

**WAC 417-02-135 Exemptions.** (1) The public records officer or designated assistant shall delete information from any record prior to permitting public inspection or copying if the information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.210 or other law. After such information is deleted, the remainder of the record shall be made available.

(2) To the extent allowed by law, the commission reserves the right to allow the public to inspect but not copy certain public records where there is reason to believe that the ability to copy such records would be a violation of copyright agreements, contracts, or census bureau or other governmental requirements.

(3) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.070, the commission reserves the right to delete identifying details when it makes available or publishes any public record in any cases where there is reason to believe that disclosure of such details would be an invasion of personal privacy protected by chapter 42.56 RCW. The public records officer or designated assistant will justify such deletion in writing.

(4) All denials of requests for public records must be accompanied by a written statement specifying the reason for the denial, including a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record or information and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the records or information withheld.

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