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Public Records

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Sec. 3-3-1 Definitions.

- (a) **Authority.** Any of the following Village of Merrilan entities having custody of a Village record: an office, elected official, agency, board, commission, committee, council, department or public body corporate and politic created by constitution, law, ordinance, rule or order; or a formally constituted subunit of the foregoing.
- (b) **Custodian.** That officer, department head, division head, or employee of the Village designated under Section 3-3-3 or otherwise responsible by law to keep and preserve any Village records or file, deposit or keep such records in his or her office, or is lawfully in possession or entitled to possession of such public records and who is required by this Section to respond to requests for access to such records.
- (c) **Record.** Any material on which written, drawn, printed, spoken, visual or electromagnetic information is recorded or preserved, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which has been created or is being kept by an authority. "Record" includes, but is not limited to, handwritten, typed or printed pages, maps, charts, photographs, films, recordings, tapes (including computer tapes), and computer printouts. "Record" does not include drafts, notes, preliminary computations and like materials prepared for the originator's personal use or prepared by the originator in the name of a person for whom the originator is working; materials which are purely the personal property of the custodian and have no relation to his or her office; materials to which access is limited by copyright, patent or bequest; and published materials in the possession of an authority other than a public library which are available for sale, or which are available for inspection at a public library.

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- (d) **Direct Cost.** The actual cost of personnel plus all expenses for paper, copier time, depreciation and supplies.
- (e) **Actual Cost.** The total cost of personnel including wages, fringe benefits and all other benefits and overhead related to the time spent in search of records.

Sec. 3-3-2 Duty to Maintain Records.

- (a) Except as provided under Sections 3-3-7, 3-3-9, each officer and employee of the Village shall safely keep and preserve all records received from his or her predecessor or other persons and required by law to be filed, deposited or kept in his or her office or which are in the lawful possession or control of the officer or employee or his or her deputies, or to the possession or control of which he or she or they may be lawfully entitled as such officers or employees.
- (b) Upon the expiration of an officer's term of office or an employee's term of employment, or whenever the office or position of employment becomes vacant, each such officer or employee shall deliver to his or her successor all records then in his or her custody and the successor shall receipt therefor to the officer or employee, who shall file said receipt with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. If a vacancy occurs before a successor is selected or qualifies, such records shall be delivered to and receipted for by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, on behalf of the successor, to be delivered to such successor upon the latter's receipt.

Sec. 3.3.3 Legal Custodian(s).

- (a) Each elected official is the legal custodian of his or her records and the records of his or her office, but the official may designate the Village Clerk-Treasurer to act as the legal custodian.
- (b) Unless provided in Subsection (c), the Village Clerk-Treasurer or the Village Clerk-Treasurer's designee shall act as legal custodian for the Village and for any committees, commissions, boards, or other authorities created by ordinance or resolution of the Village Board. The following offices or authorities shall have as a legal custodian of records the individual so named.

Authority	Designated Legal Custodian
General Village Records (including Board and Public Works Records)	Village Clerk-Treasurer
Fire Department/First Responders	Fire Chief
Police Department	Chief of Police

