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July 22, 2010

Kathe Swanson  
Chief FOIA Officer  
City of Dixon  
P.O. Box 386  
Dixon, Illinois 61021

RE: Pre-Authorization Request - 2010 PAC 8482

Dear Ms. Swanson:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Dixon (City) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

██████████ submitted a FOIA request dated July 7, 2010, seeking a copy of a particular police report dated January 31, 2009. In its written notice, the City asserted that certain names of individuals who provide information to law enforcement officials are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

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 the 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 City's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to names of individuals who provide information to law enforcement is denied. We have determined that the disclosure of this information would not constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). However, this information may be exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(d)(iv) of FOIA and use of exemption 7(1)(d) to partially deny disclosure of public records does not require preapproval from our office.

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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

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