

**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
POLICY/PROCEDURES**

Disclosure of Public Records	Supersedes:	Policy Effective Date: June 3, 2005
Mayor: <i>M.L. 4/4/5</i>	Finance Director: <i>[Signature]</i>	Manager: <i>[Signature]</i>

Applicable To: All City Departments

PURPOSE

Citizens have the right to access most public records concerning the conduct of government. It is the City's policy to handle all requests for public records uniformly, fairly, and expeditiously and to ensure that the public interest will be fully protected.

PROCEDURE FOR DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC RECORDS

The intent of the policy is to promote public access to public records about the conduct of government, while at the same time protecting an individual's right to privacy, all in a manner consistent with applicable laws.

A request can be submitted in person or via e-mail, U.S. mail or facsimile. Persons requesting records are not required to provide information as to the purpose for the request, but, where access to a list of individuals is requested, the person must certify that the list will not be used for commercial purposes. Washington state law (RCW 42.17.260(9)) prohibits cities from releasing public records containing lists of individuals to be used for commercial purposes unless specifically authorized or directed by law. All request forms must be signed by the person submitting the request.

People requesting copies of City records shall first make such request to the City Clerk or the representative of a specific City department that maintains the requested records. If the requestor does not know which department maintains the records, the request shall be made to the City Clerk. The City Clerk will follow through with the request.

People submitting requests have the option of inspecting the records first to determine whether or not he or she wishes to have copies made. Inspection of folder contents will take place in the presence of the City Clerk and/or his or her designee, who will then follow through with the request.

If copies are made by a City department, which does not collect fees or accept cash as a mode of payment, the person submitting the request shall be sent to Administrative Services Department for payment. State law prohibits the City from charging for staff time spent in locating a record or making it available for inspection. The City, in

responding to a records request, is not obligated to create a record that does not already exist.

DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS

Public records stored in an electronic format (e.g., email messages) are public records under the Public Disclosure Act (RCW 42.17) and the law governing preservation and destruction of public records (RCW 40.14) and will be treated the same as paper records.

PUBLIC USE OF CITY'S GIS

All requests for GIS Maps shall include the following disclaimer:

"This mapping was originally prepared for use by the City of Lynnwood for its internal purposes only, and was not designed or intended for general use by members of the public. Independent verification of all data contained in the mapping should be obtained by any user. The City of Lynnwood makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or location of any map features thereon."

REQUESTS FOR ROUTINELY-PRODUCED RECORDS

It is not necessary to complete a Request for Public Records form for the following types of routinely produced records. These records are simply provided to the person making the request after payment of the appropriate fee. Requests for such records may be handled at the departmental level and need not be processed by the City Clerk.

The following types of records constitute routinely produced records:

- Meeting minutes previously adopted by the City Council
- Meeting packets/agendas that are ready to be distributed
- Ordinances and resolutions previously adopted by the City Council
- Copies of Certificates of Occupancy
- Exhibits admitted at a public hearing
- Copies created from microfilm
- Maps
- Such other records as the City Council may deem are to be available at no cost

NON-ROUTINE REQUESTS

A request for any other type of public record not set forth above shall be considered non-routine and shall be processed according to the procedures set forth in chapter 42.17 RCW and the following:

1. The person submitting the request shall complete a Request for Disclosure of Public Records form. These forms should be available in every City department. Once

the form has been completed, the department employee should immediately forward the request to the City Clerk, who has five business days in which to respond to the request.

2. Requesters will be asked to sign and acknowledge a public records disclaimer if the requested records may be copyrighted. Any requests for employee personnel records or verification of employment will be referred to the H/R Department for review.

3. Request for police and court records are filed at the Lynnwood Police Department and the Lynnwood Municipal Court, respectively. The city Clerk normally does not need to see or know about these requests unless they involve litigation or some matter with citywide implications. In these cases a representative from the Police Department or Court will coordinate with the City Clerk or his designee, a response to the requestor within five business days.