- (c) For every authority not specified in Subsections (a) and (b), the authority's chief administrative officer is the legal custodian for the authority, but the officer may designate an employee of his or her staff to act as the legal custodian.
- (d) Each legal custodian shall name a person to act as legal custodian in his or her absence or in the absence of his or her designee, and each legal custodian shall send notice of the designated deputy to the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- (e) The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall establish criteria for establishing the records system and shall cause the department/office records system to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Sec. 3-3-4 Public Access to Records.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 3-3-6 any person has a right to inspect a record and to make or receive a copy of any record of provided in Sec. 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.
- (b) Records will be available for inspection and copying during all regular office hours.
- (c) If regular office hours are not maintained at the location where records are kept, the records will be available for inspection and copying upon at least forty-eight (48) hours' advance notice of intent to inspect or copy.
- (d) A requester shall be permitted to use facilities comparable to those available to Village employees to inspect, copy or abstract a record.
- (e) The legal custodian may require supervision during inspection or may impose other reasonable restrictions on the manner of access to an original record if the record is irreplaceable or easily damaged.
- (f) A requester shall be charged a fee of Thirty cents (.30) to defray the cost of copying records.
 - (1) If the form of a written record does not permit copying, the actual and necessary cost of photographing and photographic processing shall be charged.
 - (2) The actual full cost of providing a copy of other records not in printed form on paper, such as films, computer printouts and audio- and video-tapes, shall be charged.
 - (3) If mailing or shipping is necessary, the actual cost thereof shall also be charged.
 - (4) There shall be no charge for locating a record unless the actual cost therefor exceeds Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), in which case the actual cost shall be determined by the legal custodian and billed to the requester.
 - (5) The legal custodian shall estimate the cost of all applicable fees and shall require a cash deposit adequate to assure payment, if such estimate exceeds Five Dollars (\$5.00).
 - (6) Elected and appointed officials of the Village shall not be required to pay for public records they may reasonably require for the proper performance of their official duties.
 - (7) The legal custodian may provide copies of a record without charge or at a reduced charge where he or she determines that waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest.

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- (g) Pursuant to Sec. 19.34, Wis. Stats., and the guidelines therein listed, each authority shall adopt, prominently display and make available for inspection and copying at its offices, for the guidance of the public, a notice containing a description of its organization and the established times and places at which, the legal custodian from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information and access to records in its custody, make requests for records, or obtain copies of records, and the costs thereof. This Subsection does not apply to members of the Village Board.

Sec. 3-3-5 Access Procedures.

- (a) A request to inspect or copy a record shall be made to the legal custodian. A request shall be deemed sufficient if it reasonably describes the requested record or the information requested. However, a request for a record without a reasonable limitation as to subject matter or length of time represented by the record does not constitute a sufficient request. A request may be made orally, but a request must be in writing before an action to enforce the request is commenced under Sec. 19.37, Wis. Stats. Except as provided below, no request may be refused because the person making the request is unwilling to be identified or to state the purpose of the request. No request may be refused because the request is received by mail, unless prepayment of a fee is required under Section 3-3-4(I)(6). A requester may be required to show acceptable identification whenever the requested record is kept at a private residence or whenever security reasons or federal law or regulations so require.
- (b) Each custodian, upon request for any record, shall, as soon as practicable and without delay, either fill the request or notify the requester of the authority's determination to deny the request in whole or in part and the reasons therefor. If the legal custodian, after conferring with the Village Attorney, determines that a written request is so general as to be unduly time consuming, the party making the request may first be required to itemize his or her request in a manner which would permit reasonable compliance.
- (c) A request for a record may be denied as provided in Section 3-3-6. If a request is made orally, the request may be denied orally unless a demand for a written statement of the reasons denying the request is made by the requester within five business days of the oral denial. If a written request is denied in whole or in part, the requester shall receive a written statement of the reasons for denying the request. Every written denial of a request shall inform the requester that, if the request for the record was made in writing, then the determination is subject to review upon petition for a writ of mandamus under Sec. 19.37(1), Wis. Stats., or upon application to the attorney general or a district attorney.

Sec. 3-3-6 Limitations on Right to Access.

- (a) As provided in Sec. 19.36, Wis. Stats., the following records are exempt from inspection under this Chapter.

