

RESOLUTION NO.     M-2595    

**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     25th     day of     February     2025.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY