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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Chief Gregory L. Grigg
Deer Park Police Department
2911 Center Street
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OR2019-23267

Dear Chief Grigg:

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# 781838 (ORR# 2019-1637).


The Deer Park Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. The department claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception 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. Some of the information at issue pertains to a vehicle that the requestor may own. Section 552.023(a) of the Government Code provides a governmental body may not deny access to a person or a person's representative to whom the information relates on the grounds that the information is considered confidential under privacy principles. Gov't Code § 552.023(a). We note section 552.130 protects personal privacy. Therefore, if the requestor is the owner of the vehicle at issue, then he has a right of access to the information pertaining to that vehicle pursuant to section 552.023. Accordingly, we agree the department must withhold the information it has marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code, unless the requestor has a right of access to it pursuant to section 552.023 of the Government Code. The department 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 <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)