



OKLAHOMA STATE COURTS NETWORK

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Chapter 1 - General Provisions

Oklahoma Open Records Act

Section 24A.2 - Political Power - Public Policy and Purpose of Act

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As the Oklahoma Constitution recognizes and guarantees, all political power is inherent in the people. Thus, it is the public policy of the State of Oklahoma that the people are vested with the inherent right to know and be fully informed about their government. The Oklahoma Open Records Act shall not create, directly or indirectly, any rights of privacy or any remedies for violation of any rights of privacy; nor shall the Oklahoma Open Records Act, except as specifically set forth in the Oklahoma Open Records Act, establish any procedures for protecting any person from release of information contained in public records. The purpose of this act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power. The privacy interests of individuals are adequately protected in the specific exceptions to the Oklahoma Open Records Act or in the statutes which authorize, create or require the records. Except where specific state or federal statutes create a confidential privilege, persons who submit information to public bodies have no right to keep this information from public access nor reasonable expectation that this information will be kept from public access; provided, the person, agency or political subdivision shall at all times bear the burden of establishing such records are protected by such a confidential privilege. Except as may be required by other statutes, public bodies do not need to follow any procedures for providing access to public records except those specifically required by the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

Historical Data

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Section 24A.3 - Definitions

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As used in the Oklahoma Open Records Act:

1. “Record” means all documents including, but not limited to, any book, paper, photograph, microfilm, data files created by or used with computer software, computer tape, disk, record, sound recording, film recording, video record or other material regardless of physical form or characteristic, created by, received by, under the authority of, or coming into the custody, control or possession of public officials, public bodies or their representatives in connection with the transaction of public business, the expenditure of public funds or the administering of public property. Record shall also mean applications and other documents related to licensure matters that are filed of record in a district court, including, but not limited to, marriage licenses, process server licenses, closing out sale licenses, transient merchant licenses, pool hall licenses, and bail bondsmen registration. Record does not mean:

- a. computer software, or
- b. nongovernment personal effects;

2. “Public body” shall include, but not be limited to, any office, department, board, bureau, commission, agency, trusteeship, authority, council, committee, trust or any entity created by a trust, county, city, village, town, township, district, school district, fair board, court, executive office, advisory group, task force, study group or any subdivision thereof, supported in whole or in part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds or administering or operating public property, and all committees, or subcommittees thereof. Except for the records required by Section 24A.4 of this title, public body does not mean judges, justices, the Council on Judicial Complaints, the Legislature or legislators. Public body shall not include an organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and whose sole beneficiary is a college or university, or an affiliated entity of the college or university, that is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Such organization shall not receive direct appropriations from the Legislature. The following persons shall not be eligible to serve as a voting member of the governing board of the organization:

- a. a member, officer, or employee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
- b. a member of the board of regents or other governing board of the college or university that is the sole beneficiary of the organization, or
- c. an officer or employee of the college or university that is the sole beneficiary of the organization;

3. “Public office” means the physical location where public bodies conduct business or keep records;

4. “Public official” means any official or employee of any public body as defined herein; and

5. “Law enforcement agency” means any public body charged with enforcing state or local criminal laws and initiating criminal prosecutions including, but not limited to, police departments, county sheriffs, the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Historical Data

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Section 24A.4 - Duty to Keep and Maintain Complete Records of Receipt and Expenditure of Funds

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In addition to other records which are kept or maintained, every public body and public official has a specific duty to keep and maintain complete records of the receipt and expenditure of any public funds reflecting all financial and business transactions relating thereto, except that such records may be disposed of as provided by law.

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Section 24A.5 - Open and Confidential Records

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All records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person for inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction during regular business hours; provided:

1. The Oklahoma Open Records Act, Sections 24A.1 through 24A.30 of this title, does not apply to records specifically required by law to be kept confidential including:

- a. records protected by a state evidentiary privilege such as the attorney-client privilege, the work product immunity from discovery and the identity of informer privileges,
- b. records of what transpired during meetings of a public body lawfully closed to the public such as executive sessions authorized under the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act,
- c. personal information within driver records as defined by the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 United States Code, Sections 2721 through 2725,
- d. information in the files of the Board of Medicolegal Investigations obtained pursuant to Sections 940 and 941 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes that may be hearsay, preliminary unsubstantiated investigation-related findings, or confidential medical information,
- e. any test forms, question banks and answer keys developed for state licensure examinations, but specifically excluding test preparation materials or study guides, or
- f. last names, addresses, social security numbers or tax identification numbers, and proof of identification submitted to the Oklahoma Lottery Commission by persons claiming a lottery prize;

