

WAC 256-20-010 Authority and purpose. (1) RCW 42.56.070(1) requires eastern Washington state historical society to make available for inspection and copying nonexempt "public records" in accordance with published rules. Chapter 42.56 RCW, Public Records Act (act) defines "public record" to include 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 the eastern Washington state historical society.

(2) The purpose of these rules is to establish the procedures eastern Washington state historical society will follow in order to provide full access to public records. These rules provide information to persons wishing to request access to public records of the eastern Washington state historical society and establish processes for both requestors and eastern Washington state historical society staff that are designed to best assist members of the public in obtaining such access.

(3) The purpose of the act is to provide the public full access to information concerning the conduct of government, mindful of individuals' privacy rights and the desirability of the efficient administration of government. The act and these rules will be interpreted in favor of disclosure. In carrying out its responsibilities under the act, the eastern Washington state historical society will be guided by the provisions of the act describing its purposes and interpretation.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 27.34 RCW, RCW 42.56.040, 27.34.070, and 43.21C.120. WSR 17-07-057, § 256-20-010, filed 3/11/17, effective 4/11/17.]