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Dear Mr. Gary:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 349644 (HCAD No. 09-0062).

The Houston County Appraisal District (the "district") received a request for the sales validity code, sales qualified code, and sales source code generated for a list of specified properties. You claim that the requested information is not public information subject to the Act. We have considered your arguments and reviewed the submitted information. We have also considered comments submitted by the requestor. Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released).

You note that the information at issue was the subject of a previous request received by the district, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2009-00101 (2009). You further state that "regardless of whether or not specific account numbers are listed . . . the computer codes generated by [the district], and their uses, remain the same." You do not indicate that there has been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. We therefore conclude that the district may treat the submitted information in accordance with Open Records Letter No. 2009-00101 (2009).¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (determining that governmental body may rely on previous determination when records or information at issue are precisely same records or information

¹As we are able to make this determination, we do not address your arguments against disclosure.

that were previously submitted to this office pursuant to section 552.301(e)(1)(D); governmental body which received request for records or information is same governmental body that previously requested and received ruling from attorney general; prior ruling concluded that precise records or information are or are not excepted from disclosure under Act; and law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed since issuance of ruling).

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General at (512) 475-2497.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)