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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW OFFICE
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BARBARA J. FIALA
Commissioner

February 20, 2013

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request #2012-3392

The Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") office received your above-referenced request on or about November 5, 2012. You requested:

1. A copy of the **list of prohibited personalized license plates**, i.e. the listing that is used as a guideline to the DMV employee who screens personalized license plate applications for offensive or objectionable words or phrases or messages.
2. A copy of the **internal instructions to DMV employees** on procedures for screening personalized license plate applications for offensive or objectionable words or phrases or messages.
3. A copy of **each administrative appeal letter** from A) applicants whose personalized license plate was rejected, and/or B) motorists whose personalized license plates were reclaimed by the DMV following a complaint from a member of the public for the time period January 1, 2010 to the present.

As you requested, the DMV records you requested in items 1 and 2 of your FOIL request have been provided in electronic format; the CD containing these records is enclosed. The Department of Motor Vehicles does not generate the type of administrative appeal letters you have requested in item number 3; these records are not included because they do not exist.

We trust that the records provided on the enclosed disc are responsive to your FOIL request and will be useful for you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

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BJ		180007	FQK		560007	KOP		900007
FU		180007	FQU		561008	KOP		910007
FK		180007	FRT		570007	KOX		920007
4Q		190007	FUC		580007	KOX		930007
ASS		230007	FUK		590007	MOX		940007
BLO		240007	FUX		600007	MOX		950007
BLO		250007	GAY	12/9/2002	600007	NIG		960007
BRA		260007	GOD		610007	N1G		970007
COC		270007	GOD		620007	NYG		980007
COC		280007	HOR		630007	NYS		990007
COK		290007	HOR		640007	PEE		1000007
COK		300007	IHS		650007	PHK		1010007
COM		310007	1HS		660007	PHU		1020007
COM		320007	JAP		670007	PIG		1030007
COP		330007	JEU		680007	P1G		1040007
COP		340007	JEW		690007	PIS		1050007
COQ		350007	JIG		700007	P1S		1060007
COQ		360007	J1G		710007	QUE		1070007
COX		370007	JIP		720007	SEX		1080007
COX		380007	J1P		730007	SHT		1090007
CUM		390007	JOO		740007	SOB		1100007
DIK		400007	JOO		750007	SOB		1110007
D1K		410007	JOO		760007	SUC		1120007
DMV		420007	JOO		770007	SUK		1130007
DSP		430007	JUE		780007	SUX		1130007
DYK		440007	JUU		790007	TIT		1140007
EAT		450007	KIK		800007	T1T		1150007
FAG		460007	K1K		810007	TWY		1160007
FBI		470007	KKK		811008	TYT		1160007
FB1		480007	KOC		820007	USS		1170007
FCK		490007	KOC		830007	VUC		1180007
FKU		500007	KOK		840007	VUK		1190007
FOC		510007	KOK		850007	WOP		1200007
FOC		520007	KOM		860007	WOP		1210007
FOK		530007	KOM		870007	WTC		1210007
FOK		540007	KOQ		880007	4CK	12/9/2002	1210007
FQC		550007	KOQ		890007	8XFF		1220007

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CL6		1240007	1VQU		1500007	QQQQ		1820007
ANAL	12/9/2002	1250007	KILL	2/2/2004	1500007	RAPE		1830007
BALL		1250007	LICK	12/9/2002	1510007	RUEZ		1840007
BANG	12/9/2002	1250007	MERD		1510007	SEXY		1850007
BEER	12/30/2003	1250007	NAZI		1520007	SHIT		1860007
BOMB		1250007	NAZ1		1530007	SH1T		1870007
BOMB		1250007	NUKE		1530007	SHTR		1880007
BTCH	12/9/2002	1250007	NYFD		1540007	SLUT		1880007
BUTT	12/9/2002	1250007	NYPD		1550007	STUD		1890007
CLIT		1260007	NONE		1560007	SUCK		1900007
CL1T		1270007	OHEL		1570007	SUKK		1910007
COCK		1280007	OHEL		1580007	SUXS		1920007
COCK		1290007	ORAL	12/9/2002	1590007	TITT		1930007
CUNT		1300007	ORGY		1590007	T1TT		1940007
DAGO		1310007	ORGY		1600007	TRAN		1950007
DAGO		1320007	OSEX		1610007	TWAT		1950007
UP		1330007	OSEX		1620007	UCOM		1960007
DEAL		1340007	OUTS		1630007	UCOM		1970007
DICK	12/9/2002	1340007	OUTS		1640007	USOB		1980007
DORK		1350007	PDNY		1650007	USOB		1990007
DORK		1360007	PHRQ		1660007	8XFF		2000007
DUPA		1370007	PHUC		1670007	ASTUD		2030007
DYKE		1380007	PHUQ		1680007	BALME		2040007
FART		1390007	PIMP		1690007	BITCH		2050007
FDNY		1390007	P1MP		1700007	B1TCH		2060007
FIRE		1400007	PLAY		1710007	BOOBS		2070007
FOOK	12/9/2002	1400007	PISS		1720007	BOOBS		2080007
F1RE		1410007	P1SS		1730007	BOOBS		2090007
FUCK		1420007	PORN	12/9/2002	1730007	BOOBS		2100007
FUCU		1430007	PRIC		1740007	CHINK		2110007
HELL		1440007	PR1C		1750007	CH1NK		2120007
GOOK		1450007	PRIK		1760007	COCKR		2130007
GOOK		1460007	PR1K		1770007	COCKR		2140007
GOOK		1470007	PRIX		1780007	COCKY		2150007
GOOK		1480007	PR1X		1790007	COCKY		2160007
HOMO	12/9/2002	1480007	PUSS		1800007	DHJAP		2170007
IVQU		1490007	PUTA		1810007	DILDO		2180007

