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Mr. Edward H. Perry
Assistant City Attorney
City of Dallas
Office of the City Attorney
City Hall
Dallas, Texas 75201

OR96-0084

Dear Mr. Perry:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 36730.

The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for the name of the person who complained about the requestor's car. You assert that the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure based on section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with the informer's privilege.

The informer's privilege aspect of section 552.101 protects from required public disclosure the identity of persons who report violations of law to officials charged with the duty of enforcing the particular law. *See* Open Records Decision No. 515 (1988). We believe the person who complained about the requestor's car was reporting a violation of city law. Consequently, we conclude that the city may withhold the requested information from required public disclosure based on section 552.101 in conjunction with the informer's privilege.

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous

determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Guajardo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Guajardo
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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