
PUBLIC RECORDS - OHIO

State ex rel. Ames v. Andover Village Council

Supreme Court of Ohio - October 27, 2026 - N.E.3d - 2026 WL 3210164 - 2026-Ohio-4193

Records requester brought pro se action against village council for writ of mandamus under Public Records Act to compel production of copies of council's journals from 22 meetings pursuant to requests under Act.

Council moved to dismiss.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Supreme Court had subject-matter jurisdiction over requester's mandamus action under Public Records Act;
- Requester was not engaged in unauthorized practice of law as nonlawyer prosecuting action on behalf of State of Ohio; and
- As matter of first impression, requester's service by email of pre-suit complaint on village council was not appropriate method of service, and, thus, requester was not authorized to commence mandamus action.

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