

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION--FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Freedom of Information Act (RCW 42.17) deals with the right of all citizens to inspect and/or copy public records. Exceptions include records containing certain personal information. Citizens may examine and copy, for example, property tax records, council minutes, budgets, reports, maps, and correspondence. Agencies are required to make their records available "promptly" on request, and must give written reasons for denials of access or copies. A modest per page copying fee is permitted. Remedies for denial of public access to public information are prescribed in law. Requests invoking the Act should be filed with the Department of Administrative Services at 360- 337-4410.

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