

WAC 132T-175-110 Review of denials of public records requests.

(1) Any person who objects to the denial, or partial denial, of a request for a public record may petition in writing (including email) to the public records officer for review of that decision. The written request shall include a copy of or reasonably identify the written statement by the public records officer denying the request.

(2) Immediately after receiving a written request for review of a decision denying access to a public record, the public records officer shall refer the written request and any other relevant information to the district president or designee. The president or designee shall immediately consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial within two business days following receipt of the written request for review or within such other time frame as the district and the requestor mutually agree to.

(3) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.530, if the district denies a requestor access to public records because it claims the record in whole or in part is exempt, the requestor may make a request to the attorney general's office to review the matter. The attorney general has adopted rules on such requests in WAC 44-06-160.

(4) Any person may obtain court review of denials of public records requests pursuant to RCW 42.56.550 at the conclusion of two business days following the initial denial regardless of any internal administrative appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.14 [28B.50.140] and chapter 42.56 RCW. WSR 19-09-021, § 132T-175-110, filed 4/9/19, effective 5/10/19; Order 73-7, § 132T-175-110, filed 3/23/73.]