

City Manager's Office Records Retention Schedules

Records Series Title	Records & Comments	State Retention Number Legal Retention
Audio Tapes - Closed Meetings	Audio tapes of closed meetings Includes Council Committees, Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission, Dallas Citizen Review Board, Judicial Nominating Commission, Regulated Property Advisory Committee	<i>Send to City Secretary's Office immediately (2 year retention)</i>
Ordinances, Orders, Resolutions – Departmental copies	Ordinances, Orders, Resolutions approved by City Council <i>Note: Official record copy filed in City Secretary's Office (permanent retention)</i>	<i>File with and follow retention for appropriate case or project</i>
Photographs, Recordings, and other Audio or Visual Media	Photographic, photographic scrapbooks, slides, sound recordings, videotapes, posters, and other non-textual media that document the history and activities of the City or any of its departments, programs, or projects, except such records as noted elsewhere in the state schedules.	<i>Transfer to the Archives Collection in the City Secretary's Office when no longer needed in department (permanent retention)</i>
Publications	Pamphlets, reports, studies, proposals, and similar material printed by or for the City or any of its departments, subdivisions, or programs and distributed to or intended for distribution to the public on request and departmental or program newsletters designed for internal distribution. Any publication which receives a PIO number.	<i>Transfer 3 copies to the Archives Collection in the City Secretary's Office as soon as published (permanent retention)</i>
Postal and Delivery Service Records	Registered, certified, insured, and special delivery mail receipts and similar records of transmittal by express or delivery companies	<i>File with and follow retention for appropriate case or project to prove delivery</i>
Minutes – Notes	Notes or audio tape taken during meeting from which written minutes are approved. Includes Council Committees, Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission, Dallas Citizen Review Board, Judicial Nominating Commission, Regulated Property Advisory Committee <i>Minutes are filed with the City Secretary's Office after approval (permanent retention). Minutes should describe each matter considered by the governing body.</i>	GR 1000-03B 90 days after approval of minutes <i>Exempt</i>

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Minutes - Workshop Audio tapes	Audiotapes of workshop session of governing bodies including Council Committees and Boards/Commissions in which written minutes are not required and no vote was taken. Includes Council Committees, Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission, Dallas Citizen Review Board, Judicial Nominating Commission, Regulated Property Advisory Committee	GR 1000-03D 2 years
Complaints (Service Requests)	Complaints received from the public by a governing body or any officer or employee of a local government relating to government policy. This includes City of Dallas Service Requests. <i>Includes complaints received via e-mail</i> <i>Note: For open record requests, use GR 1000-34</i>	GR 1000-24 Resolution or Dismissal of complaint + 2 years
Contracts, Leases, and Agreements – Contract Administration	Contracts, leases, and agreements, including reports, correspondence, performance bonds, and similar records related to their negotiation, administration, renewal, or termination. Includes Interlocal Agreements with other government agencies. Include bid specifications and proposal received from winning vendor. <i>Except construction contracts, use GR 1075-16 (permanent)</i>	GR 1000-25 AC + 4 years <i>Note: Send an official record copy of the contract to the City Secretary's Office</i>
Agenda and Minutes – Coordinator Copy	Open meeting agendas, closed sessions meeting agendas, written minutes, open meeting notices, audio recordings of open meetings, other information on administration of committee, board or commission. Includes Council Committees, Automated Red Light Enforcement Commission, Dallas Citizen Review Board, Judicial Nominating Commission, Regulated Property Advisory Committee <i>Note: Official record copy filed in City Secretary's Office (permanent retention)</i>	GR 1000-26A 3 years

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Correspondence and Internal Memoranda and Subject Files - Policy and Program Development	Correspondence and internal memoranda pertaining to the formulation, planning, implementation, modification, or redefinition of the policies, programs, services, or projects of a local government including Council Resolutions and Internal Controls. Includes incoming and copies of outgoing correspondence and internal correspondence and memoranda. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities and topics. For the actual Policy or Procedure; use GR 1000-38 Note: Includes general subject files not covered under another retention and departmental copies of records for which the official record copy is in the City Secretary's Office	GR 1000-26A 3 years
Correspondence and Internal Memoranda - Administrative	Correspondence, internal memoranda pertaining to or arising from routine administrative or operation of the policies, programs, services, or projects of a local government following existing policy and programs.	GR 1000-26B 1 year
Correspondence and Internal Memoranda - Transitory Information	Records of temporary usefulness that are not an integral part of a records series of the office, that are not regularly filed within a recordkeeping system, and that are required only for a limited period of time for the completion of an action by an official or employee of the City. Transitory records are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of City functions. Some examples of transitory information, which can be in any medium (voice mail, fax, email, hard copy, etc.) are routine messages; telephone message notifications; internal meeting notices; routing slips; incoming letters or memoranda of transmittal that add nothing of substance to enclosures; and similar routine information used for communication, but not for the documentation, of a specific City transactions. Includes unsolicited messages about issues related to City business which are not covered by another record series.	GR 1000-26C Until the purpose of record has been fulfilled <i>Exempt</i>

