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Ms. Debra L. Pisarzewski
FOIA Officer
Village of Thornton
115 E. Margaret St.
Thornton, IL 60476-1292

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 8384

Dear Ms. Pisarzewski:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Thornton (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 request to assert the exemption under 7(1)(c), for injury report information, is hereby denied. The Village has failed to meet its burden of establishing, by clear and convincing evidence, that disclosure of injury report information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. *See* 5 ILCS 140/1.2 and 7(1)(c).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

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