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RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 8866

Dear Mr. Schuster:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Hampshire (Village) 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 29, 2010, seeking police report number 10-02762. In its written notice, the Village asserted that dates of birth, home addresses, telephone numbers and driver's license numbers are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

The home addresses, telephone numbers and driver's license numbers that the Village redacted fall within the Section 7(1)(b) exemption for private information. "Private information" means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). Use of this exemption to partially deny disclosure of private information does not require preapproval from our Office and this letter gives no further advice or opinion with regard to exemption 7(1)(b).

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

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person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." *Id.*

The Village'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 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 Village may issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the records to her with the appropriate information redacted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Access Counselor's Office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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