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Ms. Illeana Fernandez  
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OR2019-21068

Dear Ms. Fernandez

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# 777888.

The City of Mesquite (the "city") received a request for information pertaining to building permits at a named location for a specified time period. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 of the Government Code encompasses section 1702.284(a) of the Occupations Code, which provides:

Information contained in alarm systems records maintained by a governmental body that concerns the location of an alarm system, the name of the occupant of an alarm system location, or the type of alarm system used is confidential and may be disclosed only to the [Texas Private Security Board], to the alarm company to which the confidential records relate, or as otherwise required by state law or court order.

Occ. Code § 1702.284(a); *see also id.* § 1702.002(1)(A)(ii) (defining “alarm system” as electronic equipment and devices designed to detect or signal the occurrence of a robbery or other emergency). Upon review, we find portions of the submitted information consists of information made confidential by section 1702.284. Accordingly, the city must withhold the types of information you marked and we marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 1702.284 of the Occupations Code.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pearlie Gault", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pearlie Gault  
Attorney  
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 777888

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)