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Mr. Andrew Goczkowski  
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City of Des Plaines  
1420 Miner Street  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 6986

Dear Mr. Goczkowski:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Des Plaines (City) of its intent to deny disclosure of certain information in several traffic accident reports under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended (FOIA).

██████████ submitted a FOIA request seeking traffic accident reports from April 9 through April 14, 2010. In its written notice, the City asserted that dates of birth, insurance policy numbers, and information about which hospital an injured person was taken to are exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Subsection 7(1)(c) 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”. 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.”

The City’s use of the subsection 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to the aforementioned information is **approved**. The information is highly personal by its very nature, and the subjects’ right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining it. Thus, the information is exempt from disclosure under subsection 7(1)(c) of FOIA, as disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy to the subjects of the information.

As such, the City should issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

By:



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