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OR2020-09263

Re: Request for

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 819899 (COBS ORR ID: D011520EJS).

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You claim the submitted information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. Upon review of your arguments and the submitted information, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information under section 552.108(a)(1). However, you must release the basic information pursuant to section 552.108(c) of the Government Code. In releasing the basic information, you must withhold the complainant's identifying information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with common-law privacy.¹

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/open-records-memorandum-rulings>. You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

¹ You note the City of Balch Springs (the "city") has previously asked this office to issue a previous determination permitting the city to withhold information subject to section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(a) (allowing governmental body to withhold information subject to previous determination); Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001). We note a previous determination has been recently issued by this office to the city and refer you to Open Records Letter No. OR2020-09261 (2020).