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Ms. Wendellyn J. Briggs  
City Clerk/Freedom of Information Officer  
Town of Normal  
100 East Phoenix Avenue  
Normal, Illinois 61761

RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request - 2010-PAC 8590

Dear Ms. Briggs:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Town of Normal (Town) of its intention to deny disclosure of all descriptions of injuries from an accident report 10-719 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 of privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." *Id.*

**Determination**

The Town's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to withholding the subjects' injury information is **approved**. This is highly personal information, and the subjects' right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in its disclosure. As such, disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under Section 7(1)(c).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865. This letter shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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