2. All Social Security numbers included in a record may be confidential regardless of the person's status as a public employee or private individual and may be redacted or deleted prior to release of the record by the public body;

3. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record containing exempt material shall be provided after deletion of the exempt portions; provided however, Service Oklahoma shall not be required to assemble for the requesting person specific information, in any format, from driving records relating to any person whose name and date of birth or whose driver license number is not furnished by the requesting person.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall not be required to assemble for the requesting person any criminal history records relating to persons whose names, dates of birth, and other identifying information required by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation pursuant to administrative rule are not furnished by the requesting

person;

4. Any request for a record which contains individual records of persons, and the cost of copying, reproducing or certifying each individual record is otherwise prescribed by state law, the cost may be assessed for each individual record, or portion thereof requested as prescribed by state law. Otherwise, a public body may charge a fee only for recovery of the reasonable, direct costs of record copying, or mechanical reproduction. Notwithstanding any state or local provision to the contrary, in no instance shall the record copying fee exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page for records having the dimensions of eight and one-half (8 1/2) by fourteen (14) inches or smaller, or a maximum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per copied page for a certified copy. However, if the request:

a. is solely for commercial purpose, or

b. would clearly cause excessive disruption of the essential functions of the public body,

then the public body may charge a reasonable fee to recover the direct cost of record search and copying; however, publication in a newspaper or broadcast by news media for news purposes shall not constitute a resale or use of a record for trade or commercial purpose and charges for providing copies of electronic data to the news media for a news purpose shall not exceed the direct cost of making the copy. The fee charged by the Department of Public Safety for a copy in a computerized format of a record of the Department shall not exceed the direct cost of making the copy unless the fee for the record is otherwise set by law.

Any public body establishing fees under this act shall post a written schedule of the fees at its principal office and with the county clerk.

In no case shall a search fee be charged when the release of records is in the public interest, including, but not limited to, release to the news media, scholars, authors and taxpayers seeking to determine whether those entrusted with the affairs of the government are honestly, faithfully, and competently performing their duties as public servants.

The fees shall not be used for the purpose of discouraging requests for information or as obstacles to disclosure of requested information;

5. The land description tract index of all recorded instruments concerning real property required to be kept by the county clerk of any county shall be available for inspection or copying in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act; provided, however, the index shall not be copied or mechanically reproduced for the purpose of sale of the information;

6. A public body must provide prompt, reasonable access to its records but may establish reasonable procedures which protect the integrity and organization of its records and to prevent excessive disruptions of its essential functions. A delay in providing access to records shall be limited solely to the time required for preparing the requested documents and the avoidance of excessive disruptions of the public body's essential functions. In no event may production of a current request for records be unreasonably delayed until after completion of a prior records request that will take substantially longer than the current request. Any public body which makes the requested records available on the Internet shall meet the obligation of providing prompt, reasonable access to its records as required by this paragraph; and

7. A public body shall designate certain persons who are authorized to release records of the public body for inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction. At least one person shall be available at all times to release records during the regular business hours of the public body.

All records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person for inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction during regular business hours; provided:

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- f. last names, addresses, Social Security numbers or tax identification numbers, and proof of identification submitted to the Oklahoma Lottery Commission by persons claiming a lottery prize,
- g. unless public disclosure is required by other laws or regulations, vehicle movement records of the Oklahoma Transportation Authority obtained in connection with the Authority's electronic toll collection system,
- h. personal financial information, credit reports, or other financial data obtained by or submitted to a public body for the purpose of evaluating credit worthiness, obtaining a license, permit, or for the purpose of becoming qualified to contract with a public body,
- i. any digital audio/video recordings of the toll collection and safeguarding activities of the Oklahoma Transportation Authority,
- j. any personal information provided by a guest at any facility owned or operated by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to obtain any service at the facility or by a purchaser of a product sold by or through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department,
- k. a Department of Defense Form 214 (DD Form 214) filed with a county clerk, including any DD Form 214 filed before July 1, 2002,
- l. except as provided for in Section 2-110 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes:
 - (1) any record in connection with a Motor Vehicle Report issued by the Department of Public Safety, as prescribed in Section 6-117 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or
 - (2) personal information within driver records, as defined by the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C., Sections 2721 through 2725, which are stored and maintained by the Department of Public Safety,
- m. any portion of any document or information provided to an agency or entity of the state or a political subdivision to obtain licensure under the laws of this state or a political subdivision that contains an applicant's personal address, personal phone number, personal email address, any government-issued identification numbers, or other contact information; provided, however, lists of persons licensed, the existence of a license of a person, or a business or commercial address, or other business or commercial information disclosable under state law

