

WAC 247-12-035 Availability of public records. (1) Hours for inspection of records. Public records are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours of the Washington health care facilities authority (authority), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding legal holidays. Records must be inspected at the offices of the authority. Many public records are also available for inspection and copying on the authority's website at any time, at no cost.

(2) **Organization of records.** The authority will maintain its records in a reasonably organized manner. The authority will take reasonable actions to protect records from damage and disorganization. A requestor shall not take authority records from authority offices without the permission of the public records officer or designee. A variety of records is available on the authority's website at <http://www.whcfa.wa.gov>. Requestors are encouraged to view the documents available on the website prior to submitting a records request.

(3) **Making a request for public records.**

(a) Any person wishing to inspect or copy public records of the authority should make the request in writing on the authority's request form or through an online portal, or by letter, fax, or email addressed to the public records officer at the email address publicly designated by the authority, or by submitting the request in person at Washington health care facilities authority at 410 11th Avenue S.E., Suite 201, Olympia, Washington 98501 and include the following information:

- Name of requestor;
- Address of requestor;
- Other contact information, including telephone number and any email address;
- Identification of the public records adequate for the public records officer or designee to locate the records; and
- The date and time of day of the request.

(b) If the requestor wishes to have copies of the records made instead of simply inspecting them, he or she should so indicate and make arrangements to pay for copies of the records or a deposit. Pursuant to RCW 42.56.120, charges for copies are provided in a fee schedule attached hereto; available at 410 11th Avenue S.E., Suite 201, Olympia, Washington 98501 and online at <http://www.whcfa.wa.gov>.

(c) A records request form is available for use by requestors at the office of the public records officer and online at <http://www.whcfa.wa.gov>.

(d) The public records officer or designee may accept requests for public records that contain the above information by telephone or in person. If the public records officer or designee accepts such a request, he or she will confirm receipt of the information and the substance of the request in writing.

(e) If requestors refuse to identify themselves or provide sufficient contact information, the agency will respond to the extent feasible and consistent with the law.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.37 RCW. WSR 24-11-002, § 247-12-035, filed 5/1/24, effective 6/1/24.]