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Ms. Barbara J. Fox
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OR2019-24785

Dear Ms. Fox:

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# 792715.

Chambers County (the "county") received a request for all information related to a specified incident. You claim the requested information is subject to a previous ruling. You also claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments.

You state the requested information was the subject of previous requests for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2019-22122 (2019). In Open Records Letter No. 2019-22122 we determined: (1) the body worn camera recording(s) at issue were not properly requested pursuant to chapter 1701 of the Occupations Code, our ruling did not reach this information and it need not be released; and (2) with the exception of basic information, which must be released, the county may withhold the information at issue under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Accordingly, the county may continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2019-22122 as a previous determination and withhold or release the requested information in accordance with that ruling.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 at 6-7 (2001) (so long

¹As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of the requested information.

as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Neal', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Neal
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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c: Requestor