submitted with an application for licensure shall be public record, unless the business or commercial address is the same as the applicant's personal address, except when the applicant permits in writing the disclosure of the address,

n. an investigative file obtained during an investigation conducted by the State Department of Health into violations of the Long-Term Care Administrator Licensing Act under Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

o. documents, evidence, materials, records, reports, complaints, or other information in the possession or control of the Attorney General or Insurance Department pertaining to an evaluation, examination, investigation, or review made pursuant to the provisions of the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Act, the Pharmacy Audit Integrity Act, or Sections 357 through 360 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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Section 24A.6 - Written Notice of Business Hours of Public Bodies - Inspection, Copying, or

Reproduction of Records of Public Body

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A. If a public body or its office does not have regular business hours of at least thirty (30) hours a week, the public body shall post and maintain a written notice at its principal office and with the county clerk where the public body is located which notice shall:

1. Designate the days of the week when records are available for inspection, copying or mechanical reproduction;
2. Set forth the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the individual in charge of the records; and
3. Describe in detail the procedures for obtaining access to the records at least two days of the week, excluding Sunday.

B. The person requesting the record and the person authorized to release the records of the public body may agree to inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction on a day and at a time other than that designated in the notice.

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Section 24A.7 - Confidential Personnel Records of Public Body

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A. At the sole discretion of the public body, a public body may keep personnel records confidential:

1. Which relate to internal personnel investigations including examination and selection material for employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or resignation; or
2. Where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy such as employee evaluations, payroll deductions, employment applications submitted by persons not hired by the public body and transcripts from institutions of higher education maintained in the personnel files of certified public school employees; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt from disclosure the degree obtained and the curriculum on the transcripts of certified public school employees.

B. All personnel records not specifically falling within the exceptions provided in subsection A or D of this section shall be available for public inspection and copying including, but not limited to, records of:

1. An employment application of a person who becomes a public official;
2. The gross receipts of public funds;
3. The dates of employment, title or position; and
4. Any final disciplinary action resulting in loss of pay, suspension, demotion of position or termination.

C. Except as may otherwise be made confidential by statute, an employee of a public body shall have a right of access to his own personnel file.

D. The home addresses, home telephone numbers, Social Security numbers, private email addresses, and private mobile phone numbers of current and former public employees shall not be open to public inspection or disclosure; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt from disclosure public records created using a private email address or private mobile phone.

E. Except as otherwise required by Section 6-101.16 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, public bodies shall keep confidential all records created pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) which identify a current or former public employee and contain any evaluation, observation or other TLE record of such employee.

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130, § 1, eff. November 1, 2014 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2021, HB 1876, c. 382, § 1, emerg. eff. May 3, 2021 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2022, SB 970, c. 306, § 2 ([superseded document available](#)).

