



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
15 September 2021
Our ref: 7582128

Thank you for your request received on 19 August 2021, for the following information:

Please provide a list, with name and address, of those who hold a garage license agreement, for operating a garage business from a private residential dwelling.

Please provide the annual cost of the license.

Please provide the entitlement criteria for a license.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we are withholding some of that information since we consider that the following exemptions apply to it.

Please provide a list, with name and address, of those who hold a garage license agreement, for operating a garage business from a private residential dwelling.

Please provide the annual cost of the license.

Please provide the entitlement criteria for a license.

See Refusal Notice below

Government guidance on Running a business from home can be found here:
www.gov.uk/run-business-from-home

The Council's Public Register contains information on approved licenses, planning applications and building control where you can search on specific addresses where licenses have been granted - under search menu option select Licensing
www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/find-and-comment-planning-applications

The cost of a premises licence depends on the nondomestic rateable value of the premises. Please see the attached link which holds the up to date fees for premises licences as set by the Licensing Act

2003 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beer-licensing-fee-levels>

The process for applying for a premises licences can be found with the appropriate documents on our website at <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/licences-permits-and-registrations/beer-entertainment-late-night-refreshment-licences/premises>

In addition to a premises licence the person that will be responsible for authorising the sale of alcohol from a licensed premises (known as a Designated Premises Supervisor) will need to hold a Personal licence. The process for applying for a personal licence and the documents needed can be found on our website at <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/licences-permits-and-registrations/beer-entertainment-late-night-refreshment-licences/personal>

S12 cost limit (exceeds appropriate limit)

The only information that the Licensing Team might hold would be if they have a licence to sell alcohol from their home address. Unfortunately however we do not log whether the premises licences that we issue is a residential or commercial premises as this is not a requirement in the relevant legislation. As a result in order to extract that information we would need to conduct an individual search of each premises licence case on our data base along with a check online to see if the address is residential or commercial.

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx 250 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:
1000 premises, each check would take 15 minutes.

Advice and Assistance

We can offer no further advice and assistance on how to narrow your request.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this

purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.