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OR2022-02841

Dear Ms. Zellers:

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# 928428 (ORR# W002980).

The City of Weatherford (the "city") received a request for all records related to a specified incident. The city states it is releasing some of the requested information. The city claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the city claims and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This exception encompasses section 826.0211 of the Health and Safety Code, which provides, in part, the following:

- (a) Information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate or in any record compiled from the information contained in one or more certificates that identifies or tends to identify an owner or an address, telephone number, or other personally identifying information of an owner of a vaccinated animal is confidential and not subject to disclosure under [the Act]. The information contained in the certificate or record may not include the social security number or the driver's license number of the owner of the vaccinated animal.

*Id.* § 826.0211(a). We note section 826.0211 is applicable only to information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate or in a record compiled from information contained in one or more rabies vaccination certificates. The information we marked consists of the

address, telephone number, and other personally identifying information of an owner of a vaccinated animal. Thus, to the extent the information we marked was compiled from the information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate, the city must withhold the information we marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 826.0211(a) of the Health and Safety Code. However, to the extent the information we marked was not compiled from the information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate, the information we marked is not subject to section 826.0211(a) of the Health and Safety Code. Further, the remaining information does not identify or tend to identify an owner of a vaccinated animal. Therefore, the city may not withhold any portion of the remaining information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 826.0211(a) of the Health and Safety 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)