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Dear Mr. Gorfida:

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# 970772 (ORR# 130393).

The City of Sachse (the "city"), which you represent, received a request for the audio recording for a specified 9-1-1 call. The city claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the city claims and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. *See* Gov't Code § 552.130. Upon review, we find the submitted audio recording contains confidential motor vehicle record information. In this instance, the city contends it does not possess the technological capability to redact information from audio files. However, because the city had the ability to copy the submitted audio recording in order to submit it for our review, we believe the city has the capability to produce a copy of only the non-confidential portions of the audio recording. Therefore, the city may not withhold the entirety of the information under section 552.130 of the Government Code. Accordingly, the city must withhold the audible license plate numbers within the submitted recording under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The city must release the remainder of the recording.

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)