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Mr. Quentin D. Price
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Dear Mr. Price:

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# 608598 (TPIA Nos. 02-40, 02-41).

The City of Beaumont (the "city") received two requests from the same requestor for information pertaining to disciplinary actions taken against two named employees. The city states it has released some of the requested information, but claims it must withhold the submitted information in accordance with Open Records Letter No. 2016-02559 (2016). We have considered the submitted arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

The city informs us the requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2016-02559. In Open Records Letter No. 2016-02559, we determined the city must (1) withhold some information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 143.089(g) of the Local Government Code and common-law privacy, if applicable; (2) withhold some information under sections 552.1175 and 552.130 of the Government Code, if applicable; and (3) release the remaining information. The city states the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have not changed. Based on this representation, we conclude the city must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2016-02559 as a previous determination and withhold or release the identical information in accordance with that 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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to 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)