4. Within five business days after the City receives the request (RCW 42.17.320), the City Clerk must take at least one of the following actions:

- Provide the record;
- Acknowledge that the City has received the request and provide a reasonable estimate of the time the City will require in order to respond to the request;
- Deny the request, in which case, a written response is required, citing reasons for denial including the particular legal exemption involved (if applicable), with an explanation of how the exemption applies.
- Request clarification of the request.

5. In determining a reasonable estimate of time, additional time required to respond to the request may be based upon the following factors:

- The need to clarify the request;
- The need to locate and assemble the records,
- The need to notify third persons or agencies affected by the request, or
- The need to determine whether any of the records requested are exempt.

6. If a public records request is unclear, the City Clerk or City department that received the request may ask the requestor to clarify which records they are seeking, along with notice that if no clarification is given, the City Clerk or City department need not respond to the request pursuant to RCW 42.17.320.

7. If the City suspects that a third party might object to the inspection and copying of a public record based upon privacy, copyright, or other valid considerations, the City has the option to notify the third party of the request prior to making the record available.

8. A public records request is not continuing in nature. In the event additional records are created after the date of the requestor's original public records request, the requestor will need to submit a new request.

EXEMPTIONS

RCW 42.17.310(1) lists certain personal and other records that are exempt from public inspection and copying and is included with this Policy as Attachment A. This list is not exhaustive, however, as certain public records may be made exempt from disclosure by other statutes.

PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING

The City shall make copies of records during City Hall office hours, which are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. The fee charged for copies is .15 cents per page/per side for letter or legal size, black and white copies (doubled-sided copies equal two pages). The fee charged for other types of copies will equal the City's actual cost for duplicating the copies.

In the event that the City contracts with a printing/copying vendor to make copies of requested records, the vendor's charges will be paid by the requestor. If records are sent by certified mail, postage charges will be paid by the requestor.

DEFINITIONS

Public Record. State law defines public record as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristic. [RCW 42.17.020(36)]

Writing. This means handwriting, typewriting, printing, Photostatting, photographing, and every other means of recording any form of communication or representation, including, but not limited to letter, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols or combination thereof, and all papers, maps, magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films and prints, motion picture, film and video recordings, magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums, diskettes, sound recordings, and other documents, including existing data compilations from which information may be obtained or translated. [RCW 42.17.020(42)]

The above definitions include electronic records and e-mails.

medical quality assurance commission, reports required to be filed with: RCW 18.71.0195.
 organized crime
 advisory board files: RCW 10.29.030.
 investigative information: RCW 43.43.856.
 public transportation information: RCW 47.04.230.
 salary and fringe benefit survey information: RCW 41.06.160.

RCW 42.17.310

Certain personal and other records exempt. (Effective June 30, 2005.)

(1) The following are exempt from public inspection and copying:

(a) Personal information in any files maintained for students in public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public health agencies, or welfare recipients.

(b) Personal information in files maintained for employees, appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent that disclosure would violate their right to privacy.

(c) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the information to other persons would (i) be prohibited to such persons by RCW 84.08.210, 82.32.330, 84.40.020, or 84.40.340 or (ii) violate the taxpayer's right to privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the taxpayer.

(d) Specific intelligence information and specific investigative records compiled by investigative, law enforcement, and penology agencies, and state agencies vested with the responsibility to discipline members of any profession, the nondisclosure of which is essential to effective law enforcement or for the protection of any person's right to privacy.

(e) Information revealing the identity of persons who are witnesses to or victims of crime or who file complaints with investigative, law enforcement, or penology agencies, other than the public disclosure commission, if disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical safety, or property. If at the time a complaint is filed the complainant, victim or witness indicates a desire for disclosure or nondisclosure, such desire shall govern. However, all complaints filed with the public disclosure commission about any elected official or candidate for public office must be made in writing and signed by the complainant under oath.

(f) Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a license, employment, or academic examination.

