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June 10, 2011

Ms. Debra J. Ford  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Village of Northbrook  
1225 Cedar Lane  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

RE: FOIA Preauthorization Request- 2011 PAC 14466

Dear Ms. Ford:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Northbrook of its intention to deny certain information requested by [REDACTED] as exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010. [REDACTED] had requested copies of police records relating to four named individuals, including herself, since 2010. The Village seeks preauthorization to redact certain information from a May 18, 2011, report pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." The exemption defines "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" as the "disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010.

**DETERMINATION**

The Department's use of the exemption in section 7(1)(c) to redact the report narratives and other personal information associated with the complainant is **approved**. We have reviewed the May 18, 2011, report and agree that releasing the portions that the Village wishes to redact would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The type of

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information set forth in the relevant portions of the report is highly personal by its very nature and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 312-814-2770. This correspondence shall serve to close the matter.

Very truly yours,



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