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OR2020-28812

Dear Ms. Pemberton:

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# 854408 (Ref. No. W033292).

The City of Killeen (the "city") received a request for the contact information of the owner a specified animal. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.1177 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note the requestor seeks only the contact information of the owner a specified animal. Thus, the portions of the submitted information that do not consist of the requested contact information are not responsive to the present request. This ruling does not address the public availability of any information that is not responsive to the request, and the city is not required to release that information in response to the request.

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 responsive information identifies a person who adopted an animal from the city's animal shelter. You also represent the city's animal shelter made a humane disposition of the animal at issue under a municipal ordinance. Based on these representations and our review, we agree the city must withhold the responsive information under section 552.1177 of the Government Code.

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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c: Requestor
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