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Ms. Laura Godette
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Tinley Park
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 8023

Dear Ms. Godette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Tinley Park (Village) of its intent to deny disclosure of dates of birth and driver's license numbers 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 Village's use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth 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) of FOIA.

Driver's license numbers are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. The Village's use of this exemption does not require preapproval from our office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By: 

Sara Gadoia Gagnier
Deputy Public Access Counselor

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