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Title 51. Officers

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Title 51. Officers

Chapter 1 - General Provisions

Oklahoma Open Records Act

Section 24A.8 - Law Enforcement Agency Records Available for Public Inspection

Cite as: O.S. §, __ __

A. Law enforcement agencies shall make available for public inspection and copying, if kept, the following records:

1. An arrestee description, including the name, date of birth, address, race, sex, physical description, and occupation of the arrestee;
2. Facts concerning the arrest, including the cause of arrest and the name of the arresting officer;
3. A chronological list of all incidents, including initial offense report information showing the offense, date, time, general location, officer, and a brief summary of what occurred;
4. Radio logs, including a chronological listing of the calls dispatched;
5. Conviction information, including the name of any person convicted of a criminal offense;
6. Disposition of all warrants, including orders signed by a judge of any court commanding a law enforcement officer to arrest a particular person;
7. A crime summary, including an agency summary of crimes reported and public calls for service by classification or nature and number;
8. Jail registers, including jail blotter data or jail booking information recorded on persons at the time of incarceration showing the name of each prisoner with the date and cause of commitment, the authority committing the prisoner, whether committed for a criminal offense, a description of the prisoner, and the date or manner of discharge or escape of the prisoner;
9. Audio and video recordings from recording equipment attached to law enforcement vehicles or associated audio recordings from recording equipment on the person of a law enforcement officer; provided, the law enforcement agency may, before releasing any audio or video recording provided for in this paragraph, redact or obscure specific portions of the recording which:
 - a. depict the death of a person or a dead body, unless the death was effected by a law enforcement officer,
 - b. depict nudity,
 - c. would identify minors under the age of sixteen (16) years or would undermine any requirement to keep certain juvenile records confidential as provided for in Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - d. depict acts of severe violence resulting in great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, against persons that are clearly visible, unless the act of severe violence was effected by a law enforcement officer,

- e. depict great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, unless the great bodily injury was effected by a law enforcement officer,
 - f. include personal medical information that is not already public,
 - g. would undermine the assertion of a privilege provided in Section 1-109 or Section 3-428 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes for detention or transportation for mental health evaluation or treatment or drug or alcohol detoxification purposes,
 - h. include personal information other than the name or license plate number of a person not arrested, cited, charged or issued a written warning. Such personal information shall include any government-issued identification number, date of birth, address or financial information, or
 - i. reveal the identity of law enforcement officers who have become subject to internal investigation by the law enforcement agency as a result of an event depicted in the recording. The option to protect the identity of a law enforcement officer shall not be available to the law enforcement agency after the law enforcement agency has concluded the investigation and rendered a decision as to final disciplinary action. At such time when an investigation has concluded and the law enforcement agency has rendered its decision as to final disciplinary action, the portions of the recordings previously withheld as provided for in this subparagraph shall be available for public inspection and copying. The audio and video recordings withheld as provided for in this subparagraph shall be available for public inspection and copying before the conclusion of the investigation if the investigation lasts for an unreasonable amount of time; and
10. a. Audio and video recordings from recording equipment attached to the person of a law enforcement officer that depict:
- (1) the use of any physical force or violence by a law enforcement officer,
 - (2) pursuits of any kind,
 - (3) traffic stops,
 - (4) any person being arrested, cited, charged or issued a written warning,
 - (5) events that directly led to any person being arrested, cited, charged or receiving a written warning,
 - (6) detentions of any length for the purpose of investigation,
 - (7) any exercise of authority by a law enforcement officer that deprives a citizen of his or her liberty,
 - (8) actions by a law enforcement officer that have become the cause of an investigation or charges being filed,
 - (9) recordings in the public interest that may materially aid a determination of whether law enforcement officers are appropriately performing their duties as public servants, or
 - (10) any contextual events occurring before or after the events depicted in divisions (1) through (9) of this subparagraph.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph a of this paragraph, the law enforcement agency may, before releasing any audio or video recording provided for in this paragraph, redact or obscure specific portions of the recording that:
- (1) depict the death of a person or a dead body, unless the death was effected by a law enforcement officer,
 - (2) depict nudity,

