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Cindy K. Smiley
FOIA Officer
City of Woodstock
121 West Calhoun
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 8930
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Smiley:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Woodstock of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

[REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request dated July 30, 2010, seeking a copy of police report # 10-6895. In its written notice, the City asserted that the entire report is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Determinations

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." 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."

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The City's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to the police report in its entirety is approved. This report pertains entirely to a highly personal matter, and no arrests occurred. The disclosure of this information would be objectionable to a reasonable person, and the subjects' right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. Accordingly, the City has met its initial burden of demonstrating that this report is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

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,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:



Sarah Kaplan
Assistant Public Access Counselor

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