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IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

February 15, 2017

Via E-Mail: ctoner@bettergov.org
Mr. Casey Toner

EP-1

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Toner:

On February 6, 2017, the Village of Elmwood Park received your Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request for the following records:

"any and all liquor licenses, all liquor license applications, gaming establishment licenses, and gaming establishment license applications for the following location: George's on Belmont, Circle Inn, and Stella's. I am also asking for copies of any and all board meeting minutes and meeting agendas where all liquor licenses, liquor license applications, gaming establishment licenses, and gaming establishments license applications were discussed or approved for the following locations: George's on Belmont, Circle Inn, and Stella's."

Your request has been granted in part and denied in part. Enclosed are records responsive to your FOIA request. However, please be advised that certain information in the records being provided has been determined to be exempt from disclosure under FOIA, and that information has been withheld or redacted from the records being provided.

Section 7 (1) (b) of FOIA provides that "private information" is exempt from disclosure. "Private information" is defined in FOIA as, "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, VIN, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person." 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). Consequently, certain unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, personal financial information, names attributable to home address, home or personal telephone numbers, home addresses, and personal email address have been redacted from the records being provided.

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Section 7 (1) (c) of FOIA provides that, “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy ...” is exempt from disclosure. Consequently, birthdates, minors’ information, an individual’s race, and other personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, have been redacted from the records being provided.

The person responsible for the decision to deny a portion of your FOIA request is the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer, Gina Pesko. In accordance with Section 9(a) of FOIA, you are hereby notified that you have the right to file a Request for Review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer with the Public Access Counselor at the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. You can file your Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor by writing to:

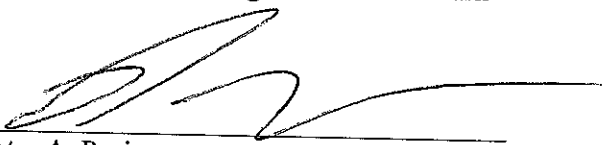
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If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor.

You are also notified that you have the right to judicial review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer pursuant to Section 11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

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Attorneys for the Village of Elmwood Park



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Enclosures