- (3) would identify minors under the age of sixteen (16) years or would undermine any requirement to keep certain juvenile records confidential as provided for in Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- (4) depict acts of severe violence resulting in great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, against persons that are clearly visible, unless the act of severe violence was effected by a law enforcement officer,
- (5) depict great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, unless the great bodily injury was effected by a law enforcement officer,
- (6) include personal medical information that is not already public,
- (7) undermine the assertion of a privilege as provided in Section 1-109 or Section 3-428 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes for detention or transportation for mental health evaluation or treatment or drug or alcohol detoxification purposes,
- (8) identify alleged victims of sex crimes or domestic violence,
- (9) identify any person who provides information to law enforcement or the information provided by that person when that person requests anonymity or where disclosure of the identity of the person or the information provided could reasonably be expected to threaten or endanger the physical safety or property of the person or the physical safety or property of others,
- (10) undermine the assertion of a privilege to keep the identity of an informer confidential as provided for in Section 2510 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- (11) include personal information other than the name or license plate number of a person not officially arrested, cited, charged or issued a written warning. Such personal information shall include any government-issued identification number, date of birth, address or financial information,
- (12) include information that would materially compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or ongoing criminal prosecution, provided that:
 - (a) ten (10) days following the formal arraignment or initial appearance, whichever occurs first, of a person charged in the case in question, the recording shall be made available for public inspection and copying with no redaction of the portions that were temporarily withheld by reliance on this division. Provided, before potential release of a recording as provided for in this subdivision, the prosecutor or legal representative of the person charged may request from the appropriate district court an extension of time during which the recording may be withheld under the provisions of this division. When a request for an extension of time has been filed with the court, the recording in question may be withheld until the court has issued a ruling. Such requests for an extension of the time during which the recording may be withheld may be made on the grounds that release of the recording will materially compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or criminal prosecution or on the grounds that release of the recording will materially compromise the right of an accused to a fair trial that has yet to begin. Courts considering such requests shall conduct a hearing and consider whether the interests of the public outweigh the interests asserted by the parties. In response to such requests, the court shall order that the recording be made available for public inspection and copying with no redaction of the portions that were temporarily withheld by reliance on this division or order an extension of time during which the recording may be withheld under the provisions of this division. Provided further, each such time extension shall only be ordered by the court for an additional six-month period of time or less and cumulative time extensions shall not add up to more than eighteen (18) months, or
 - (b) in the event that one hundred twenty (120) days expire from the date of the events depicted in the recording without any person being criminally charged in the case in question and release of a recording or portions of a recording have been denied on the grounds provided for in this division, an appeal of such denial may be made to

the appropriate district court. In situations where one hundred twenty (120) days have expired since the creation of the recording, criminal charges have not been filed against a person and the recording is being withheld on the grounds provided for in this division, courts considering appeals to the use of the provisions of this division for temporarily withholding a recording shall conduct a hearing and consider whether the interests of the public outweigh the interests of the parties protected by this division. In response to such appeals, the district court shall order that the recording be made available for public inspection and copying with no redaction of the portions that were temporarily withheld by reliance on this division or order an extension of time during which the recording may be withheld under the provisions of this division. An order granting an extension of time shall be applicable to the recording against all appellants for the duration of the extension. Provided, each such time extension shall only be ordered by the district court for an additional twelve-month period of time or less and cumulative time extensions shall not add up to more than three (3) years. Provided, charges being filed against a person in the case in question automatically cancels any extension of time. A new request for an extension of time following an arraignment or initial appearance may be requested by the parties on the grounds and under the terms provided for in subdivision (a) of this division.

The options presented in this division to potentially withhold a recording or portions of a recording on the grounds provided for in this division shall expire in totality four (4) years after the recording was made at which time all recordings previously withheld on the grounds provided for in this division shall be made available for public inspection and copying, or

(13) reveal the identity of law enforcement officers who have become subject to internal investigation by the law enforcement agency as a result of an event depicted in the recording. The option to protect the identity of a law enforcement officer shall not be available to the law enforcement agency after the law enforcement agency has concluded the investigation and rendered a decision as to final disciplinary action. At such time when an investigation has concluded and the law enforcement agency has rendered its decision as to final disciplinary action, the portions of the recordings previously withheld as provided for in this division shall be available for public inspection and copying. The audio and video recordings withheld on the grounds provided for in this division shall be available for public inspection and copying before the conclusion of the investigation if the investigation lasts for an unreasonable amount of time.

B. 1. Except for the records listed in subsection A of this section and those made open by other state or local laws, law enforcement agencies may deny access to law enforcement records except where a court finds that the public interest or the interest of an individual outweighs the reason for denial. The provisions of this section shall not operate to deny access to law enforcement records if such records have been previously made available to the public as provided in the Oklahoma Open Records Act or as otherwise provided by law.

2. a. A law enforcement agency shall deny access to any audio or video recording that depicts the death of a law enforcement officer who was acting in the course of his or her official duties including any related acts or events immediately preceding or subsequent to the acts or events that caused or otherwise relate to the death, except where a court finds that the public interest or the interest of an individual outweighs the reason for denial. Provided, however, a law enforcement agency may allow a family member of the deceased law enforcement officer to hear or view such audio or video recording under protocols established by the law enforcement agency. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "family member" means a spouse, adult child, parent or sibling of the deceased law enforcement officer.

b. Nothing in subparagraph a of this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the prosecution and defense counsel from access to such audio or video recordings or the use of such recordings as evidence in a legal proceeding.

