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Dear Mr. Jadidi:

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# 971813 (City PIR# W010541-062422).

The City of Galveston (the "city") received a request for information related to a specified incident. You state you will release some information to the requestor. You do not raise any exceptions to disclosure of the submitted information.¹ We have reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.130 provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit, or 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.² *See* Gov't Code § 552.130(a). Upon review, we find the submitted video recording contains motor vehicle record information. In this instance, you state the city does not possess the technological capability to redact information from the video recording at issue. Thus, the city must withhold the submitted video recording in its entirety under section 552.130 of the Government Code. *See* Open Records Decision No. 364 (1983).

¹ Although you cite to sections 552.228(b)(1) and 552.305 of the Government Code, we note these sections are not exceptions to disclosure under the Act. Gov't Code §§ 552.228(b)(1), .305 (providing the procedural requirements for notifying third parties that their interests may be affected by a request for information); *see also id.* § 552.301(a) (noting that exceptions to disclosure under Act are found at subchapter C of chapter 552 of Government Code).

² The Office of the Attorney General will raise a mandatory exception on behalf of a governmental body, but ordinarily will not raise other exceptions. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 481 (1987), 480 (1987), 470 (1987).

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)