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**OPEN RECORDS AND MEETINGS SUMMARY OPINION**
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ISSUED TO: City of Mandan

SUMMARY OPINION[1]

S. Paul Jordan requested an opinion from this office under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-21.1 asking whether the City of Mandan ("City") violated N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18 by failing to properly respond to his records request made to the Mandan City Attorney on November 24, 2025. The City Attorney responded to the correspondence, seeking clarification of the specific records that were requested.[2] A review of the correspondence between the requester and the City Attorney shows that the requester did not clarify the scope of records requested. Based on the facts provided by the City Attorney, it is my opinion that no violation of the open records law occurred relating to Mr. Jordan's correspondence to the City Attorney.

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cc: S. Paul Jordan

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[1] This Summary Opinion is issued pursuant to the authority granted to this office in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-21.1(1).

[2] Daniel Nagel, City Att'y, City of Mandan, to Stephen R. Hanson, Assistant Att'y Gen., Off. of Att'y Gen. (Feb. 11, 2026); *see* N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18(2) ("A public entity may require written clarification of the request to determine what records are being requested . . . .").