



March 16, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Ophelie Garnier-Wade

Email: ogarnierwade@windelsmarx.com

RE: 17-FOIA-070 Uber Information

Dear Ms. Garnier-Wade:

We are in receipt of your request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”).

I. Background

On March 3, 2017, we received your request for copies of any contracts, trip records or pricing data between Metra and Uber Technologies, Inc. (“Uber”) (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, Metra’s Procurement Department is providing you with the contract between Metra and Uber (“Responsive Document”). Metra’s Procurement Department informs us that the above-referenced contract is a promotional agreement between Metra and Uber allowing Uber, as its official Rideshare Partner, to promote its services to Metra ridership for a specified annual fee from March 1, 2017 to February 29, 2020 and as such, Metra would not obtain or maintain trip records from any transactions that would occur as a result of the promotion.

III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Thomas Stuebner has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Document are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

1. Insurance information contained within the Responsive Document is being redacted because it is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA, which exempts “[a]ny and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool Insurance or self insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(s). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, all information regarding insurance within the Responsive Document has been redacted.

IV. Right of Review

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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