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DILDO		2190007	IVN1C		2520007	PVERT		2880007
DMSHT		2200007	1VNIC		2530007	RUGAY		2890007
DOOCH		2190007	1VN1C		2540007	RUEZ2		2900007
DOOSH		2190007	IVQU2		2550007	SCREW		2910007
DOUCH			1VQU2		2560008	SHOLE		2920007
D0UCH			JESUS		2570007	SHOLE		2930007
EATME		2210007	KOTEX		2580007	SKATA		2940007
EAT69		2220007	KOTEX		2590007	SNACH		2950007
EZLAY		2230007	KRAUT		2600007	SOBIT		2960007
FAIRY		2240007	LAYME		2610007	SOBIT		2970007
FA1RY		2250007	LEYME		2620007	SSMAN		2980007
FKNXN		2260007	MAFEA		2630007	STATE	9/25/01-PNC	2980007
FOREQ		2270007	MAFIA		2640007	SUCKS		2990007
FOREQ		2280007	MAF1A		2650007	TITTS		3000007
FOURQ		2290007	MERDE		2660007	T1TTS		3010007
FOURQ		2300007	MSGAY		2670007	TITTY		3020007
FRUCK		2310007	NCATE		2680007	T1TTY		3030007
FUCLA		2320007	QUEUE		2690007	UBGAY		3040007
FUCU2		2330007	NOSHT		2700007	UBGOD		3050007
FUKUE		2340007	NOSHT		2710007	UBGOD		3051008
GONAD		2350007	NYCPD		2720007	UPAUS		3060007
G0NAD		2360007	NYCFD		2730007	UPURS		3070007
GOYIM		2370007	NYVPA	**2/98 ADDED	2730007	PUYRS		3080007
G0YIM		2380007	OTHER		2740007	VOMIT		3090007
GOY1M		2390007	OTHER		2750007	VOMIT		3100007
G0Y1M		2400007	PHORQ		2760007	VULVA		3110007
HORNY		2410007	PH0RQ		2770007	WEJAK		3120007
H0RNY		2420007	PINGA		2780007	YUKFU		3130007
IAMEZ		2430007	P1NGA		2790007	8XFF		3140007
1AMEZ		2440007	PPGAL		2800007	ASSOUL		3170007
IATER		2450007	PRICK		2810007	ASSOUL		3180007
1ATER		2460007	PR1CK		2820007	AWCHIT		3190007
IBALL		2470007	PUBES		2830007	AWCH1T		3200007
1BALL		2480007	PUSSE		2840007	BADASS		3210007
IMGOD		2490007	PUSSI		2850007	BADSAI		3220007
1MGOD		2500007	PUSS1		2860007	BADSA1		3230007
IVNIC		2510007	PUSSY		2870007	BADBOX		3240007

