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Ms. Laura Godette
FOIA Officer
Village of Tinley Park
16250 South Oak Park Avenue
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477-1628

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 8043

Dear Ms. Godette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Tinley Park (Village) of its intent to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

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 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.*

Determination

The Village's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. This 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.

Social security numbers are exempt from disclosure as "private information" under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. The Village's use of this exemption does not require preapproval from our office. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5206.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By: Sara Gadola Gallagher
Deputy Public Access Counselor

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