(g) Except as provided by chapter 8.26 RCW, the contents of real estate appraisals, made for or by any agency relative to the acquisition or sale of property, until the project or prospective sale is abandoned or until such time as all of the property has been acquired or the property to which the sale appraisal relates is sold, but in no event shall disclosure be denied for more than three years after the appraisal.

(h) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private gain and public loss.

(i) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, and intra-agency memorandums in which opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended except that a specific record shall not be exempt

when publicly cited by an agency in connection with any agency action.

(j) Records which are relevant to a controversy to which an agency is a party but which records would not be available to another party under the rules of pretrial discovery for causes pending in the superior courts.

(k) Records, maps, or other information identifying the location of archaeological sites in order to avoid the looting or depredation of such sites.

(l) Any library record, the primary purpose of which is to maintain control of library materials, or to gain access to information, which discloses or could be used to disclose the identity of a library user.

(m) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or proposal for (i) a ferry system construction or repair contract as required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (ii) highway construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070.

(n) Railroad company contracts filed prior to July 28, 1991, with the utilities and transportation commission under *RCW 81.34.070, except that the summaries of the contracts are open to public inspection and copying as otherwise provided by this chapter.

(o) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by private persons pertaining to export services provided pursuant to chapter 43.163 RCW and chapter 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects pursuant to RCW 43.23.035.

(p) Financial disclosures filed by private vocational schools under chapters 28B.85 and 28C.10 RCW.

(q) Records filed with the utilities and transportation commission or attorney general under RCW 80.04.095 that a court has determined are confidential under RCW 80.04.095.

(r) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by businesses or individuals during application for loans or program services provided by chapters 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or program services provided by any local agency.

(s) Membership lists or lists of members or owners of interests of units in timeshare projects, subdivisions, camping resorts, condominiums, land developments, or common-interest communities affiliated with such projects, regulated by the department of licensing, in the files or possession of the department.

(t) All applications for public employment, including the names of applicants, resumes, and other related materials submitted with respect to an applicant.

(u) The residential addresses or residential telephone numbers of employees or volunteers of a public agency which are held by any public agency in personnel records, public employment related records, or volunteer rosters, or are included in any mailing list of employees or volunteers of any public agency.

(v) The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of the customers of a public utility contained in the records or lists held by the public utility of which they are customers, except that this information may be released to the division of child support or the agency or firm providing child

support enforcement for another state under Title IV-D of the federal social security act, for the establishment, enforcement, or modification of a support order.

(w)(i) The federal social security number of individuals governed under chapter 18.130 RCW maintained in the files of the department of health, except this exemption does not apply to requests made directly to the department from federal, state, and local agencies of government, and national and state licensing, credentialing, investigatory, disciplinary, and examination organizations; (ii) the current residential address and current residential telephone number of a health care provider governed under chapter 18.130 RCW maintained in the files of the department, if the provider requests that this information be withheld from public inspection and copying, and provides to the department an accurate alternate or business address and business telephone number. On or after January 1, 1995, the current residential address and residential telephone number of a health care provider governed under RCW 18.130.040 maintained in the files of the department shall automatically be withheld from public inspection and copying unless the provider specifically requests the information be released, and except as provided for under RCW 42.17.260(9).

(x) Information obtained by the board of pharmacy as provided in RCW 69.45.090.

(y) Information obtained by the board of pharmacy or the department of health and its representatives as provided in RCW 69.41.044, 69.41.280, and 18.64.420.

(z) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking certification under chapter 31.24 RCW.

(aa) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state investment board by any person when the information relates to the investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers of this information.

(bb) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120.

(cc) Client records maintained by an agency that is a domestic violence program as defined in RCW 70.123.020 or 70.123.075 or a rape crisis center as defined in RCW 70.125.030.

(dd) Information that identifies a person who, while an agency employee: (i) Seeks advice, under an informal process established by the employing agency, in order to ascertain his or her rights in connection with a possible unfair practice under chapter 49.60 RCW against the person; and (ii) requests his or her identity or any identifying information not be disclosed.