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BADBOX		3250007	FCKNXM		3620007	GFAIRY		3990007
BADSOB		3260007	FUKYOU		3630007	GFA1RY		4000007
BADSOB		3270007	FUKYOU		3640007	GODAGO		4010007
BALLME		3280007	FEELIT		3650007	GODAGO		4020007
BOXBIZ		3290007	FEEL1T		3660007	GODAGO		4030007
BOXB1Z		3300007	FEELME		3670007	GODAGO		4040007
BOXBIZ		3310007	FHUCAT		3680007	GODGOD		4050007
BOXB1Z		3320007	FHUCIT		3690007	GODGOD		4060007
BRDSHT		3330007	FHUC1T		3700007	GODGOD		4070007
BULSIT		3340007	FHYKIT		3710007	GODGOD		4080007
BULS1T		3350007	FHYK1T		3720007	GONADE		4090007
CABRON		3360007	FHUKME		3730007	GONADE		4100007
CABRON		3370007	FHUKYU		3740007	GONADS		4110007
CARNAL		3380007	FOCKAT		3750007	GONADS		4120007
CATSAZ		3390007	FOCKAT		3760007	HEYGOD		4130007
CHINGA		3400007	FOCKIT		3770007	HEYGOD		4140007
CH1NGA		3410007	FOCKIT		3780007	HOOKEK		4150007
COCKCA		3420007	FOCKME		3790007	HOOKEK		4160007
COCKCA		3430007	FOCKME		3800007	HOOKEK		4170007
COCKYB		3440007	FOCKYU		3810007	HOOKEK		4180007
COCKYB		3450007	FOCKYU		3820007	HOTBOX		4190007
COITUS		3460007	FORQUE		3830007	HOTBOX		4200007
CO1TUS		3470009	FORQUE		3840007	HOTBOX		4210007
CYOUNT		3480007	FUCKER		3850007	HOTBOX		4220007
CYOUNT		3490007	FUCTRK		3860007	HOTCOX		4230007
CRAMIT		3500007	FUGGIN		3870007	HOTCOX		4240007
CRAM1T		3510007	FUGG1N		3880007	HOTCOX		4250007
DEPUTY		3520007	FUKOWY		3890007	HOTCOX		4260007
DIGSEX		3530007	FUKOWY		3900007	HOTDIC		4270007
D1GSEX		3540007	FUQYOU		3910007	HOTD1C		4280007
DILDOE		3550007	FUQYOU		3920007	HOTDIC		4290007
D1LDOE		3560007	GAYBRD		3930007	HOTD1C		4300007
DILDOE		3570007	GAYGUY		3940007	HOTDIK		4310007
D1LDOE		3580007	GAYLIB		3950007	HOTD1K		4320007
EATUUP		3590007	GAYL1B		3960007	HOTDIK		4330007
FAGGOT		3600007	GAYSOK		3970007	HOTD1K		4340007
FAGG0T		3610007	GAYSOK		3980007	HOWJIG		4350007

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HOWJ1G		4360007	JUNK1E		4730007	MIFUKU		5100007
HOWJIG		4370007	KARASS		4740007	M1FULU		5110007
HOWJ1G		4380007	KCUMHS		4750007	NGYSOB		5120007
HUMPIN		4390007	KGBCIA		4760007	NGYSOB		5130007
HUMP1N		4400007	KGBC1A		4770007	NIGGAR		5140007
HUMPIT		4410007	KGBFBI		4780007	N1GGAR		5150007
HUMP1T		4420007	KGBFB1		4790007	NIGGER		5160007
HUMPUN		4430007	KILLER		4800007	N1GGER		5170007
IAMGOD		4440007	K1LLER		4810007	NIGGIR		5180007
IAMG0D		4450007	KISMYS		4830007	NIGG1R		5190007
1AMGOD		4460007	K1SMYS		4840007	N1GGIR		5200007
1AMG0D		4470007	KISSIT		4841009	N1GG1R		5210007
IMCUMN		4480007	K1SSIT		4850007	NOCHET		5211009
1MCUMN		4490007	KISS1T		4860007	NOCHET		5212009
INCULO		4500007	K1SS1T		4870007	OINKPD		5220007
INCULO		4510007	KRAMIT		4880007	O1NKPD		5230007
1NCULO		4520007	KRAM1T		4890007	OINKPD		5240007
1NCULO		4530007	LAPUTA		4900007	O1NKPD		5250007
INHEAT		4540007	LESBIN		4910007	OMERDA		5260007
1NHEAT		4550007	LESB1N		4920007	OMERDA		5270007
INLUST		4560007	LSBEAN		4930007	OMYGOD		5280007
1NLUST		4570007	LSBIAN		4940007	OMYGOD		5290007
ISCREW		4580007	LSB1AN		4950007	OMYG0D		5300007
1SCREW		4590007	LUVCOK		4960007	OMYG0D		5310007
ISHACK		4600007	LUVCOK		4970007	OSHEET		5320007
1SHACK		4610007	LUVSEX		4980007	OSHEET		5330007
IZAWOP		4620007	MAFIAS		4990007	PANZER		5340007
IZAWOP		4630007	MAF1AS		5000007	PHUCKE		5350007
1ZAWOP		4640007	MAFIAX		5010007	PHOCT		5360007
1ZAWOP		4650007	MAF1AX		5020007	PHOCT		5370007
JACKME		4660007	MERDEV		5030007	PHUCUE		5380007
JAPKIG		4670007	MICULO		5040007	PHUQUE		5390007
JAPK1G		4680007	M1CULO		5050007	PISANO		5400007
JAPZAP		4690007	MICULO		5060007	PISANO		5410007
JIGPUZ		4700007	M1CULO		5070007	P1SANO		5420007
J1GPUZ		4710007	MIERDA		5080007	P1SANO		5430007
JUNKIE		4720007	M1ERDA		5090007	PISANT		5440007