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Litigation Case Files – Departmental copies	Including all cases to which a local government is a party unless the case file is of a type noted elsewhere in the schedules.	GR 1000-31 1 year after final disposition of case <i>Exempt</i>
Minutes (Staff)	Minutes and agendas of internal staff meetings.	GR 1000-32 1 year <i>Exempt</i>
Open Record Requests	Non-exempted records. Open record requests, including correspondence and other documentation related to the request. Including requests received via e-mail	GR 1000-34A 1 year after final decision on request <i>Exempt</i>
Open Record Requests	Exempted records. Includes legal opinion, correspondence and other documentation related to the request. Including requests received via e-mail	GR 1000-34B 2 year after notification that records are exempt from disclosure
Organizational Charts	All organizational charts, lists of employees, contact or call lists, rosters, etc.	GR 1000-35 US, expired, or discontinued. <i>Exempt</i>
Policy and Procedures Documentation	Orders, directives, manuals, and similar documents that establish and define the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing operations or activities of a local government as a whole or any of its departments, programs, services, or projects. <i>Review before disposal; some documentation of this type may merit permanent or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.</i>	GR 1000-38 US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.
Work papers used to create Reports and Planning Studies – if requested by City Council or submitted to state agency	Working papers used to create any report for reports and studies (non-fiscal), monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared reports, performance audits, or planning studies submitted to the government body required by law or regulation, on the non-fiscal performance of a department.	GR 1000-41A5 3 years

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Work papers used to create Reports and Studies (non-Fiscal) – compiled on less than annual bases	Working papers used to create any report for activity reports compiled on a daily or other periodic basis pertaining to workload measures, time studies, number of public contacts, etc. except reports of similar types noted in other commission scheduled. Includes tracking logs.	GR 1000-41A6 1 year
Calendars	Calendars used to document appointments or activities of government officials and employees.	GR 1000-45 CE + 1 year
Budget Documentation - Departmental copies and work papers	Working papers created exclusively for the preparation of budgets, including budget requests, justification statements and similar documents. Budget change documentation, including line item or contingency/reserve fund transfers and supplemental budget requests. Encumbrance and expenditure reports. <i>Note: Official record copy of Annual Budget filed in City Secretary's Office (permanent retention)</i>	GR 1025-04F 2 years
Financial Reports – Departmental copies	Monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or semi-annual financial reports or statement on the accounts, funds, or projects of a local government create either for internal use or for submission to state agencies as may be required by law or regulation, except reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules. Including cost allocation and distribution records, annual transaction summaries, and depreciations schedules.	GR 1025-07A FE + 3 years
Grant Development and Administrative Records	Successful grant applications and proposals and any documentation that modified the terms of a grant. Financial, performance, and compliance reports submitted to granting agencies or subgrantor agencies, or documentation supporting these reports.	GR 1025-08 FE + 5 years

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Accounts Payable and Disbursement Records – Departmental copies	Claims, invoices, statements, copies of checks and purchase orders, expenditure authorizations, and similar records that serve to document disbursements, including those documenting claims for and reimbursements to employees for travel or other employment- related expenses. Includes employee expense reports, P-Card documentation, and petty cash records. Requests and authorizations for travel; participation in educational programs, workshops or college classes	GR 1025-26 FE + 3 years
Accounts Receivable Records – Departmental copies	Records documenting the receipt of any monies by a local government that are remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Including cash receipts, cash reports, and deposits.	GR 1025-27B FE + 5 years
Banking Records – Departmental copies	Bank statements, canceled checks, check registers, deposit slips, debit and credit notices, reconciliation, notices of interest earned, etc.	GR 1025-28 FE + 5 years
Disciplinary and Adverse Action Records	Records created by personnel or supervisory officers in considering or reconsidering on appeal, an adverse action (e.g., demotion, probation, termination, suspension, leave without pay against an employee, including, as applicable, witness and employee statements, interview reports, exhibits, reports of findings and decisions and judgments.	GR 1050-07 2 years after case closed or action taken
Employee Selection Records	Interviews, interview questions, upgrades, description, job advertisements, written score, employment applications, transcripts, and letters of reference and similar documents whose submission by candidates for vacant positions or for promotion, transfer, or training opportunity (both hires and not hired).	GR 1050-11C 2 years
Personnel Files – Employee Service Records (Department Personnel File)	Records about an employee. Applications, resume, awards, commendations, certifications, licenses, conflict of interest forms, P-2 forms, training records including training on hazardous materials, etc. <i>Note: If employee transfers to another city department send file to the new department.</i>	GR 1050-12D Date of Separation from the city + 5 years
Grievance Records	Records relating to the review of employee grievances against personnel policies, working conditions, etc.	GR 1050-20 2 years

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Job Evaluations	Job evaluations of employees. <i>Note: File by date of review, not in individual employee files.</i>	GR 1050-21B US + 2 years; or date of separation + 2 years, whichever is sooner
Payroll Records – Departmental copies	Payroll register, payroll adjustment records, leave records including requests and authorization to use leave. Timesheets.	GR 1050-52 FE + 3 years
Purchase Order and Receipt Records – Departmental copies	Purchase Orders, requisitions, and receiving reports. Purchasing log, register or similar record providing a chronological record of purchase orders issued, orders received and similar data on procurement status	GR 1075-03A FE + 3 years
Usage Reports - Reservation logs, Vehicle Assignment Records	Reservation logs or similar records relating to the use of facilities such as meeting rooms, auditoriums, etc. by the public or other governmental agencies. Assignment logs, authorizations, and similar records relating to the assignment and use of government-owned vehicles or equipment by employees.	GR 1075-20B After return or reassignment + 2 years.
Telephone Logs or Activity Reports - If used for internal control purposes	Registers or logs of telephone calls made and similar telephone activity reports if the log, report, or similar record is used for internal control purposes other than cost allocation.	GR 1075-41B 2 years

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