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Ms. Karen Strand
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OR2020-17437

Dear Ms. Strand:

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# 836462.

The City of Mesquite (the "city") received a request for information pertaining to dogs impounded on a specified date, including a specified dog. You state the city will release some of the requested information to the requestor. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.1177 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.1177(a) of the Government Code relates to the humane disposition by a municipality or county of an animal and provides the following:

Except as provided by Subsection (b), information is confidential and excepted from [required public disclosure] if the information relates to the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, driver's license number, social security number, or other personally identifying information of a person who obtains ownership or control of an animal from a municipality or county making a humane disposition of the animal under a municipal ordinance or an order of the commissioners court.

Gov't Code § 552.1177(a). You assert the information at issue identifies a person who adopted an animal from the city's municipal animal shelter. We understand the city's municipal animal shelter made a humane disposition of the animal at issue under a municipal ordinance. Upon review, we find the information you marked is subject to section 552.1177. Therefore, the city must withhold the information you marked under

section 552.1177. As no other exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the remaining information must be released.

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)