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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

September 25, 2017

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

OR2017-21933

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# 677024 (City ID# 10605).

The City of Carrollton (the "city") received a request for a list of former and current employees during a specified time period, including specified categories of information for each employee. 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.

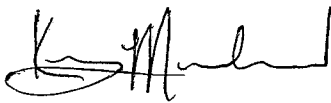
Section 552.136 of the Government Code provides, "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of [the Act], a credit card, debit card, charge card, or access device number that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is confidential." Gov't Code § 552.136(b); *see id.* § 552.136(a) (defining "access device"). You inform us the information you seek to withhold consists of employee identification numbers. You indicate the employee identification numbers can be used to access retirement accounts and other accounts of employees. Based on your representations, we agree the employee identification numbers at issue constitute access device numbers for purposes of section 552.136. Accordingly, the city must withhold the employee identification numbers you marked under section 552.136 of the Government Code.¹ As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure, the city must release the remaining information.

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining argument against disclosure of this 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenny Moreland', written over a horizontal line.

Kenny Moreland
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)