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P1SANT	5450007	SHUV1T	5820007	UPYOUR	6190007
PISHER	5460007	SKRUIT	5830007	UPYURZ	6200007
P1SHER	5470007	SKRU1T	5840007	USARMY	6210007
POLACK	5480007	SNAACH	5850007	USGOVT	6220007
POLACK	5490007	SNATCH	5860007	USGOVT	6230007
POLOCK	5500007	STIKIT	5870007	USMAIL	6240007
POLOCK	5510007	STIK1T	5880007	USNAVY	6250007
POLOCK	5520007	ST1KIT	5890007	WEBALL	6260007
POLOCK	5530007	ST1K1T	5900007	ZBALLS	6270007
POLICE	5540007	STUFIT	5910007	ASSHOLE	6310007
POL1CE	5550007	STUF1T	5920007	ASSHOLE	6320007
POLICE	5560007	SUCKER	5930007	BASTARD	6330007
POL1CE	5570007	SUCKIT	5940007	BIGDICK	6340007
POLICF	5580007	SUCK1T	5950007	BIGD1CK	6350007
POL1CF	5590007	SUICID	5960007	B1GDICK	6360007
POLICF	5600007	SUIC1D	5970007	B1GD1CK	6370007
POL1CF	5610007	SU1CID	5980007	BULLSHT	6380007
POLIZE	5620007	SU1C1D	5990007	BULSHIT	6390007
POL1ZE	5630007	SUPSEX	6000007	BULSH1T	6400007
POLIZE	5640007	TESTES	6010007	COONASS	6410007
POL1ZE	5650007	TITTER	6020007	COONASS	6420007
PQLICE	5660007	T1TTER	6030009	COONASS	6430007
PQL1CE	5670007	TOILET	6040007	COONASS	6440007
PSSANT	5680007	TO1LET	6050007	FORPLAY	6450007
PSTOFF	5690007	TOILET	6060007	FORPLAY	6460007
PSTOFF	5700007	T01LET	6070007	ESSDREK	6470007
PUSSAS	5710007	TOPCOP	6080007	I8IU8I2	6480007
SCREWU	5720007	TOPCOP	6090007	I8IU812	6490007
SCRUIT	5730007	T0PCOP	6100007	I81U812	6500007
SCRU1T	5740007	TOPCOP	6110007	181U812	6510007
SEMENS	5750007	TOYLET	6120007	181U8I2	6520007
SEXBUS	5760007	TOYLET	6130007	18IU8I2	6530007
SEXHOG	5770007	TURNON	6140007	18IU812	6540007
SEXHOG	5780007	TURN0N	6150007	I81U8I2	6550007
SEXPOT	5790007	UJESUS	6160007	KISSMYS	6560007
SEXPOT	5800007	UPJERS	6170007	K1SSMYS	6570007
SHUVIT	5810007	UPYOUR	6180007	KISSOFF	6580007

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KISSOFF		6590007	10INCHDK		6980007
K1SSOFF		6600007	101NCHDK		6990007
K1SSOFF		6610007	IOINCHDK		7000007
NOYUDEN		6620007	IO1NCHDK		7010007
NOYUDEN		6630007	IOINCHDK		7020007
NOJUDEN		6640007	IO1NCHDK		7030007
NOJUDEN		6650007			
PERVERT		6660007			
PHALLUS	12/9/2002	6660007			
SHACKUP		6670007			
TESTICL		6680007			
UPYOURS		6690007			
UPYOURS		6700007			
2FINBAD		6710007			
2F1NBAD		6720007			
9INCHES		6730007			
91NCHES		6740007			
9INCHDK		6750007			
91NCHDK		6760007			
DRUGSALE		6800007			
FKNMAGIC		6810007			
FKNMAG1C		6820007			
SEAYOUNT		6830007			
SEAYOUNT		6840007			
SEAYOUNT		6850007			
SEAYOUNT		6860007			
WAFFENSS		6870007			
IOINCHES		6880007			
IO1NCHES		6890007			
IOINCHES		6900007			
IO1NCHES		6910007			
10INCHES		6920007			
101NCHES		6930007			
10INCHES		6940007			
101NCHES		6950007			
10INCHDK		6960007			
101NCHDK		6970007			

