

08/12/2024

RESOLUTION NO. M-4292

A RESOLUTION adopting the findings of the Body Worn Camera Study and directing the Public Records Officer to recover the reasonable costs of applying redactions to public records requests for body worn camera footage.

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver implemented a body worn camera program on February 20th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, body worn camera recordings are public records under RCW 42.46.240(14)the Washington Public Records Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver may charge certain non-exempt public records requestors the reasonable cost of applying body worn camera redactions before disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.240(14)(f); and

WHEREAS, the Vancouver Police Department Public Records team completed a Body Worn Camera Redaction Cost Study (attached as Exhibit A) to track the time required to redact video footage and multiplied that by the per minute cost associated with applying those redactions to determine the reasonable cost of redactions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver desires to begin charging the reasonable costs of applying redactions prior to disclosure of public records to recover the actual cost of applying those redactions; and

WHEREAS, the Public Records Officer is authorized to establish the costs of providing a requestor with public records in any format or medium under VMC 2.90.080; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.56.070(7) requires a public hearing to adopt a fee schedule, which was held on August 12, 2024;

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council adopts the above referenced recitals and the information set forth in SR 153-24 as findings;

Section 2. Vancouver Police Records Fee Schedule. The City Council adopts and approves the Body Worn Camera Redaction Cost Study attached as Exhibit A. The Public Records Officer is directed to establish the reasonable costs of body worn camera redactions as determined by the Body Worn Camera Redaction Cost Study in the amount of \$.73 per minute for the actual time incurred to apply body worn camera redactions. The Public Records Officer is directed to make the fee schedule available on the City's website.

Section 3. Fee Exemptions. This fee will not apply to any requestor exempt from fees pursuant to RCW 42.56.240(14).

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution is effective immediately.

Section 4. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to implement the fees as stated above.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Vancouver City Council this 12th day of August,
2024.

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