

Municipal Court Department Records Retention Schedules

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| 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> |
| 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> |
| Agendas – In House Training/Workshop | Audiotapes of workshop session of governing bodies in which written minutes are not required and no vote was taken. | GR 1000-01A 2 years |
| Accident Reports – Injury to Adult | Reports of accidents to adult persons on local government property or in any other situation in which a local government could be party to a law suit. If a claim is filed, use GR 1025-26. | GR 1000-20A 3 years |
| Accident Reports – Injury to Minor | Reports of accidents to minor persons on local government property or in any other situation in which a local government could be party to a law suit. If a claim if a claim is filed, use GR 1025-26. | GR 1000-20B 20 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> |

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| Correspondence and Internal Memoranda and Subject Files - Policy and Program Development | <p>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.</p> <p>For the actual Policy or Procedure; use GR 1000-38</p> <p>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</p> | 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 | <p>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.</p> <p>Includes unsolicited messages about issues related to City business which are not covered by another record series.</p> | GR 1000-26C Until the purpose of record has been fulfilled <i>Exempt</i> |

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| Legal Opinions | Formal legal opinions rendered by counsel or the Attorney General for a local government, including any written requests for opinions, concerning the governance and administration of a local government. <i>For retention of informal legal opinions and other correspondence provided by counsel see GR1000-26A.</i> <i>Note: For retention of opinions rendered for a Public Information Act Request use GR1000-34A or B.</i> | GR 1000-30 Permanent |
| 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. Includes 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> |

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| Administrative and Procedural Orders | 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. |
| Reports and Studies (non-Fiscal) – compiled on less than annual bases | 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 1000-41A4 3 years |
| Reports and Studies (non-Fiscal) - Activity reports | 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 1000-41B 1 year <i>Exempt</i> |
| Waivers of Liability | Includes statements signed by volunteers acknowledging non-entitlement to benefits, agreeing to abide by local government policies, etc.) <i>Note: If an accident occurs to any person covered by a signed waiver of liability, it must be retained for the same period as accident reports. Use retention number GR 1000-20A or B</i> | GR 1000-42 3 years from date of cessation of activity for which the waiver was signed. |
| Calendars | Calendars used to document appointments or activities of government officials and employees. | GR 1000-45 CE + 1 year |
| Customer Service Survey | Customer Service Survey Cards | GR 1000-47 AC + 3 years |
| Audit Records – Departmental copies and work papers | Annual or biennial or other periodic audits of a department, program, fund. Working papers, summaries, and similar records created for the purposes of conducting an audit. Both Internal and External Auditors. <i>Includes Internal Control Reports.</i> <i>Note: Official record copy of Audit Reports filed in City Secretary's Office (permanent retention)</i> | GR 1025-01E 3 years after all questions have been resolved |

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| 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 |
| Capital Asset Records - Equipment or property inventories | Equipment or property inventories (including sequential number property logs). Information on cost and disposal authorization. | GR 1025-05C US or Disposition + 3 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Ledgers, Journals, and Entry Documentation – Departmental copies | General ledger showing receipts and expenditures from all accounts and funds of a local government, subsidiary ledgers, receipts, disbursements, general, or subsidiary journals, journal vouchers and entries or similar posting control forms including supporting documents, amendments correspondence, journal entries, and auditor adjustments. | GR 1025-30 FE + 5 yrs |

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| 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 Security Records | Records created to control and monitor the issuance of keys, identification cards, passes or similar instruments of identification and access. | GR 1050-10 US, expiration or date of separation + 2 years |
| 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. Note: If employee transfers to another city department send file to the new department. | 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 |
| Job Evaluations | Job evaluations of employees. Note: File by date of review, not in individual employee files. | GR 1050-21B US + 2 years; or date of separation + 2 years, whichever is sooner |
| Work Schedules | Work, duty, shift, crew, or case schedule, rosters, or assignments. | GR 1050-31 1 year <i>Exempt</i> |
| Workers Compensation Claim Files – Department Copy | RM1A claims, TWCC reports, salary continuation, doctors reports, Order for Medical Treatment (OMTs), all notes from meetings or phone conversations. Note: Human Resource copy retained 50 years. | GR 1050-32 CE of closure of claim + 5 years |

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| Volunteer Service Files | Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform. | GR1050-39 US or date of separation + 3 years. |
| 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 |
| Bid and Bid Documentation - Successful Bids | Successful bids and request for proposals, including invitations to bid, bid bonds and affidavits, bid sheets, and similar supporting documentation. <i>Note: If successful bid or proposal results in a contract, use GR 1000-25 (AC + 4 years)</i> | GR 1075-01A FE + 3 years |
| Inventory Records | Inventory parts records for parts and supplies | GR 1075-02 1 year <i>Exempt</i> |
| 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 |
| Accident and Damage Reports (Property) – Departmental copies | Reports of accidents or damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment if no personal injury is involved. <i>Note: For accidents that result in injury to persons, use GR 1000-20 A or B (5 or 20 years)</i> | GR 1075-15 3 years |
| Lost and Stolen Property reports | Lost and Stolen Property reports | GR 1075-17 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. |
| Warranties | Warranty for vehicles and equipment. | GR 1075-23 Expiration of warranty + 1 year |

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| 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 |
| Weapon Records – Issuance | Records of issuance of weapons to public safety personnel | PS 4050-05A 3 years |
| Weapons Records – Inspection | Records of inspection and repair of weapons. | PS 4050-B 3 years |
| Weapons Records – Sale, Gift, Loss or Destruction | Records documenting the sale, gift, loss, or destruction of public safety weaponry. | PS 4050-05C 3 years |
| Weapons Records – Inventory | Inventories of weapons | PS 4050-05D US + 3 years |
| Off-Duty Assignment Records | Records concerning off-duty assignments of public safety personnel, including applications for such assignments. | PS 4075-02 2 years |
| Search Warrants – Arrest Warrants – Gambling Warrants - Seizure Orders – Search and Seizure – Telephone Petitions | Logs or equivalent records, usually arranged chronologically or by case, court, or citation number, providing summary data on complaints investigated by law enforcement officers, arrests made, property confiscated, and similar activities relating to the arrest of persons or the investigation of offenses. | PS 4125-02 75 years |


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