(ee) Investigative records compiled by an employing agency conducting a current investigation of a possible unfair practice under chapter 49.60 RCW or of a possible violation of other federal, state, or local laws prohibiting discrimination in employment.

(ff) Business related information protected from public inspection and copying under RCW 15.86.110.

(gg) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under chapter 70.95H RCW.

(hh) Information and documents created specifically for, and collected and maintained by a quality

improvement committee pursuant to RCW 43.70.510 or 70.41.200, or by a peer review committee under RCW 4.24.250, regardless of which agency is in possession of the information and documents.

(ii) Personal information in files maintained in a data base created under ****RCW 43.07.360**.

(jj) Financial and commercial information requested by the public stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010.

(kk) Names of individuals residing in emergency or transitional housing that are furnished to the department of revenue or a county assessor in order to substantiate a claim for property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.043.

(ll) The names, residential addresses, residential telephone numbers, and other individually identifiable records held by an agency in relation to a vanpool, carpool, or other ride-sharing program or service. However, these records may be disclosed to other persons who apply for ride-matching services and who need that information in order to identify potential riders or drivers with whom to share rides.

(mm) The personally identifying information of current or former participants or applicants in a paratransit or other transit service operated for the benefit of persons with disabilities or elderly persons.

(nn) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire and use transit passes and other fare payment media including, but not limited to, stored value smart cards and magnetic strip cards, except that an agency may disclose this information to a person, employer, educational institution, or other entity that is responsible, in whole or in part, for payment of the cost of acquiring or using a transit pass or other fare payment media, or to the news media when reporting on public transportation or public safety. This information may also be disclosed at the agency's discretion to governmental agencies or groups concerned with public transportation or public safety.

(oo) Proprietary financial and commercial information that the submitting entity, with review by the department of health, specifically identifies at the time it is submitted and that is provided to or obtained by the department of health in connection with an application for, or the supervision of, an antitrust exemption sought by the submitting entity under RCW 43.72.310. If a request for such information is received, the submitting entity must be notified of the request. Within ten business days of receipt of the notice, the submitting entity shall provide a written statement of the continuing need for confidentiality, which shall be provided to the requester. Upon receipt of such notice, the department of health shall continue to treat information designated under this section as exempt from disclosure. If the requester initiates an action to compel disclosure under this chapter, the submitting entity must be joined as a party to demonstrate the continuing need for confidentiality.

(pp) Records maintained by the board of industrial insurance appeals that are related to appeals of crime victims' compensation claims filed with the board under RCW 7.68.110.

(qq) Financial and commercial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, or entity under chapter 28B.95 RCW relating to the purchase or sale of tuition units and contracts for the purchase of multiple tuition units.

(rr) Any records of investigative reports prepared by any state, county, municipal, or other law enforcement agency pertaining to sex offenses contained in chapter 9A.44 RCW or sexually violent offenses as defined in RCW 71.09.020, which have been transferred to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs for permanent electronic retention and retrieval pursuant to RCW 40.14.070(2)(b).

(ss) Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, electronic check numbers, card expiration dates, or bank or other financial account numbers, except when disclosure is expressly required by or governed by other law.

(tt) Financial information, including but not limited to account numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity related to an application for a liquor license, gambling license, or lottery retail license.

(uu) Records maintained by the employment security department and subject to chapter 50.13 RCW if provided to another individual or organization for operational, research, or evaluation purposes.

(vv) Individually identifiable information received by the work force training and education coordinating board for research or evaluation purposes.

(ww) Those portions of records assembled, prepared, or maintained to prevent, mitigate, or respond to criminal terrorist acts, which are acts that significantly disrupt the conduct of government or of the general civilian population of the state or the United States and that manifest an extreme indifference to human life, the public disclosure of which would have a substantial likelihood of threatening public safety, consisting of:

(i) Specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and unique response or deployment plans, including compiled underlying data collected in preparation of or essential to the assessments, or to the response or deployment plans; and

(ii) Records not subject to public disclosure under federal law that are shared by federal or international agencies, and information prepared from national security briefings provided to state or local government officials related to domestic preparedness for acts of terrorism.

