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Wendellyn J. Briggs, City Clerk  
Town of Normal  
100 East Phoenix Ave  
P.O. Box 589  
Normal, Illinois 61761-0589

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 6834

Dear Mr. Briggs:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Town of Normal (Town) of its intention 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).

██████████ on behalf of ██████████ submitted a FOIA request on April 9, 2010, seeking Accident Report Number 10359. In its written notice, the Town asserted that dates of birth and medical information are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c).

**Determination**

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 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 “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.*

The Town’s use of exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that 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.

The Town’s use of exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to medical treatment is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of medical information and medical treatment 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.

Accordingly, if the Town has not already done so, it may issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the records to him with the appropriate information redacted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5206. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

By: [REDACTED]

Amalia Rioja  
Chief Deputy Public Access Counselor

cc: [REDACTED]