

WAC 16-531-070 Review of denial of public records requests. (1)

Any person who objects to the initial denial of a records request may petition in writing to the commission for review of that decision. The petition shall include a copy of, or reasonably identify, the written statement by the commission denying the request.

(2) The commission's executive director or designee will immediately consider the petition and either affirm or reverse the denial. In any case, the request shall be returned with a final decision within ten business days following the commission's receipt of the written request for review of the original denial.

(3) Under RCW 42.56.530, 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) Any person may obtain court review of a denial of a public records request under RCW 42.56.550.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.115.160, 42.56.040, and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 17-07-136, § 16-531-070, filed 3/22/17, effective 4/22/17.]