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OR2009-05237

Dear Ms. Zellers:

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# 345150.

The City of Weatherford (the "city") received three requests for incident report number 200906459. You state the city will release some information to the requestors. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under sections 552.130 and 552.147 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information [that] relates to . . . a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by an agency of this state [or] a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state[.]" Gov't Code § 552.130. You state, and we agree, the requestors have a right of access to their own Texas driver's license information under section 552.023 of the Government Code. *See id.* § 552.023(a); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individual requests information concerning herself).<sup>1</sup> However, the Texas driver's

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<sup>1</sup>Section 552.023(a) provides that "[a] person or a person's authorized representative has a special right of access, beyond the right of the general public, to information held by a governmental body that relates to the person and that is protected from public disclosure by laws intended to protect that person's privacy interests." Gov't Code § 552.023(a).

license information not belonging to the requestors, which you have marked, must be withheld under section 552.130 of the Government Code.

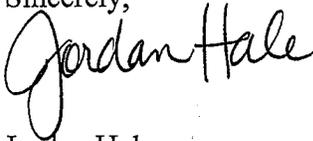
You assert some of the remaining information is excepted under section 552.147 of the Government Code, which provides that “[t]he social security number of a living person is excepted from” required public disclosure under the Act. Gov’t Code § 552.147. You acknowledge, and we agree, the requestors have a right of access to their own social security numbers pursuant to section 552.023. *See id.* § 552.023(a). However, the social security numbers not belonging to the requestors, which you have marked, may be withheld under section 552.147 of the Government Code.

In summary, the city must withhold the Texas driver’s license information not belonging to the requestors under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The social security numbers not belonging to the requestors may be withheld under section 552.147 of the Government Code. The remaining information must be released to the requestors.

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 at (512) 475-2497.

Sincerely,



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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

cc: 3 Requestors  
(w/o enclosures)