

CITY OF DICKSON, TENNESSEE

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ACCIDENT REPORT RELEASE POLICY

Effective July 1, 2019, Tennessee Code Annotated § 10-7-504(a)(31) restricts the release of accident reports by the Dickson Police Department and the City of Dickson as follows:

- (A) Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(31)(B) – (D), **personally identifying information of any person named in any motor vehicle accident report is confidential and not open for public inspection.**
- (B) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(31)(A) and upon written request, any person named in any motor vehicle accident report, or such person's agent, legal representative, or attorney, certifying that the person has permission from the person, persons or entities authorized to obtain motor vehicle records information pursuant to TCA § 55-25-107(b)(1), (6) or (9), is authorized to receive an accident report containing personally identifying information of persons involved in the accident.
- (C) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(31)(A), any federal, state, or local governmental agency, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of a federal, state, or local governmental agency, may use personally identifying information in carrying out the agency's functions.
- (D) Nothing in this subdivision (a)(31) prevents a law enforcement entity from releasing information about traffic accidents to the public, including the name, age, and county or city of residence of a person involved in an accident, when the law enforcement entity determines such release is in the best interest of the agency and for the public good.
- (E) For the purposes of this subdivision (a)(31), "personally identifying information" means:
 - a. **Street addresses and zip codes;**
 - b. **Telephone numbers;**
 - c. **Driver license numbers; and**
 - d. **Insurance information**

Any person, agency or entity that is not a named party in an accident report can only inspect/obtain a copy of the report with all the above-listed personally identifying information redacted for all parties. A named party in an accident report may authorize an agent, legal representative, attorney or other representative to receive a copy of the report with his/her personally identifying information unredacted by completing and signing an authorization form available at:

Office of the City Recorder
600 E. Walnut St., Dickson, TN 37055
(615) 441-9508 www.cityofdickson.com
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An authorization form must be accompanied by a completed Public Records Request Form available from the same sources and returned to the Office of the City Recorder.