C. Nothing contained in this section imposes any new recordkeeping requirements. Law enforcement records shall be kept for as long as is now or may hereafter be specified by law. Absent a legal requirement for the keeping of a law enforcement record for a specific time period, law enforcement agencies shall maintain their records for so long as needed for administrative purposes.

D. Registration files maintained by the Department of Corrections pursuant to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall be made available for public inspection in a manner to be determined by the Department.

E. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (C.L.E.E.T.) shall keep confidential all records it maintains pursuant to Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and deny release of records relating to any employed or certified full-time officer, reserve officer, retired officer or other person; teacher lesson plans, tests and other teaching materials; and personal communications concerning individual students except under the following circumstances:

1. To verify the current certification status of any peace officer;
2. As may be required to perform the duties imposed by Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
3. To provide to any peace officer copies of the records of that peace officer upon submitting a written request;
4. To provide, upon written request, to any law enforcement agency conducting an official investigation, copies of the records of any peace officer who is the subject of such investigation;
5. To provide final orders of administrative proceedings where an adverse action was taken against a peace officer; and
6. Pursuant to an order of the district court of the State of Oklahoma.

F. The Department of Public Safety shall keep confidential:

1. All records it maintains pursuant to its authority under Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division, the Communications Division, and other divisions of the Department relating to:

- a. training, lesson plans, teaching materials, tests, and test results,
- b. policies, procedures, and operations, any of which are of a tactical nature, and
- c. the following information from radio logs:

- (1) telephone numbers,
- (2) addresses other than the location of incidents to which officers are dispatched, and
- (3) personal information which is contrary to the provisions of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 United States Code, Sections 2721 through 2725; and

2. For the purpose of preventing identity theft and invasion of law enforcement computer systems, except as provided in Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, all driving records.

Historical Data

Laws 1985, SB 276, c. 355, § 8, eff. November 1, 1985; Amended by Laws 1989, HB 1136, c. 212, § 8, eff. November 1, 1989; Amended by Laws 2000, HB 2428, c. 226, § 1, eff. November 1, 2000 (repealed by Laws 2001, HB 1965, c. 5, § 30, emerg. eff. March 21, 2001) ; Amended by Laws 2000, HB 2552, c. 349, § 2, eff. November 1, 2000 (superseded document available); Amended by Laws 2001, HB 1965, c. 5, § 29, emerg. eff. March 21, 2001 (superseded document available); Amended by Laws 2005, SB 13, c. 35, § 1, emerg. eff. April 12, 2005 (repealed

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Section 24A.12 - Confidential Litigation Files and Investigatory Reports

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Except as otherwise provided by state or local law, the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma and agency attorneys authorized by law, the Workers' Compensation Commission, the office of the district attorney of any county of the state, and the office of the municipal attorney of any municipality may keep its litigation files and investigatory reports confidential.

Historical Data

Laws 1985, SB 276, c. 355, § 12, eff. November 1, 1985; Amended by Laws 1988, HB 1846, c. 187, § 6, emerg. eff. June 6, 1988; Amended by Laws 2021, SB 1013, c. 583, § 1, emerg. eff. May 28, 2021 ([superseded document available](#)).

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Oklahoma Open Records Act

Section 24A.17 - Violations of Oklahoma Open Records Act - Notice - Civil Liability

Cite as: 51 O.S. § 24A.17 (OSCN 2025), Oklahoma Open Records Act

A. Any public official who willfully violates any provision of the Oklahoma Open Records Act, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Any person who requests and is denied access to records of a public body or public official:

1. May bring a civil suit for declarative or injunctive relief, or both, but such civil suit shall be limited to records requested and denied prior to filing of the civil suit; and

2. If successful, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.

C. Prior to bringing a civil suit under subsection B of this section, any person seeking declaratory or injunctive relief, or both, must notify the public body or public official of his or her intent to bring a civil suit to obtain relief in writing ten (10) business days prior to filing for such relief. Such notice must also be provided to the Attorney General.

D. If the public body or public official successfully defends a civil suit and the court finds that the suit was clearly frivolous, the public body or public official shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.

