

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
ADOPTING A NEW FEE STRUCTURE FOR REDACTING BODY WORN CAMERA
FOOTAGE REQUESTED UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORD 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, based on community feedback, representatives of non-profit organizations are also exempted from paying the costs of redacting requested body worn camera footage under the proposed fee structure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia completed a new fee study in January 2024 that determined the actual cost of City staff time spent redacting body worn camera footage is \$0.80 per minute; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia determined that, on average, it takes City staff five minutes to redact each minute of body worn camera footage requested; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee structure, in the new fee study, removes ambiguity, simplifies estimating the cost, and determining the actual cost of redacting the records, thereby promoting more transparent, easier access to Body Worn Camera footage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia held a public hearing on May 14, 2024, in which residents were permitted to provide public comment on the new fee study;

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*, dated January 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