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**Subject:** Re: Records Request (Preliminary)  
**Date:** February 19, 2018 at 10:18  
**To:** O'Connor, Darren doconnor19@law.du.edu, Jones, Nicole njones18@law.du.edu, shimian.zhang@gmail.com  
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Thanks, everyone!  
We need Sam to take a look at both the Denver, Boulder, and Colorado Springs data we've collected and talk to us about what steps to take to do a better cost analysis. Does it make sense to ask Sam to cc

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**From:** "O'Connor, Darren" <doconnor19@law.du.edu>  
**Date:** Monday, February 19, 2018 at 10:11 AM  
**To:** "Jones, Nicole" <njones18@law.du.edu>, "shimian.zhang@gmail.com" <shimian.zhang@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Fw: Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi Everyone,

I missed this email from Nikki on Friday, which includes the data we requested (except for the dates).

Nikki, would you mind asking James to add a dates field for each citation, per our request?

Also, Sam, in case you missed this article, it includes some information about the number of camping tickets since September 2016 (when the City ended it's "soft touch" on the camping ban).

Thanks for your efforts Nikki!

Wishing you all well,  
Darren

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**From:** Jones, Nicole  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Darren  
**Subject:** Fw: Records Request (Preliminary)

James just sent this over.

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**From:** Cho, James <ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** Jones, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi Nicole,

Attached is a spreadsheet with the data you requested.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.  
**James Cho**  
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**From:** Jones, Nicole [mailto:njones18@law.du.edu]  
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James,

That looks like exactly what we need. Thank you!

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**From:** Cho, James <[ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:39:33 AM  
**To:** Jones, Nicole; O'Connor, Darren; Darren O'Connor  
**Cc:** Ruan, Nantiya  
**Subject:** RE: Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi Nicole,

Please see the sample below for what the data would look like. Just let me know if this what you had in mind for this request. This includes all the data fields you requested and the mailing address defendant did not provide a mailing address ("NONE"), provided a mailing address ("YES"), or gave one of the common addresses (please see last row – "3080 BROADWAY"). Let me know proceed with the request.

COURT CASE	VIOLATION DATE	MAILING ADDRESS?	STATUTE DESC	STATUTE NUMBER	
CR-2015-0001637-GE	17-Feb-15	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	BASELIN
CR-2015-0004676-GE	28-Apr-15	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	1325 PEA
CR-2015-0006443-GE	20-Jun-15	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	1800 28T
CR-2015-0007734-GE	25-Jul-15	NONE	Physical Harassment	5-3-3	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0007734-GE	25-Jul-15	NONE	Urinating in Public	5-6-7	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0007734-GE	25-Jul-15	NONE	Use of Fighting Words	5-3-6	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0007734-GE	25-Jul-15	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0007734-GE	25-Jul-15	NONE	Resisting Arrest	5-5-2	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0007734-GE	25-Jul-15	NONE	Use of Fighting Words	5-3-6	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0007734-GE	15-Jul-16	NONE	Contempt of Court - OTHER (Non-FTA)	2-6-10(b)	1427 PEA
CR-2015-0013820-GE	11-Dec-15	YES	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	1102 PEA
CR-2016-0001892-GE	28-Feb-16	NONE	Possession and/or Consumption of Alcohol in Public	5-7-2	28TH/ IR
CR-2016-0001892-GE	28-Feb-16	NONE	Obstructing Public Streets, Places - Buildings	5-3-5	28TH/ IR
CR-2016-0001892-GE	28-Feb-16	NONE	Resisting Arrest	5-5-2	28TH/ IR
CR-2016-0001892-GE	28-Feb-16	NONE	Obstructing a Police Officer or Firefighter	5-5-3	28TH/ IR
CR-2016-0012732-GE	31-Oct-16	NONE	Obstructing Public Streets, Places - Buildings	5-3-5	13TH ST PENNSY
CR-2016-0013017-GE	09-Nov-16	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	FOLSOM
CR-2017-0001746-GE	27-Feb-17	YES	Physical Harassment	5-3-3	1710 PEA
CR-2017-0001746-GE	27-Feb-17	YES	Assault in the 3rd Degree	5-3-1	1710 PEA
CR-2017-0001746-GE	27-Feb-17	YES	Obstructing Public Streets, Places - Buildings	5-3-5	1710 PEA
CR-2017-0002875-GE	01-Apr-17	NONE	Obstructing Public Streets, Places - Buildings	5-3-5	15TH ST/
CR-2017-0002875-GE	01-Apr-17	NONE	Unlawful Conduct on Public Property	5-5-20	15TH ST/
CR-2017-0003298-GE	17-Apr-17	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	1108 PEA
CR-2017-0003298-GE	17-Apr-17	NONE	Damaging Property of Another	5-4-1	1108 PEA
CR-2017-0004081-GE	12-May-17	NONE	Aggressive Begging Prohibited	5-3-7	13TH/CO
CR-2017-0004774-GE	29-May-17	NONE	Obstructing Public Streets, Places - Buildings	5-3-5	26TH/ W/
CR-2017-0006316-GE	09-Aug-17	3080 BROADWAY	Obstructing Public Streets, Places - Buildings	5-3-5	12TH ST/

Thanks,  
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**From:** Jones, Nicole [<mailto:njones18@law.du.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Darren <[doconnor19@law.du.edu](mailto:doconnor19@law.du.edu)>; Cho, James <[ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov)>; Darren O'Connor <[constanciodarren@gmail.com](mailto:constanciodarren@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Ruan, Nantiya <[nruan@law.du.edu](mailto:nruan@law.du.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi James,

After further discussion, we would like you to go ahead and produce the data from parts 1-4 and 7 which you mentioned could be done at no cost to us.

