

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, REVISING THE
FEE STRUCTURE FOR REDACTING BODY WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. M-2333, passed by the Olympia City Council on May 10, 2022, formally authorized the Olympia Police Department to obtain and employ the use of body-worn cameras and in-car video systems, affirming the city's commitment to the principles of transparency and accountability in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.56.240(14)(a) law enforcement agencies are required to redact Body Worn Camera footage, prior to disclosure, to safeguard a person's right to privacy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.56.240(14)(f), law enforcement agencies are permitted to charge requestors, not exempted under RCW 42.56.240(14)(e), the reasonable costs of redacting videos prior to disclosure, if the city undertakes a fee study to determine those costs; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted a new Fee Study in May 2024 as resolution M-2525, which included a City created exemption to copying fees for non-profit organizations that is not mandated under state law; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council questioned the scope of the City created exemption to copying fees for non-profit organizations during the May 2024 public hearing for resolution M-2525, and directed staff to conduct further review into this exemption; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the City created exemption to copying fees for non-profit organizations is vulnerable to abuse leading to increased staff workload and costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

- (1) The Olympia City Council hereby adopts the new fee structure contained in the *City of Olympia's Body Worn Camera Recording Redaction Fee Study, Revised* and dated September of 2024; and
- (2) The City Manager is authorized and directed to revise the City's Public Disclosure Policy to incorporate this fee structure and ensure that City staff are trained on its implementation.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2024.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY