

**WAC 198-14-010 Authority and purpose.** The Public Records Act (act), chapter 42.56 RCW, applies to the environmental and land use hearing office (ELUHO), a state agency, and the boards within that agency. The purpose of these rules is to establish the procedures ELUHO, and the boards, will follow in order to provide full access to public records concerning the conduct of government. These rules provide information to persons wishing to request access to public records of ELUHO and the boards within ELUHO, and also establish processes for both requestors and ELUHO employees that are designed to best assist members of the public in obtaining access to public records. In carrying out its responsibilities under the act, ELUHO will be guided by the provisions of the act describing its purposes and interpretation. The act and these rules will be interpreted in favor of disclosure.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.56.040, 43.21B.005, 43.21B.090, and 36.70A.270(7). WSR 12-03-042, § 198-14-010, filed 1/10/12, effective 2/10/12.]