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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Captoria Brown
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City of Carrollton
1945 East Jackson
Carrollton, Texas 75006

OR2017-18708

Dear Ms. Brown:

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# 671237 (City ID# 10293).

The City of Carrollton (the "city") received a request for information related to a specified sale of assessment revenues. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under sections 552.136 and 552.137 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.136(b) of the Government Code provides, "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of [the Act], a credit card, debit card, charge card, or access device number that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is confidential." Gov't Code § 552.136(b); *see id.* § 552.136(a) (defining "access device"). Upon review, we find the city must withhold the bank account and routing numbers we marked under section 552.136 of the Government Code. However, no portion of the remaining information consists of confidential access device numbers, and the city may not withhold any portion of the remaining information under section 552.136 of the Government Code.

Section 552.137 excepts from disclosure "an e-mail address of a member of the public that is provided for the purpose of communicating electronically with a governmental body," unless the member of the public consents to its release or the e-mail address is of a type specifically excluded by subsection (c). *Id.* § 552.137(a)-(c). Section 552.137 does not apply

to an institutional e-mail address, the general e-mail address of a business, an e-mail address of a person who has a contractual relationship with a governmental body, an e-mail address of a vendor who seeks to contract with a governmental body, an e-mail address maintained by a governmental entity for one of its officials or employees, or an e-mail address provided to a governmental body on a letterhead. *See id.* § 552.137(c). Upon review, we find the remaining information consists of e-mail addresses which are subject to section (c). Thus, the city may not withhold any portion of the remaining information under section 552.137 of the Government Code.

In summary, the city must withhold the information we marked under section 552.136 of the Government Code. The city must release the remaining information.

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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