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Janet H. Binder
FOIA Officer
Village of Villa Park
20 S. Ardmore Ave.
Villa Park, Illinois 60181-2610

RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2010 PAC-8411

Dear Ms. Binder:

We have reviewed the Village of Villa Park's pre-authorization request and associated documents to determine if section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c), was properly asserted to withhold information requested by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] requested information concerning "title, salary, job description of a former employee named Katie Rodriquez, a.k.a. Catherine Rodriquez; a.k.a. Katie Glassford; a.k.a. Catherine Glassford." The Village granted his request in part; it withheld information concerning Ms. Rodriguez's home address, telephone number, social security number, and birth date.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying the following: "personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." "Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

This Office approves the Village's use of section 7(1)(c) to withhold Ms. Rodriguez's birth date information. We have determined that disclosing this information 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 subjects' right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information.

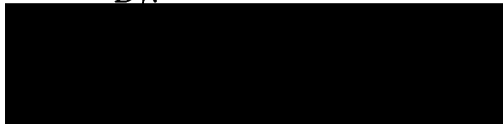
With respect to the Village's withholding of information concerning the home address, telephone number, and social security number, pre-authorization is unnecessary. This information constitutes private information under section 2(c-5) of FOIA and, thus, is exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), 7(1)(b).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5044. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

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Assistant Attorney General

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