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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Lupe Rushing  
City Secretary  
City of Jamaica Beach  
5264 Jamaica Beach  
Jamaica Beach, Texas 77554

OR2020-22735

Dear Ms. Rushing:

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# 845772.

The City of Jamaica Beach (the "city") received a request for bank statements for a specified time period. The city states it has already released some of the requested information in response to a prior request for the information. *See* Gov't Code § 552.232 (prescribing procedures for response to repetitive or redundant requests for information). The city claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.136 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the city claims and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.136 of the Government Code provides, "Notwithstanding any other provision of [the Act], a credit card, debit card, charge card, or access device number that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is confidential." Gov't Code § 552.136(b); *see id.* § 552.136(a) (defining "access device"). This office has determined insurance policy numbers are access device numbers for purposes of section 552.136. Accordingly, the city must withhold the bank account numbers we marked under section 552.136 of the Government Code. The city 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)