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The Honorable Kenneth W. Cook
Acting Administrator
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
P. O. Box 13127, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Open Records Decision No. 66
Re: Responsibility of Alcoholic
Beverage Commission under
the Open Records Act to reveal
home addresses of licensees.

Dear Mr. Cook:

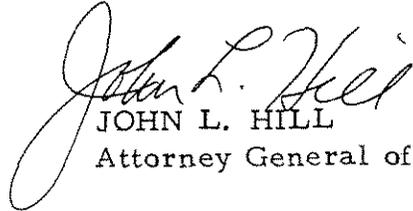
Pursuant to section 7 of the Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S., you have requested our decision as to whether the residence address of an owner of premises licensed by your agency is excepted from disclosure under section 3(a)(1) of the Act as information deemed confidential by statutory law.

You cite article 666-12a, section 5, Penal Auxiliary Laws, as authority that the information is made confidential by law. That section provides, in part, as follows:

The private records of any person, permittee or licensee (which shall be any records except the name, proposed location, and type of permit or license sought in any application for a permit or license or any renewal thereof, any periodic report covering importation, distribution, or sale of any alcoholic beverages required by the Board to be regularly filed by a permittee or licensee) which are required or obtained by the Liquor Control Board or its agents in connection with any investigation, or otherwise, shall be privileged, unless introduced in evidence in a hearing before the Board or any court in this state or the United States. . . .

In view of this provision, we are of the opinion that the information requested is privileged and is excepted from public disclosure by section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act. See Open Records Decision No. 62 (1974).

Very truly yours,


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