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Via Electronic Mail
Mr. Todd Rent, FOIA Officer
City of Urbana
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801
[REDACTED]

RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 14874

Dear Mr. Rent:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Urbana (City) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information under section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2010)). Specifically, on June 13, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the City for a March 6, 2011, police report regarding [REDACTED]. The City is seeking to withhold certain information in the report responsive to this FOIA request, based on its claim that the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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 2010).

DETERMINATION


The City's assertion of section 7(1)(c) to withhold the information at issue is **approved**. We have concluded that the City has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the disclosure of this information concerning the nature of the relationship between two individuals referenced in this report would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person. Under these

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circumstances, the privacy interests of these individuals outweigh any legitimate public interest in the information that the City intends to withhold.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (217) 782-9078. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,



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