

**WAC 260-09-080 Review of denials of public records.** (1) Any person who objects to the initial denial or partial denial of a records request may petition in writing (including email) to the public records officer for a review of that decision. The petition will include a copy of or reasonably identify the written statement by the public records officer or designee denying the request.

(2) Consideration of petition for review. The public records officer will promptly provide the petition and any other relevant information to the executive secretary of the commission. The executive secretary will immediately consider the petition and either affirm or reverse the denial within two business days following the commission's receipt of the petition, or within such other time as commission and the requestor mutually agree to.

(3) Review by the attorney general's office. If the commission denies a requestor access to public records because it claims the record is exempt in whole or in part from disclosure, the requestor may request the attorney general's office to review the matter. The attorney general has adopted rules on such requests in WAC 44-06-160.

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

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 10-05-065, § 260-09-080, filed 2/12/10, effective 3/15/10.]