That data would be the:

1. The date.
2. The court case number
3. Any other violations that were cited in addition to the above (see example from the data you kindly provided to me before, copied below)
4. The location of the citation
- and 7. For each record, an identifier as to whether the person is homeless/transient/without address (homeless designation should include those using the address of the Boulder Shelter for the Boulder, CO 80304), or has a residence and can be considered housed

for the following citations  
5-3-5 [Obstructing Public Streets, Places or Buildings](#)  
5-3-7 [Aggressive Begging Prohibited](#)  
5-4-6 [Trespass on Public Property](#)  
5-4-3 [Trespass](#)  
5-6-3 [Unlawful Use of Vehicles as Residence](#)  
5-6-7 [Public Urination](#)  
5-6-10 [Camping or Lodging on Property Without Consent](#)  
5-6-16 [Staying on Medians Prohibited](#)  
6-4-3.5 [Smoking Prohibited in Public Areas](#)  
8-3-21 [Tents and Nets Prohibited](#)

As far as the payment whether paid in court or mailed in, for each and if community service was given, the payment made, if any, and the number of hours of community service. We would like this data as well; however, if the cost of the labor in producing it please contact us before you proceed.

Thank you for your help,

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**From:** O'Connor, Darren  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2018 12:47:30 PM  
**To:** Cho, James; Darren O'Connor  
**Cc:** Ruan, Nantiya; Jones, Nicole  
**Subject:** Re: Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi James,

Sorry for the delayed response and thank you for your prompt one. We are pondering our next steps and will get back to you soon.

Thanks a bunch,  
Darren

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**From:** Cho, James <[ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:31:00 PM  
**To:** Darren O'Connor  
**Cc:** Ruan, Nantiya; Jones, Nicole; O'Connor, Darren  
**Subject:** RE: Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi Darren,

The first few parts of this request are relatively easy and require little effort. We can create the query and get results quickly.

Parts 1 – 4 and 7 would require little staff time.

Parts 5 and 6 would require some effort. For each record, we would be able to tell whether a balance is still owed as of now, but we would have to look closely at the records to see when they whether any of the fines were converted to community service or time served.

There are city rules regarding records requests and research fees. Typically, departments charge a fee for anything that requires more than one hour of effort.

I know parts 1 – 4 and 7 of your request will take roughly an hour to complete. We would not charge you for that.

However, parts 5 and 6 will likely take more than an hour. In fact, depending on the number of records, I think it will take more than a few hours.

For now, do you want to proceed with parts 1 – 4 and 7? Then, you can look at the number of records and see if it will be worth the time and effort to proceed with the other two parts.

Thanks,  
**James Cho**  
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**From:** Darren O'Connor [<mailto:constanciodarren@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:03 PM  
**To:** Cho, James <[ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:ChoJ@bouldercolorado.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ruan, Nantiya <[nruan@law.du.edu](mailto:nruan@law.du.edu)>; [njones18@law.du.edu](mailto:njones18@law.du.edu); [doconnor19@law.du.edu](mailto:doconnor19@law.du.edu)  
**Subject:** Records Request (Preliminary)

Hi James,

Thanks for your time again this morning on the phone. Per our conversation, here is the list of citations we would like to get information about, described below the list of ordinance numbers :

5-3-5 [Obstructing Public Streets, Places or Buildings](#)  
5-3-7 [Aggressive Begging Prohibited](#)  
5-4-6 [Trespass on Public Property](#)  
5-4-3 [Trespass](#)  
5-6-3 [Unlawful Use of Vehicles as Residence](#)  
5-6-7 [Public Urination](#)  
5-6-10 [Camping or Lodging on Property Without Consent](#)  
5-6-16 [Staying on Medians Prohibited](#)  
6-4-3.5 [Smoking Prohibited in Public Areas](#)  
8-3-21 [Tents and Nets Prohibited](#)

For our analysis, we would like to get a list of ALL the citations from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. For each violation we would like to know:

1. The date.
2. The court case number
3. Any other violations that were cited in addition to the above (see example from the data you kindly provided to me before, copied below)
4. The location of the citation
5. The payment whether paid in court or mailed in, for each
6. If community service was given, the payment made, if any, and the number of hours of community service
7. For each record, an identifier as to whether the person is homeless/transient/without address (homeless designation should include those using the address of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, CO 80304), or has a residence and can be considered housed

For item seven, a column labeled "Homeless" would suffice, with a 1 in the row that is a record for a given citation, the recipient of which was identified as homeless/transient/without an address

As an example of item three, here is a record of someone issued a camping citation that was cited for two other ordinance violations:

COURT_CASE	STATUTE_NUMBER	STATUTE_DESC	VIOLATION_DATE
CR-2015-0000695-GI	5-6-10	Camping or Lodging on Property Without Consent	27-Jan-15
CR-2015-0000695-GI	5-4-10	Building Fires on Public Property	27-Jan-15
CR-2015-0000695-GI	5-3-21	Tents And Nets Prohibited	27-Jan-15

**We would like to get an estimate of the cost before you proceed.** If there is anything in the list above that makes this request labor intensive, I am happy to talk more about how we can minimize the cost required to produce the requested data.

I want to reiterate my invitation to discuss our methods and findings to ensure maximum reliability in those findings. Anyone from your office that you think is most appropriate to meet with is invited, both via email, or phone at 720.961.3869.

FYI, I found the report Judge Cooke provided to Council in March of 2016:

<http://list.ci.boulder.co.us/pipermail/bouldercouncilhotline/attachments/20160303/5c657d1e/attachment.obj>

Wishing you well,  
Darren O'Connor