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Dear Mr. Marshall:

You submit a second request for reconsideration of Open Records Letter No. 96-0924 (1996) in which 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 for reconsideration was assigned ID# 102317.

The City of Coppell (the "city") received the request for information on March 20, 1996. In conformance with section 552.306 of the Government Code, the attorney general's office rendered a decision within 60 working days after the date the city requested a decision from this office. After reviewing your current submitted arguments, we again affirm our conclusion that Open Records Letter No. 96-0924 (1996) is correct. We decline to consider the city's subsequent request for reconsideration and would direct the city to the language in Open Records Decision No. 515 (1988) which states in part:

In placing a time limit on the product of public information, the legislature recognized the value of *timely* production of public information. *See also* V.T.C.S. art. 6251-17a, § 4 (shall "promptly" produce public information), § 13 (may promulgate rules to ensure that "public records may be inspected efficiently, safely, and without delay"). To allow governmental bodies to raise additional argument against disclosure, especially when requesting reconsideration of prior decisions, would allow them to delay releasing public information indefinitely.

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,



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