

WAC 391-08-880 Review of denial of public records. (1) Any person who objects to the initial denial or partial denial of a records request may petition in writing to the public records officer for a review of that decision. The petition shall include a copy of or reasonably identify the written statement by the public records officer or designee denying the request.

(2) The public records officer shall promptly provide the petition and any other relevant information to the executive director who will immediately consider the petition and either affirm or reverse the denial within two business days following the agency's receipt of the petition, or within such other time as agency and the requestor mutually agree to.

(3) If the agency denies a requestor access to public records because it claims the record is exempt in whole or in part from disclosure, the requestor may request the attorney general's office to review the matter under the procedure set forth under WAC 44-06-160.

(4) Judicial review. Any person may obtain court review of denials of public records requests at the conclusion of two business days after the initial denial of such request regardless of any internal administrative appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080, 42.56.040, and 49.39.060. WSR 10-20-172, § 391-08-880, filed 10/6/10, effective 11/6/10.]