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Mr. Jaime Tijerina  
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OR2018-01219

Dear Mr. Tijerina:

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# 693200 (ORR# 754).


The City of Mission (the "city") received a request for photographs related to a specified accident. The city claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the city claims and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. The city asserts the submitted photographs contain motor vehicle record information that is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130. Upon review, we agree the submitted photographs contain license plate numbers, motor vehicle registration stickers, and vehicle identification numbers. The city contends it does not possess the technological capability to redact information from photographs. We note, however, the photographs may be printed, which would make it possible for the city to redact confidential information by marking out the information on the printed photographs. Therefore, the submitted photographs may not be withheld in their entireties under section 552.130 of the Government Code. Accordingly, the city must withhold the motor vehicle record information depicted in the submitted photographs under section 552.130 of the Government Code and must release the remaining portions of the photographs.

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](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)