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Ms. Bridget A. Wachtel
Village Manager
Village of Flossmoor
2800 Flossmoor Road
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RE: Request for Pre-Authorization, 7(1)(c) – No. 2010 PAC 5969

Dear Ms. Wachtel:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Flossmoor of its intent to deny specified information, as exempt from disclosure under subsections 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b), in response to a request from [REDACTED] of the Southtown Star dated February 17, 2010.

Your explanation indicates that portions of the information which you seek to exempt fall within the definition of "private information" as set forth in subsection 2(c-5) of the Act and exempted under subsection 7(1)(b) of the Act. Included among these are employee identification numbers, social security numbers, home addresses and home phone numbers. Private information under 7(1)(b) noted above, can be asserted, the private information redacted, and sent directly to the requester without the need for formal pre-authorization from this office.

The only exemption noted in your correspondence requiring pre-approval from this office to redact/withhold is the unwarranted invasion of personal privacy exemption under subsection 7(1)(c), for the dates of births of individuals noted in the records.

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is appropriate for the Village to redact individuals' dates of birth under section 7(1)(c) because the information is personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

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No further inquiry into this matter is warranted. This correspondence shall serve to close this file.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 557-0548.

Sincerely,

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