

Chapter 230-21 WAC

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WAC 230-21-001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the Washington state gambling commission complies with the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. 07-19-070 (Order 616), § 230-21-001, filed 9/17/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-21-005 Types of public records, location, and times available. All public records of the commission are available for public inspection and copying unless the law provides otherwise. The location of the records and times they are available are:

(1) **Location of public records** - All public records of the commission are located at our administrative office in Lacey.

(2) **Times available** - All public records are available for inspection and copying during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Unless someone makes in advance a written request to view them, public records may not be available during the period 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. 07-19-070 (Order 616), § 230-21-005, filed 9/17/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-21-010 Public records officers. The director designates the public records officers in charge of our public records. These persons must be located in our main administrative offices. Public records officers are responsible for:

(1) Implementing our rules regarding the release of public records;

(2) Coordinating the staff of the commission in this regard;

(3) Maintaining, keeping current, and publishing an index of all agency records as chapter 42.56 RCW requires; and

(4) Generally insuring staff complies with chapter 42.56 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. 07-19-070 (Order 616), § 230-21-010, filed 9/17/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-21-015 Requests for public records. According to chapter 42.56 RCW, members of the public may inspect, copy, or get copies of public records if they comply with the following procedures:

(1) Make a request in writing on the form we require and have available at our administrative office; and

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(2) Present the form at our administrative office during normal office hours to commission staff designated to receive requests, or send it by mail; and

(3) Commission staff must assist the public in identifying the appropriate public record requested; and

(4) If a person is not specifically authorized by law to obtain lists of names of individuals from public records, that person must complete a statement agreeing not to release or use the public record information for commercial purposes.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. 07-19-070 (Order 616), § 230-21-015, filed 9/17/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-21-020 Denying public disclosure requests. With all denials of requests for public records, we provide a written statement explaining the reason for the denial. The statement includes:

(1) The specific exemption that authorizes us to withhold the record; and

(2) A brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record we withheld.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. 07-19-070 (Order 616), § 230-21-020, filed 9/17/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-21-025 Protection of public records. We are a law enforcement and regulatory agency and a licensing agency.

(1) Individuals may inspect the public records at the administrative offices where we file and maintain the records. An authorized member of our staff must accompany and observe the inspection.

(2) We will deny inspection and withdraw the records if the individual inspecting the records:

(a) Is damaging, altering, or substantially disorganizing them; or

(b) Attempts to remove them; or

(c) Is excessively interfering or will unduly interfere with our other essential functions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. 07-19-070 (Order 616), § 230-21-025, filed 9/17/07, effective 1/1/08.]