E. A public body or public official shall not be civilly liable for damages for providing access to records as allowed under the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

Historical Data

Laws 1985, SB 276, c. 355, § 17, eff. November 1, 1985; Amended by Laws 2005, HB 1553, c. 199, § 7, eff. November 1, 2005 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2024, HB 3779, c. 116, § 3, eff. November 1, 2024 ([superseded document available](#)).

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Section 24A.20 - Access to Records in Possession of Public Body or Official for Investigatory

Purposes

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Access to records which, under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, would otherwise be available for public inspection and copying, shall not be denied because a public body or public official is using or has taken possession of such records for investigatory purposes or has placed the records in a litigation or investigation file. However, a law enforcement agency may deny access to a copy of such a record in an investigative file if the record or a true and complete copy thereof is available for public inspection and copying at another public body.

Historical Data

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Oklahoma Open Records Act

Section 24A.40 - Public Access Counselor Unit - Request for Review

Cite as: 51 O.S. § 24A.40 (OSCN 2025), Oklahoma Open Records Act

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- A. There is hereby established in the Office of the Attorney General the Public Access Counselor Unit.
- B. A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record is denied by a public body, except the Legislature and committees, commissions, and agencies thereof, may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the denial. The request for review shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the Attorney General and signed by the requester, and shall include:
1. A copy of the request for access to records; and
 2. Any responses from the public body.
- C. A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record was treated by the public body as a request for a commercial purpose may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor for the limited purpose of reviewing whether the public body properly determined that the request was made for a commercial purpose.
- D. A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record has not been returned in a prompt or reasonable manner may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor.
- E. No person whose request to inspect or copy a public record is made for a commercial purpose may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor.
- F. Upon receipt of a request for review, the Public Access Counselor shall determine whether further action is warranted. If the Public Access Counselor determines that the alleged violation is unfounded, they shall advise the requester and the public body and no further action shall be undertaken. In all other cases, the Public Access Counselor shall forward a copy of the request for review to the public body within seven (7) business days after receipt and shall specify the records or other documents that the public body shall furnish to facilitate the review. Within seven (7) business days after receipt of the request for review, the public body shall fully cooperate and provide a written response to the Public Access Counselor. To the extent that records or documents produced by a public body contain information claimed to be confidential or exempt from disclosure under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, the Public Access Counselor shall not further disclose that information.
- G. 1. The Attorney General shall examine the request and response and shall issue to the public body or public official, or both, an advisement in response to the request for review within sixty (60) calendar days after its receipt. Additionally, the Attorney General shall notify the requester when the office has completed its review.
2. Upon receipt of an advisement, the public body shall either take necessary action promptly and reasonably to comply with the Oklahoma Open Records Act or shall respond to the requester. If the advisement concludes that no additional response is required, the requester may file suit in the proper district court against the public body of which the request was made.

3. A public body that discloses records in accordance with advice of the Attorney General is immune from all liabilities by reason thereof and shall not be liable for penalties under this act.

H. If the requester files suit under Section 24A.17 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes with respect to the same denial that is the subject of a pending request for review, the requester shall notify the Public Access Counselor, and the Public Access Counselor shall take no further action with respect to the request for review and shall so notify the public body.

I. The Attorney General may issue advisory opinions to advise public bodies regarding compliance with this act. A review may be initiated upon receipt of a written request from the head of the public body or its attorney, which shall contain sufficient accurate facts from which a determination can be made. The Public Access Counselor may request additional information from the public body in order to assist in the review. A public body that relies in good faith on the advice of the Attorney General in responding to a request is not liable for penalties under this act if the facts upon which the advice is based have been fully and fairly disclosed to the Public Access Counselor.

J. If the Public Access Counselor finds that a person requesting review of an agency's action pursuant to subsections B, C, or D of this section has submitted multiple frivolous requests, the Public Access Counselor may deny future requests for review.

K. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Attorney General shall not be required to produce pursuant to Section 24A.5 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the following:

1. Any records provided under this section to the Office of the Attorney General by another public body;
 2. Any correspondence between the Office of the Attorney General and the public body related to advice under this section; or
 3. Any work papers or product of the Office of the Attorney General in carrying out the duties required by this section.
- L. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Attorney General from enforcing or taking action regarding the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

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