- (1) Records specifically exempted from disclosure by state or federal law or authorized to be exempted from disclosure by state law;
 - (2) Any record relating to investigative information obtained for law enforcement purposes if federal law or regulations require exemption from disclosure or if exemption from disclosure is a condition to receipt of aids by the state;
 - (3) Computer programs and files, although the material used as input for a computer program/file or the material produced as a product of the computer program is subject to inspection; and
 - (4) Pursuant to Sec. 905.08, Wis. Stats., a record or any portion of a record containing information qualifying as a common law trade secret. "Trade secrets" are defined as unpatented, secret, commercially valuable plans, appliances, formulas, or processes which are used for making, preparing, compounding, treating or processing articles, materials or information which are obtained from a person and which are generally recognized as confidential.
- (b) As provided by Sec. 43.30, Wis. Stats., public library circulation records are exempt from inspection under this Section.
- (c) In responding to a request for inspection or copying of a record which is not specifically exempt from disclosure, the legal custodian, after conferring with the Village Attorney, may deny the request, in whole or in part, only if he or she determines that the harm to the public interest resulting from disclosure would outweigh the public interest in full access to the requested record. Examples of matters for which disclosure may be refused include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) Records obtained under official pledges of confidentiality which were necessary and given in order to obtain the information contained in them.
 - (2) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(a), Wis. Stats., records of current deliberations after a quasi-judicial hearing.
 - (3) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(b) and (c), Wis. Stats., records of current deliberations concerning employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, compensation, performance, or discipline of any Village officer or employee, or the investigation of charges against a Village officer or employee, unless such officer or employee consents to such disclosure.
 - (4) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(d), Wis. Stats., records concerning current strategy for crime detection or prevention.
 - (5) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., records of current deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of Village property, investing of Village funds, or other Village business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require nondisclosure.
 - (6) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons which, if disclosed, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such history or data.

- (7) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., communications between legal counsel for the Village and any officer, agent or employee of the Village, when advice is being rendered concerning strategy with respect to current litigation in which the Village or any of its officers, agents or employees is or is likely to become involved, or communications which are privileged under Sec. 905.03, Wis. Stats.
- (8) Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats., requests for confidential written advice from an ethics board, and records of advice given by such ethics board on such requests.
- (d) If a record contains information that may be made public and information that may not be made public, the custodian of the record shall provide the information that may be made public and delete the information that may not be made public from the record before release. The custodian shall confer with the Village Attorney prior to releasing any such record and shall follow the guidance of the Village Attorney when separating out the exempt material. If, in the judgment of the custodian and the Village Attorney, there is no feasible way to separate the exempt material from the nonexempt material without unreasonably jeopardizing nondisclosure of the exempt material, the entire record shall be withheld from disclosure.

Sec. 3-3-7 Retention and Destruction of Records.

- (a) **Historical Records.** Under Sec. 19.21(4)(a), Wis. Stats., municipalities must notify the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (SHSW) prior to destroying records. However, the SHSW has waived the required sixty (60) days notice for any record marked "W" (waived notice). SHSW must be notified prior to destruction of a record marked "N" (non-waived). Notice is also required for any record not listed in this Section.
- (b) **Microfilming or Optical Imaging of Records.** Local units of government may keep and preserve public records through the use of microfilm providing the microfilm or optical imaging meets the applicable standards in Sec. 16.612, Wis. Stats. Retention periods and estimated costs and benefits of converting records between media should be considered. After verification, paper records converted to microfilm or optical imaging should be destroyed. The retention periods identified in this Section apply to records in any media.
- (c) **Destruction After Request for Inspection.** No requested records may be destroyed until after the request is granted or sixty (60) days after the request is denied. If an action is commenced under Sec. 19.37, Wis. Stats., the requested record may not be destroyed until after a court order is issued and all appeals have been completed. [See Sec. 19.35(5), Wis. Stats.]
- (d) **Destruction Pending Litigation.** No record subject to pending litigation shall be destroyed until the litigation is resolved.
- (e) **Review and Approval By Public Records and Forms Board.** This Chapter and the retention periods of less than seven (7) years have been reviewed and approved by the Public Records and Forms Board.

- (t) **Legend.** The following terms shall be applicable in Sections 3-3-7 and 3-3-8:
- (1) **Records Description.** Provides a brief description of the records. Group specific items such as forms into logical groups that have the same function or purpose.
 - (2) **Period of Retention.** Refers to the time that the identified records must be kept until destruction.

CR Stands for creation which usually refers to receipt or creation of the record.

FIS Stands for current fiscal year and the additional amount of time as indicated.

EVT Stands for event and refers to an occurrence that starts the retention "clock ticking." Close of contract, termination of employees, and disposition of a case are common events.

