

Denials of public records requests—Review.

(1) Any person who objects to the initial denial or partial denial of a records request may petition, in writing (including by email: sheriff@co.walla-walla.wa.us), to the public records officer for a review of that denial. The petition shall include a copy of, or reasonably identify, the written statement by the public records officer or designee denying the request.

(2) The Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee will consider the petition and affirm, reverse, or modify the denial within two business days following the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office's receipt of the petition, or within such other time as the Office and the requestor mutually agree. The original denial becomes final if the Sheriff does not respond within two business days.

(3) Administrative remedies are not exhausted until the denial becomes final.

(4) Pursuant to RCW [42.56.240](#), if the Office denies a requestor access to public records because it claims the record is exempt in whole or in part from disclosure, the requestor may make a motion to the superior court of the county in which the record is maintained to review the agency's actions, pursuant to RCW [42.56.550](#).