

WAC 292-130-140 Review of denials of public records request.

(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 or designee for review of that decision. The petition should include a copy of or reasonably identify the written statement by the public records officer or designee denying the request.

(2) The public records officer or designee will promptly provide the petition and any other relevant information to the chair of the board or the chair's designee. The chair or the chair's designee will immediately consider the matter and either affirm or reverse such denial within two business days following the executive ethics board's receipt of the petition, or within such other time as mutually agreed upon by the requestor and executive ethics board.

(3) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.530, if the executive ethics board 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) Any person may obtain court review of denials of public records requests pursuant to RCW 42.56.550 at the conclusion of two business days after the initial denial regardless of any internal administrative appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.52.360. WSR 18-20-107, § 292-130-140, filed 10/2/18, effective 11/2/18; WSR 16-16-075, § 292-130-140, filed 7/29/16, effective 8/29/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.52.360 (2)(b). WSR 98-22-072, § 292-130-140, filed 11/3/98, effective 12/4/98.]