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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2011 PAC 15883

Dear Mr. McGrath:

We have received the written notice from the Village of Danvers of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2010)). Specifically, on October 6, 2010, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request for "[i]ncident reports filed by Officer Robert (Bob) Collins, Officer Mike Kemp, Chief of Police Chris Gleason, and any other reports pertaining to Aug. 29, 2010 incident." In its written notice, the Village asserted that pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of FOIA, it redacted employment information for the individuals listed in the police reports.

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."

DETERMINATION

The Village's assertion of section 7(1)(c) to withhold employment information regarding individuals named in the police reports is **approved**. None of the individuals named in the reports was arrested in connection with this incident. After reviewing the police reports in question, we conclude that the individuals' employment information is highly personal and that the individuals' right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any public interest in disclosure. Therefore, release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted

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invasion of the individuals' personal privacy. As such, the Village has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the employment information is exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(c).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-8413. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,



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