(xx) Commercial fishing catch data from logbooks required to be provided to the department of fish and wildlife under RCW 77.12.047, when the data identifies specific catch location, timing, or methodology and the release of which would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the commercial fisher providing the catch data. However, this information may be released to government agencies concerned with the management of fish and wildlife resources.

(yy) Sensitive wildlife data obtained by the department of fish and wildlife. However, sensitive wildlife data may be released to government agencies concerned with the management of fish and wildlife resources. Sensitive wildlife data includes:

(i) The nesting sites or specific locations of endangered species designated under RCW 77.12.020, or threatened or sensitive species classified by rule of the department of fish and wildlife;

(ii) Radio frequencies used in, or locational data generated by, telemetry studies; or

(iii) Other location data that could compromise the viability of a specific fish or wildlife population, and where at least one of the following criteria are met:

(A) The species has a known commercial or black market value;

(B) There is a history of malicious take of that species; or

(C) There is a known demand to visit, take, or disturb, and the species behavior or ecology renders it especially vulnerable or the species has an extremely limited distribution and concentration.

(zz) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire recreational licenses under RCW 77.32.010 or commercial licenses under chapter 77.65 or 77.70 RCW, except name, address of contact used by the department, and type of license, endorsement, or tag. However, the department of fish and wildlife may disclose personally identifying information to:

(i) Government agencies concerned with the management of fish and wildlife resources;

(ii) The department of social and health services, child support division, and to the department of licensing in order to implement RCW 77.32.014 and 46.20.291; and

(iii) Law enforcement agencies for the purpose of firearm possession enforcement under RCW 9.41.040.

(aaa)(i) Discharge papers of a veteran of the armed forces of the United States filed at the office of the county auditor before July 1, 2002, that have not been commingled with other recorded documents. These records will be available only to the veteran, the veteran's next of kin, a deceased veteran's properly appointed personal representative or executor, a person holding that veteran's general power of attorney, or to anyone else designated in writing by that veteran to receive the records.

(ii) Discharge papers of a veteran of the armed forces of the United States filed at the office of the county auditor before July 1, 2002, that have been commingled with other records, if the veteran has recorded a "request for exemption from public disclosure of discharge papers" with the county auditor. If such a request has been recorded, these records may be released only to the veteran filing the papers, the veteran's next of kin, a deceased veteran's properly appointed personal representative or executor, a person holding the veteran's general power of attorney, or anyone else designated in writing by the veteran to receive the records.

(iii) Discharge papers of a veteran filed at the office of the county auditor after June 30, 2002, are not public records, but will be available only to the veteran, the veteran's next of kin, a deceased veteran's properly appointed personal representative or executor, a person holding the veteran's general power of attorney, or anyone else designated in writing by the veteran to receive the records.

(iv) For the purposes of this subsection (1)(aaa), next of kin of deceased veterans have the same rights to full access to the record. Next of kin are the veteran's widow or widower who has not remarried, son, daughter, father, mother, brother, and sister.

(bbb) Those portions of records containing specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and unique emergency and escape response plans at a city, county, or state adult or juvenile correctional facility, the public disclosure of which would have a substantial likelihood of threatening the security of a city, county, or state adult or juvenile correctional facility or any individual's safety.

(ccc) Information compiled by school districts or schools in the development of their comprehensive safe school plans pursuant to RCW 28A.320.125, to the extent that they identify specific vulnerabilities of school districts and each individual school.

(ddd) Information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, consisting of security passwords, security access codes and programs, access codes for secure

software applications, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments, and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities.

(eee) Information obtained and exempted or withheld from public inspection by the health care authority under RCW 41.05.026, whether retained by the authority, transferred to another state purchased health care program by the authority, or transferred by the authority to a technical review committee created to facilitate the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care under chapter 41.05 RCW.

(fff) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that relates to: (i) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (ii) data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (iii) determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011.

