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Karen Arnold  
FOIA Officer  
Village of Lisle Business Office  
925 Burlington Avenue  
Lisle, IL 60532

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 6786

Dear Ms. Arnold:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Lisle ("Lisle") of its intent to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended (FOIA). Lisle is seeking to redact dates of birth from a police report.

Subsection 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 disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines "[u]nwarranted 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." *Id.*

Lisle's use of the exemption in 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

As such, Lisle should issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the records to [REDACTED] with the appropriate information redacted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6437. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

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