P Stands for permanent retention.

- (3) **Time.** Is expressed in years unless specifically identified as month or day.
- (4) **Authority.** Refers to any specific statutory, administrative rule, or specific regulation that determines retention of the record. In most cases this will be blank because units of government have discretion to establish a time period.
- (5) **SHSH Notify.** Refers to whether or not the State Historical Society of Wisconsin has waived the required statutory notification prior to destruction of records.

W Means records are not historical and the required notification is waived.

N Means the records may have secondary historical value and therefore SHSW notification is required on a case-by-case basis prior to destruction.

N/A Means not applicable and refers to those circumstances where a local unit of government is retaining a record permanently.

Sec. 3-3-8 Specific Records Retention Provisions.

- (a) **Accounting Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Accounts Payable:		
Purchase invoices	FIS + 7 years	W
Vouchers	FIS + 7 years	W

Accounts Receivable:

AIR invoices	FIS + 7 years	W
Receipts	FIS + 7 years	W
Collection blotters	EVT + 1 year (after audit)	W

- (b) **Board of Review Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Form of objection to property assessment and supporting documentation	EVT + 7 years (after final action by Board of Review or completion of appeal)	W
Minute book of Board of Review	CR+ 7 years	N
Proceedings of the Board of Review on audio taps or as stenographic notes including any transcriptions thereof	EVT + 7 years (after final action by Board of Review or completion of appeal)	W
Notice of Determinations of the Board of Review	EVT + 7 years (after final action by the Board of Review or completion of appeal)	W

- (c) **Budget and Audit Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Budget worksheets	FIS + 3 years	W
Minutes of the board of estimates	Permanent	N/A

Final budget Permanent *NIA*

Audit reports Permanent *NIA*

- (d) **Building Permits and Inspection Records.** The following records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority	SHSW Notice
Applications and permits	EVT (Life of structure)		W
Code Compliance inspection-reports	EVT (Life of structure)		W
Inspection address file	EVT (Life of structure)		W
Certificates of occupancy	EVT (Until superseded)		W
Energy calculation worksheets	CR+ 3 years		
State approved commercial building plans	EVT + 4 years		W
Permit fee receipts	FIS + 7 years (provided record has been audited)		W
Permit ledger	CR+ 7 years		W
Village attorney's case file, copy	EVT + 1 year (after case has been closed)		W
Quarter section maps, copies	EVT (Until superseded)		W
Records of the Zoning Board of Appeals (includes minutes of board and supporting documents submitted to Board)	Permanent		<i>NIA</i>

Records of the Plan
Commission - if created
(includes minutes of
meetings of Commission
and supporting documents
submitted to the
commission)

Permanent

N/A

- (e) **Election Records.** All materials and supplies associated with an election may be destroyed according to the following schedule unless there is a recount or litigation pending with respect to the election:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Voter serial number slips	EVT + (14 days after a primary) (21 days after an election)	W
Applications for absentee ballots	EVT + (90 days after the election) (22 months after the election for federal offices)	W
Forms associated with election such as tally sheets, inspector's statements and nomination papers	EVT + (90 days after the election) (22 months after the election for federal offices)	W
Official canvass statements	EVT + (10 years after the election)	W
Registration and poll lists Nonpartisan primaries and elections	EVT + (2 years after the election for which they were created)	W
Registration and poll lists Partisan primaries and general election	EVT + (4 years after the election for which they were created)	

Cancelled registration cards	EVT + (4 years after cancellation)	W
Election notices	EVT + (1 year after the election) (22 months for federal elections)	W
Proofs of publication and correspondence relative to publications	EVT + (1 year after the election) (22 months for federal elections)	W
Campaign registration statements	EVT + (6 years after termination by the registrant)	W
Campaign finance reports	EVT + (6 years after date of receipt)	W

