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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

July 18, 2022

Ms. Dorothy Gardner  
Records Clerk  
Manvel Police Department  
6615 North Masters Road  
Manvel, Texas 77578

OR2022-20725

Dear Ms. Gardner:

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# 958726.

The Manvel Police Department (the "department") received a request for information pertaining to a specified incident. You state the department released information to the requestor, but made redactions as permitted by section 552.130(c) of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. Pursuant to section 552.130(d), the requestor has asked this office to review the information redacted by the department and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130(a) of the Government Code. We have considered the department's position and reviewed the information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, a motor vehicle title or registration, or a personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). We note section 552.130 protects personal privacy. As such, the requestor has a right of access to his motor vehicle record information at issue. *See id.* § 552.023(a) (governmental body may not deny access to person to whom information relates or person's agent on ground that information is considered confidential by privacy principles); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individuals request information concerning themselves). Accordingly, the department may not withhold the motor vehicle record information you redacted under section 552.130 of the Government Code. Therefore, the department must release the submitted 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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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)