

WAC 110-01-0270 Department reviews of records request denials.

(1) All review requests must be in writing (letter, fax or email). All review requests must specify the part or parts of the denial or redaction that the requestor wishes to be reviewed.

(2) If the department denies all or part of a request, or redacts any portion of a record, the requestor may request a review of this decision by:

(a) Asking the public records officer for an internal review. The denial will either be upheld or reversed within two business days after the receipt of the review request.

(b) Asking for an external review by the attorney general's office.

Requestors may initiate this by sending a request for review to Public Records Review, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 40100, Olympia, WA 98504-0100 or publicrecords@atg.wa.gov.

(c) Asking for a judicial review.

To initiate a court review of a public records case, a requestor can file a "motion to show cause" which directs the agency to appear before the court and show any cause why the agency did not violate the act. The case must be filed in the superior court in the county in which the record is maintained.

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