- (f) **Engineering and Public Works Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority	SHSW Notice
Field notes	Permanent		<i>N/A</i>
Benchmark books	Permanent		<i>N/A</i>
Section corner monument logs	Permanent		<i>N/A</i>
Aerial photographs	EVT (Until superseded)		W
Village maps	Permanent		<i>N/A</i>
Water, storm, and sanitary sewer main maps	Permanent		<i>N/A</i>
Profile & grade books	Permanent		<i>N/A</i>

Excavation plans of private utilities	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Index to maps	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Preliminary subdivision plats	EVT (Until superseded by final plat)	W
Final subdivision plats	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Annexation plats	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Assessor's plats	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Structure plans for Village buildings and bridges	EVT (Life of the structure)	N
Annual reports	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Records of the Plan Commission - if created (includes minutes of meetings of the Commission and supporting documents submitted to the commission)	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Records of the Zoning Board of Appeals (includes minutes of the meetings of the board and supporting documents submitted to the board)	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
House number and address change file	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Street vacations and dedications, copies	EVT (Retain for active reference life)	W

Permits (includes permits for the excavation of streets by private utility companies)	EVT + 3 years	W
Petitions for street and sewer systems	EVT + 2 years	W
Special assessment calculations	EVT + 2 years	W
TV sewer inspection records	EVT (Until superseded)	W
State highway aide program records	FIS + 7 years	W

- (g) **Fidelity Bond Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Oath of office	EVT + 5 years (after the term of service covered by the oath has ended)	W

- (h) **Insurance Records and Policies.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Policy	FIS + 7 years	W
Policy bids, unsuccessful	EVT + 1 year	W
Claims	EVT + 7 years	W

- (i) **Journals, Registers and Ledger.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Receipts journal	FIS + 15 years	W
Voucher/order register	FIS + 15 years	W
General journal	FIS + 15 years	W
Journal voucher	FIS + 15 years	W
Appropriation journal	FIS + 15 years	W
Appropriation journal voucher	FIS + 15 years	W
General ledger	FIS + 15 years	W
Trial balance	EVT (Until audited)	W

- (j) **Legal Opinions.** Legal opinions rendered shall not be destroyed and shall be retained permanently.

- (k) **Licenses and Permits.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period.

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Liquor and beer related license applications	EVT + 4 years	W
Other license applications	EVT + 3 years	W
Receipts	CR+ 4 years	W
License stubs: All liquor and beer related	CR+ 4 years	W

Other	CR+ 3 years	W
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Dog licenses monthly reports to County Clerk	CR+ 3 years	W
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- (l) **Municipal Court Records.** The legal custodian, as defined in Sec. 19.33, Wis. Stats., of the following records concerning the Village of Merrilan Municipal Court, (if one is created) or his or her designee(s), may destroy the following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Audio tape recordings of trials or juvenile matters	EVT (Until expiration of statute of limitations to appeal to circuit court)	W
Municipal Court case files	EVT + 6 years (after entry of final judgment)	W
Municipal Court case files, Village Attorney's copies	EVT + 6 months (after entry of final judgment)	W
Municipal Court minutes record	EVT + 5 years (after entry of final judgment)	W
Municipal Court record	EVT + 5 years (after entry of final judgment)	W
Municipal Court judgment docket a record of all money judgment	EVT + 20 years (after final docket entry)	W

- (m) **Payroll Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Payroll support record	FIS+ 2 years	W

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Employee's withholding allowance certificate	EVT + 5 years (after being superseded)	W
Employee's WI. withholding exemption certificate	EVT + 5 years (after being superseded)	W
Employee enrollment and waiver cards	EVT + 2 years (after being superseded or terminated)	W
Employee earning records	FIS + 5 years	W
Payroll check register	FIS + 5 years	W
Payroll distribution record	FIS + 5 years	W
Payroll voucher	FIS + 5 years	W
Cancelled payroll checks	FIS + 5 years	W
Wage and Tax Statement	FIS + 5 years	W
Report of WI. Income Tax	FIS + 5 years	W
Employer's Annual Reconciliation of WI Income Tax withheld from wages	FIS + 5 years	W
Federal deposit tax stub	FIS + 5 years	W
Quarterly report of federal income tax withheld	FIS + 5 years	W

