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*via email only*

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Re: Petition of Christopher Schnider seeking the identity of the individual who made a parking complaint about his car

Dear Mr. Schnider and Ms. Toloza:

On March 5, 2026, Mr. Schnider submitted a public records request to the City of Gresham for:

information on who reported my vehicle legally parked on the street in lieu of neighbor harassment. Electronic version of this information is fine. The vehicle is [...], the threatening impound notice from the city has a number at top right R030320261200, date served was 3/3/2026 at 12pm. I was informed this harassment case was placed through MyGresham anonymously. Please let me know if you need any additional info from me to provide the individual's contact information. Thank you.

The next day the City denied this request, citing ORS 192.355(4), which exempts confidential submissions from disclosure under the public records law. Mr. Schnider petitioned this office later that day for an order requiring the City to release the complainant's contact information.

For the reasons discussed below I conclude that the City's withholding of information in this instance is permitted by the public records law and deny the petition.

### DISCUSSION

#### A. Confidential Submissions – ORS 192.355(4)

ORS 192.355(4) exempts from disclosure under the public records law:

Information submitted to a public body in confidence and not otherwise required by law to be submitted, where such information should reasonably be considered confidential, the public body has obliged itself in good faith not to disclose the information, and when the public interest would suffer by the disclosure.

This office has previously concluded that ORS 192.355(4) applies to the identity and address of a person who has made a code enforcement complaint to a municipality, provided appropriate assurances of confidentiality are present. *Petition of Duchêne*, MCDA PRO 15-37 (2016) (identity of a person who had made a sidewalk and foliage complaint against the requestor's property exempt from disclosure); *Petition of Biro*, MCDA PRO 24-26 (2024) (list of all complaints made by a specific person against the requestor exempt).

Both the Cities of Portland (*Duchêne*) and Gresham (*Biro*) include statements on their code complaint portals that they will maintain confidentiality to the fullest permissible extent of the law. In *Biro* this office found that Gresham's complaint portal provided adequate good faith assurances that it would not disclose information for purposes of this exemption.

In *Duchêne* DA Underhill found that the public interest would suffer if the identities of informants who wished to remain confidential were publicized:

The legislature has recognized the high public interest in the continued confidentiality of informants by enacting OEC 510(2), which privileges the identity of an informant who provides information relating to possible violations of the law. The public has an interest in the effective enforcement of its laws and regulations. The public disclosure of information tending to chill informants' future willingness to come forward would harm the public interest. Releasing the identity and address of an informant would have just such an effect.

*Duchêne* at 2.

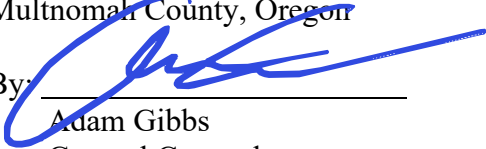
I have reviewed the facts and circumstances of Mr. Schnider's case and it is not distinguishable from *Duchêne* and *Biro* in any relevant way.

### ORDER

Accordingly, the petition is denied.

Regards,

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