(2) Except for information described in subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section and confidential income data exempted from public inspection pursuant to RCW 84.40.020, the exemptions of this section are inapplicable to the extent that information, the disclosure of which would violate personal privacy or vital governmental interests, can be deleted from the specific records sought. No exemption may be construed to permit the nondisclosure of statistical information not descriptive of any readily identifiable person or persons.

(3) Inspection or copying of any specific records exempt under the provisions of this section may be permitted if the superior court in the county in which the record is maintained finds, after a hearing with notice thereof to every person in interest and the agency, that the exemption of such records is clearly unnecessary to protect any individual's right of privacy or any vital governmental function.

(4) Agency responses refusing, in whole or in part, inspection of any public record shall include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record (or part) and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld.

[2003 c 277 § 3; 2003 c 124 § 1. Prior: 2002 c 335 § 1; 2002 c 224 § 2; 2002 c 205 § 4; 2002 c 172 § 1; prior: 2001 c 278 § 1; 2001 c 98 § 2; 2001 c 70 § 1; prior: 2000 c 134 § 3; 2000 c 56 § 1; 2000 c 6 § 5; prior: 1999 c 326 § 3; 1999 c 290 § 1; 1999 c 215 § 1; 1998 c 69 § 1; prior: 1997 c 310 § 2; 1997 c 274 § 8; 1997 c 250 § 7; 1997 c 239 § 4; 1997 c 220 § 120 (Referendum Bill No. 48, approved June 17, 1997); 1997 c 58 § 900; prior: 1996 c 305 § 2; 1996 c 253 § 302; 1996 c 191 § 88; 1996 c 80 § 1; 1995 c 267 § 6; prior: 1994 c 233 § 2; 1994 c 182 § 1; prior: 1993 c 360 § 2; 1993 c 320 § 9; 1993 c 280 § 35; prior: 1992 c 139 § 5; 1992 c 71 § 12; 1991 c 301 § 13; 1991 c 87 § 13; 1991 c 23 § 10; 1991 c 1 § 1; 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1 § 1103; 1990 c 256 § 1; prior: 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 407; 1989 c 352 § 7; 1989 c 279 § 23; 1989 c 238 § 1; 1989 c 205 § 20; 1989 c 189 § 3; 1989 c 11 § 12; prior: 1987 c 411 § 10; 1987 c 404 § 1; 1987 c 370 § 16; 1987 c 337 § 1; 1987 c 107 § 2; prior: 1986 c 299 § 25; 1986 c 276 § 7; 1985 c 414 § 8; 1984 c 143 § 21; 1983 c 133 § 10; 1982 c 64 § 1; 1977 ex.s. c 314 § 13; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 82 § 5; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 § 17; 1973 c 1 § 31 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972).]

NOTES:

Reviser's note: *(1) RCW 81.34.070 was repealed by 1991 c 49 § 1.

** (2) RCW 43.07.360 expired December 31, 2000, pursuant to 1996 c 253 § 502.

(3) This section was amended by 2003 c 124 § 1 and by 2003 c 277 § 3, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

Working group on veterans' records: "The protection from identity theft for veterans who choose to file their discharge papers with the county auditor is a matter of gravest concern. At the same time, the integrity of the public record of each county is a matter of utmost importance to the economic life of this state and to the right of each citizen to be secure in his or her ownership of real property and other rights and obligations of our citizens that rely upon the public record for their proof. Likewise the integrity of the public record is essential for the establishment of ancestral ties that may be of interest to this and future generations. While the public record as now kept by the county auditors is sufficient by itself for the accomplishment of these and many other public and private purposes, the proposed use of the public record for purposes that in their nature and intent are not public, so as to keep the veterans' discharge papers from disclosure to those of ill intent, causes concern among many segments of the population of this state.

In order to voice these concerns effectively and thoroughly, a working group may be convened by the joint committee on veterans' and military affairs to develop a means to preserve the integrity of the public record while protecting those veterans from identity theft." [2002 c 224 § 1.]

