



Council Request Update

May 3, 2018

Council Request: 18-044

Requested by: Council Member Olson

Request: What is happening with the berm near 2772 S. Downing Circle?

Assigned to: Public Works

Response: The response from Acting Public Works Director Larry Nimmo concluded that this address is not an Englewood address. The address is within Denver limits, therefore the inquiry has been sent to the City of Denver.

Council Request: 18-046

Requested by: Mayor Pro Tem Russell

Request: Request for Arapahoe County's policy on autopsies, and policy on autopsies when someone dies within a hospital.

Assigned to: Police Department

Response: Please see the response from Englewood Police Department Commander Vance Fender.



TO: Chief of Police John Collins
FROM: Commander Vance Fender
DATE: May 2, 2018
SUBJECT: Council Request 18-046

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Requested by: Mayor Pro Tem Rita Russell
Assigned to: Police Department

Request for Arapahoe County Coroner's Office autopsy policy

Per the council request on this issue, the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office autopsy policy is:

"An autopsy is part of a forensic investigation. The Arapahoe County Coroner's Office does not do limited autopsies but full forensic autopsies. Per state statute, it is the decision of the Coroner's Office as to whether or not an autopsy will be conducted. The office understands that some families might object to an autopsy. These cases will be handled on a case by case basis."

This information can also be found at <http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/964/Autopsy-Policy>.

Additionally, the person asking the Mayor Pro Tem about this issue has been in communication directly with the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office and has been provided information from the Coroner, Dr. Kelly Lear. This information has entailed detailed medical record examination, as well as information on how to have an independent medical doctor (to include contact information on doctors throughout the state) that could provide this service if she was willing to pay for it.

Regarding the allegation of assault, an officer was dispatched to Swedish Medical Center on May 9, 2017 at 0525hrs. The officer took an incident report reference a "suspicious incident" (17-05071) in which no allegation of assault was supported. Copies of this report, and all associated recordings, were released to the person making the inquiries to the Mayor Pro Tem.