you requested are attached.

Sincerely,

C. Lynch  
City of Chicago, Dept. of Buildings

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**From:** [Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com) <[Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:36:04 AM  
**To:** [Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com); DOB-info; DOBFOIA  
**Cc:** [gww1210@gmail.com](mailto:gww1210@gmail.com); [Gww12102002@yahoo.com](mailto:Gww12102002@yahoo.com); [GordonWayneWatts@aol.com](mailto:GordonWayneWatts@aol.com); [gordonwaynewatts@hotmail.com](mailto:gordonwaynewatts@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** \*Public Records request: BUILDING Dept - City of Chicago\*

Oh, now I find the correct email address: [http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/narr/foia/foia\\_contacts.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/narr/foia/foia_contacts.html)

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**City of Chicago :: FOIA Contact Information by Department**  
[www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org)

All FOIA requests must be submitted directly to the appropriate City Department. Below is a list of City Departments with their contact information and a link to each ...

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Same question.

Thank you.

Gordon W. Watts///

In a message dated 5/31/2016 9:55:27 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [Gww1210@aol.com](mailto:Gww1210@aol.com) writes:

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**Dear City of Chicago Dept. of Buildings:**

I am writing you because I need your assistance with a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request of certain public documents in your department.

I'm the legal reporter assigned to an investigative fraud story with regard to allegations of a "Mortgage Rescue Scam" (aka Mortgage Fraud) concerning the sale of 1720 North Sedgwick Street in your Old Towne district. (Should you wish to peruse this news item, it is still front-page news on *The Register*, my namesake news blog, [www.GordonWatts.com](http://www.GordonWatts.com) or [www.GordonWayneWatts.com](http://www.GordonWayneWatts.com) linked in my email signature below, and is titled: "(Tue. 01 Dec. 2015, from Staff Reports) **Courts \*** Chicago Courts refuse to help elderly 'Mortgage Rescue Scam' victim; make him homeless." – I'm not the only reporter/editor, but, as it's an eponymous blog URL, I'm the editor-in-chief –and principal reporter.)

Anyway, to the point: Sources tell me that there is additional information in public records docs than what I can get here, online (referring to the screen grab below), and so, to that end, I'd like all the permitting paperwork, and anything else convenient you have, on this address.

You may "reply to all" of my email addresses in the cc line, and, if possible, you may send me electronic copies of said images (e.g., PDF, Jay Peg, PNG, gif image, tiff image etc.). I am working on deadline.

If there is a fee, please get back with me: My full contact information is in my byline, below the inline image screen capture, below.

Gordon W. Watts

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Department of Buildings

Application/Permit Search Help

### Building Permit Application Status

Application Status

**1720 N SEDGWICK ST**

**Description:** INTERIOR ALTERATIONS TO AN EXISTING 2 STORY FRAME SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH HABITABLE ATT SPACE. REFURBISH 1ST STORY STOREFRONT, SAME AS EXISTING. REPLACEMENT OF PORTIONS OF STOREFRONT KNEE WALL THAT ARE BEYOND REPAIR. ALL OTHER ELEMENTS OF FRONT

**Application Review Summary**

Name	Completed Date	Status
LANDMARK REVIEW	2016-05-23	APPROVED
FINAL DATA REVIEW	2016-05-23	DENIED
VENTILATION REVIEW	2016-03-23	APPROVED
PLUMBING REVIEW	2016-03-23	APPROVED
ARCHITECTURAL & FIRE REVIEW	2016-03-18	APPROVED
ZONING REVIEW	2016-03-14	APPROVED
ELECTRICAL REVIEW	2016-03-14	APPROVED
PRELIMINARY INTAKE REVIEW	2016-03-10	APPROVED

**This permit has not yet been issued.**

This data represents the last 18 months of historical permit information and was last updated on Sunday, May 29, 2016. This site is usually updated every night, however, please allow two (2) business days for permit data to be posted to this web site.

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"First, they [Nazis] came for the Jews. I was silent. I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists. I was silent. I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists. I was silent. I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me. There was no one left to speak for me."(Martin Niemöller, given credit for a quotation in The Harper Religious and Inspirational Quotation Companion, ed. Margaret Pepper(New York: Harper &Row, 1989), 429 -as cited on page 44, note 17, of Religious Cleansing in the American Republic, by Keith A. Fornier, Copyright 1993, by Liberty, Life, and Family Publications.

Some versions have Mr. Niemöller saying: "Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant"; other versions have him saying that they came for Socialists, Industrialists, schools, the press, and/or the Church; however, it's certain he DID say SOMETHING like this. Actually, they may not have come for the Jews first, as it's more likely they came for the prisoners, mentally handicapped, & other so-called "inferiors" first -as historians tell us-so they could get "practiced up"; however, they did come for them -due to the silence of their neighbors -and due in part to their own silence. So: **Speak**

**up now or forever hold your peace!"-GWW**

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