

WAC 374-20-080 Statement of reasons for denial of public records request. (1) When the agency denies, in whole or in part, a written records request, it shall cite the specific exemption authorizing the refusal and provide a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld.

(2) The agency will maintain on its website www.plia.wa.gov a list of the "other statute" exemptions from disclosure, outside those found in the Public Records Act, which may be applied to specific information or records of the agency. This list is for informational purposes only, and failure to list an exemption shall not affect the ability of any exemption used by the agency.

(3) The agency may deny a "bot" request, if the agency establishes that responding would cause excessive interference with other essential agency functions. A "bot" request is one of multiple records requests from a requestor to the agency within a twenty-four hour period which the agency reasonably believes was automatically generated by a computer program or script.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 42.56 RCW. WSR 20-02-005, § 374-20-080, filed 12/18/19, effective 1/18/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17.250. WSR 90-14-019 (Order 90-4), § 374-20-080, filed 6/27/90, effective 7/28/90.]