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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Stephanie H. Harris  
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City of Paris  
P.O. Box 9037  
Paris, Texas 75461-9037

OR2022-17955

Re: Request for information related to a motor vehicle accident involving the requestor's client on 3/22/2022.

Dear Ms. Harris:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 955238.

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue.<sup>1</sup> Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You also state you do not have information responsive to two categories of the request.<sup>2</sup> You claim the information you indicated must be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code. We agree you must withhold the motor vehicle record information you indicated in accordance with section 552.130 of the Government Code.

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<sup>1</sup> We note the city sought and received clarification of the request for information. See Gov't Code § 552.222(b) (stating if information requested is unclear to governmental body or if large amount of information has been requested, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify or narrow request, but may not inquire into purpose for which information will be used); *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S.W.3d 380 (Tex. 2010) (holding when governmental entity, acting in good faith, requests clarification of unclear or over-broad request for public information, ten-business-day period to request attorney general opinion is measured from date request is clarified or narrowed).

<sup>2</sup> The Act does not require a governmental body to release information that did not exist when a request for information was received or to prepare new information in response to a request. See *Econ. Opportunities Dev. Corp. v. Bustamante*, 562 S.W.2d 266, 267-68 (Tex. Civ. App.—San Antonio 1978, writ dismissed); Open Records Decision Nos. 605 at 2 (1992), 452 at 3 (1986), 362 at 2 (1983).

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.

c: Requestor