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OR2011-07645

Dear Mr. Griffith:

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# 423798 (McKinney ORR# 10-3695).

The City of McKinney (the "city"), which you represent, received a request for information pertaining to a specified motor vehicle accident. You claim that the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 excepts from public disclosure information that relates to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(2). We note that the requestor has a right of access to her own Texas motor vehicle record information under section 552.023 of the Government Code and it may not be withheld from her under section 552.130. *See* Gov't Code § 552.023(b) (governmental body may not deny access to person to whom information relates or person's agent on grounds that information is considered confidential by privacy principles); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individuals request information concerning themselves). We also note that section 552.130 does not apply to out-of-state motor vehicle information. Accordingly, the city may not withhold the New York license plate number under section 552.130 of the Government Code. As you raise no further exceptions to its disclosure, the submitted information must be released.

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](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, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)