Effective date -- 2002 c 224 § 1: "Section 1 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [March 28, 2002]." [2002 c 224 § 4.]

Findings -- Severability -- Effective dates -- 2002 c 205 §§ 2, 3, and 4: See notes following RCW 28A.320.125.

Finding -- 2001 c 98: "The legislature finds that public health and safety is promoted when the public has knowledge that enables them to make informed choices about their health and safety. Therefore, the legislature declares, as a matter of public policy, that the public has a right to information necessary to protect members of the public from harm caused by alleged hazards or threats to the public.

The legislature also recognizes that the public disclosure of those portions of records containing specific and unique vulnerability assessments or specific and unique response plans, either of which is intended to prevent or mitigate criminal terrorist acts as defined in RCW 70.74.285, could have a substantial likelihood of threatening public safety. Therefore, the legislature declares, as a matter of public policy, that such specific and unique information should be protected from unnecessary disclosure." [2001 c 98 § 1.]

Findings -- Conflict with federal requirements -- Severability -- 2000 c 134: See notes following RCW 50.13.060.

Effective date -- 1998 c 69: See note following RCW 28B.95.025.

Effective date -- 1997 c 274: See note following RCW 41.05.021.

Referendum -- Other legislation limited -- Legislators' personal intent not indicated -- Reimbursements for election -- Voters' pamphlet, election requirements -- 1997 c 220: See RCW 36.102.800 through 36.102.803.

Part headings not law -- Severability -- 1997 c 220: See RCW 36.102.900 and 36.102.901.

Short title -- Part headings, captions, table of contents not law -- Exemptions and waivers from federal law -- Conflict with federal requirements -- Severability -- 1997 c 58: See RCW 74.08A.900

through 74.08A.904.

Severability -- 1996 c 305: See note following RCW 28B.85.020.

Findings -- Purpose -- Severability -- Part headings not law -- 1996 c 253: See notes following RCW 28B.109.010.

Captions not law -- Severability -- Effective dates -- 1995 c 267: See notes following RCW 43.70.052.

Effective date -- 1994 c 233: See note following RCW 70.123.075.

Effective date -- 1994 c 182: "This act shall take effect July 1, 1994." [1994 c 182 § 2.]

Effective date -- 1993 c 360: See note following RCW 18.130.085.

Effective date--Severability -- 1993 c 280: See RCW 43.330.902 and 43.330.903.

Finding -- 1991 c 301: See note following RCW 10.99.020.

Effective date -- 1991 c 87: See note following RCW 18.64.350.

Effective dates -- 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1: See note following RCW 84.52.010.

Severability -- 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1: See note following RCW 82.14.300.

Effective date -- Severability -- 1989 1st ex.s. c 9: See RCW 43.70.910 and 43.70.920.

Severability -- 1989 c 279: See RCW 43.163.901.

Severability -- 1989 c 11: See note following RCW 9A.56.220.

Severability -- 1987 c 411: See RCW 69.45.900.

Severability -- Effective date -- 1986 c 299: See RCW 28C.10.900 and 28C.10.902.

Severability -- 1986 c 276: See RCW 53.31.901.

Basic health plan records: RCW 70.47.150.

Exemptions from public inspection

accounting records of special inquiry judge: RCW 10.29.090.

bill drafting service of code reviser's office: RCW 1.08.027, 44.68.060.

certificate submitted by physically or mentally disabled person seeking a driver's license: RCW 46.20.041.

commercial fertilizers, sales reports: RCW 15.54.362.

criminal records: Chapter 10.97 RCW.

employer information: RCW 50.13.060.

family and children's ombudsman: RCW 43.06A.050.

joint legislative service center, information: RCW 44.68.060.

medical quality assurance commission, reports required to be filed with: RCW 18.71.0195.

organized crime

advisory board files: RCW 10.29.030.

investigative information: RCW 43.43.856.

public transportation information: RCW 47.04.230.

salary and fringe benefit survey information: RCW 41.06.160.