

CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of
Redmond, Washington, Amending the City's Public
Records Fee Schedule to Add a Body Worn Camera
Video Redaction Fee for Public Records Requests

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is committed to transparency and public accountability in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Police Department has equipped its commissioned officers with Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) to record interactions with the public in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, under the Washington Public Records Act (PRA), Chapter 42.56 RCW, all BWC recordings are considered public records, subject to disclosure upon request, and may require redaction to protect privacy or other sensitive information; and

WHEREAS, the PRA allows an agency to charge reasonable costs associated with redacting, altering, distorting, pixelating, suppressing, or obscuring portions of a BWC recording prior to disclosure, except for certain requesters such as individuals directly involved in the incident recorded, their attorneys, or other designated parties; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Police Department has identified the need to establish a BWC video redaction fee of \$0.88 per minute, based solely on the direct staff labor time required to redact BWC recordings; and

WHEREAS, the Department will charge requesters separately for the actual cost of copies of BWC recordings, as authorized by the PRA and established in the City's adopted Public Records Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the PRA mandates that an agency use redaction technology that is the least costly commercially available method for redacting BWC recordings, to the extent possible and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Police Department proposes to charge requesters for redaction costs based on the parameters outlined in the PRA and to charge only for the actual staff time cost incurred in the redaction process; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Public Records Act authorizes agencies to require a deposit of up to ten percent of the estimated cost of fulfilling a public records request when the estimated costs exceed a de minimis amount, in order to ensure recovery of costs associated with records production;

WHEREAS, the Department will not charge requesters for the costs of redaction technology software, and will additionally charge requesters only for the actual costs of copies of BWC recordings, as permitted by the PRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, as follows:

1. **Approval of Bodyworn Camera Redaction Fee:** The City Council hereby approves the establishment of the redaction fee for BWC recordings at \$0.88 per minute, based on direct staff time required to redact video recordings in accordance with the PRA.
2. **Application of Redaction Fees:** The Redmond Police Department is authorized to charge BWC redaction fees based on the parameters provided by the Washington Public Records Act, including direct staff time for redaction.
3. **Prohibition of Redaction Technology Fees:** The City Council directs that no fees shall be charged to requesters for the use, acquisition, or maintenance of redaction technology software.
4. **Cost of Copies of BWC Recordings:** In addition to redaction fees, the City Council authorizes the Redmond Police Department

to charge requesters for the actual cost of copies of BWC recordings, as provided in the Washington Public Records Act.

5. **Implementation:** The Mayor or designee is authorized to implement the policies set forth in this resolution and ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the Washington Public Records Act.

 ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

ANGELA BIRNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL XANTHOS, MMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

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