Excerpted from Commissioner Regulations – Part 16

16.3 Definitions. (a) For the purposes of Section 404 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and these regulations, a special number plate shall be a set of number plates, unless only one such plate is issued for that period, containing not more than eight letters, numerals or combination thereof, and which is reserved by the commissioner for issuance in accordance with the provisions of this Part, including reserved series. For the purposes of determining the number of letters or numerals, a space or dash shall be considered a letter or numeral. However, a special number plate issued to a motorcycle registered pursuant to Section 410 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law shall contain not more than six letters, numerals or combination thereof.

(b) A reserved series is a series of special number plates reserved for issuance to vehicles owned by public officers, physicians, accredited representatives of the press or other groups.

16.4 Applications. (a) Applications for assignment of a special number plate must be made upon a form prescribed by the commissioner. All such applications shall be date-stamped upon receipt. In the event the issuance of a particular special plate is requested by more than one applicant, the plate shall be issued to the person whose application was first received, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this section.

(b) In reserved series, the commissioner may establish a different method of issuance than that in subdivision (a) of this section, based upon seniority, accreditation or other criteria or qualifications established for the appropriate group.

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16.5 Restrictions. No plate shall be issued under this Part which:

(a) does not have at least one letter. This provision shall not apply to plates issued to public officers.

(b) REPEALED 6/1/84. Subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) are relettered to be subdivisions (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) respectively, effective 6/1/84.

(b) has numbers and letters, or any combination thereof, arranged in a format reserved for issuance to specific classes of vehicles other than passenger vehicles.

(c) is assigned for issuance to historical motor vehicles.

(d) consists of six numbers followed by one letter.

(e) is, in the discretion of the commissioner, obscene, lewd, lascivious, derogatory to a particular ethnic or other group, or patently offensive.

(f) would lead one to believe that the owner of a particular vehicle is connected with or operating in an official capacity for a governmental organization or function.

Daily plate Pull Cancellation Procedures:

- I. CPU receives a daily report of all orders placed via the WEB/Offices/Custom Plates. When ordering On-Line customers are required to give a brief explanation of what the plate means or represents. Additionally all plates ordered are subject to an edit review by “Red Guide” database which prevents any inappropriate plate combinations.

Clerical staff will review plate combinations and highlight any questionable plate. Initial review will be completed by noon each day.

- II. Additional Clerical staff will review highlighted plate combinations based on guidelines set down by Commissioner Regulation 16.5

No plate shall be issued under this Part which:

(a) Does not have at least one letter. This provision shall not apply to plates issued to public officers.

(b) Has numbers and letters, or any combination thereof, arranged in a format reserved for issuance to specific classes of vehicles other than passenger vehicles.

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(d) Consists of six numbers followed by one letter.

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(f) Would lead one to believe that the owner of a particular vehicle is connected with or operating in an official capacity for a governmental organization or function.

- III. Supervisor will review all plate combinations and bring to the attention of the Manager for final approval. Any questionable combination not caught by the Red Guide will be searched using the Urban Dictionary or Google to help decipher its meaning.
- IV. Supervisor or Manager will cancel all objectionable plate combinations on the Plate Manufacturing System (PMS).

- V. Supervisor will give the report and cancelled printouts to assigned staff to prepare a cancel letter.
Give assigned staff a copy of the cancelled plate(s) to pull the registration documents before they're sent to inserting for mailing.
- VI. Prepare cancel letters on CPU letterhead
Make two copies of the letter-one for the customer and one for filing
Attach an envelope addressed to the customer for mailing.
- VII. Attach the copy of the cancelled letter to the pulled registration and file.
Send the remaining (good) registrations to inserting on 2B for mailing.
Write up an MV-82 and return customer to previous plate.
Give Cancel letter with MV-82 to cashier for Processing

**PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT VEHICLES REGISTERED WITH
PROFANE OR INAPPROPRIATE CONFIGURATIONS**

If you receive a call or a letter from an individual complaining about a New York Plate they have seen on a vehicle, you are not to cancel the plate or advise the individual what will be done with the plate. You should bring it to the attention of the Office Manager who will bring it to the attention of the Office Director for determination of the validity of the complaint. If the complaint cannot be resolved at this level, the matter will be then addressed to the Associate Deputy Commissioner.