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Julie Nistler  
FOIA Officer  
City of Park Ridge  
Police Department  
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 8548

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Park Ridge Police Department (Department) 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.

S.B. Baker and Associates, Inc., [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request dated July 7, 2010, seeking records concerning a break-in and theft at the Jeanne Schultz Memorial School at 2101 Oakton. In its written notice, the Department asserted that dates of birth are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

**Determination**

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.*

The Department's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is **approved**. We have determined that the disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly

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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 subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. As such, the Department may issue a partial denial letter directly to S.B. Baker and Associate, Inc. and release the records with the appropriate information redacted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

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cc: S.B. Baker and Associates, Inc.  
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