Annual report of federal income tax withheld	FIS + 5 years	W
State's quarterly report of wages paid	FIS+ 5 years	W
Monthly memorandum report	FIS+ 5 years	W
Quarterly report, payroll summary	FIS + 5 years	W
Premium due notices	FIS+ 5 years	W

- (n) **Public Safety Department Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority	SHSW Notice
Traffic citations (and accompanying documentation) sent through Village Municipal Court (if created)	EVT + 1 year (after closed)		W
Ordinance Citations	EVT + 2 years (after closed)		W
All accounting records	CR+ 7 years		W
Electronic recordings of court proceedings which were appealed	EVT + 7 years		W
Court statistical reports	CR+ 7 years		N
Arrestment calendars	CR+ 7 years		W

Warrant and commitment listings	CR+ 7 years	W
Municipal Court correspondence	CR+ 7 years	W
Electronic recordings of court proceedings which were not appealed	EVT + 6 months	W
Personnel records	EVT + 8 years	W
Property inventory records	EVT + 8 years	W
Citizen complaints against police officers	EVT + 8 years	W
Investigation and citation records:		
arrest records	EVT + 8 years	W
incident records	EVT + 10 years	W
fingerprint cards	EVT + 8 years	W
evidence cards	EVT + 10 years	W
work schedules	CR+ 7 years	W
accident reports	EVT + 4 years	W
investigation reports	EVT + 10 years (from date of closing investigation)	W
Audio and video tape recordings:		
Police dispatch audio tapes	CR+ 120 days	W
Police video tapes	CR+ 120 days	W
Information teletype messages	CR+ 30 days	W
Medical records, re: occupational	EVT + 30 years	W

Training records for
exposure control CR+ 3 years W

- (o) **Public Works Projects and Contracts.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Notice to contractors	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
	EVT + 2 years (for unsuccessful bidders)	W
Certified check	EVT (Retain until contract has been signed and return to bidder)	W
Bid bond	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
	EVT + 2 years (for unsuccessful bidders)	W
Bidder's proof of responsibility	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
	EVT + 2 years (for unsuccessful bidders)	W
Bids	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
	EVT + 2 years (for unsuccessful bidders)	W
Affidavit of organization and authority	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
	EVT + 2 years (for unsuccessful bidders)	W

Bid tabulations	EVT + 2 years	W
Performance bond	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
Contract	EVT + 7 years (after completion of project)	W
Master project files	EVT + 20 years (after life of structure)	N
Blueprints	EVT (Until superseded by the as-built tracings)	W
As-built tracings	EVT (Life of the project)	N

(p) **Purchasing Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Purchase requisitions	EVT + 1 year (after PO issued)	W
Purchase orders	FIS + 7 years	W
Receiving report	FIS + 7 years	W
Bids, successful	EVT + 7 years (after contract has expired)	W
Bids, unsuccessful	EVT + 1 year (after after PO issued)	W
Inventory of property	EVT (Retain until superseded)	W

(q) **Real Property Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Deeds	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Opinions of title	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Abstracts and certificates of title	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Title insurance policies	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Plats	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Easements	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>
Leases	EVT + 7 years (after termination of lease)	W
Vacation or alteration of plat	Permanent	<i>NIA</i>

(r) **Sewer and Water Utility Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Water stubs	FIS + 2 years	W
Receipts of current billings	FIS+ 2 years	W
Customer's ledgers of municipal utilities	FIS+ 2 years	W
All other utility records	CR+ 7 years	W
Water quality laboratory tests (deep well water analysis detail and summary reports; chemical and bacteriological		

analysis of municipal drinking water detail and summary reports; municipal drinking water fluoride analysis; and water quality control readings	EVT + 5 years (if information has been transferred to a permanent test site file location) EVT + 1 year	W
Maps showing the location and physical characteristics of the utility plant	EVT (Until map is superseded)	W
Engineering records in connection with construction projects	EVT (Until record is superseded or 6 years after plant is retired provided mortality data are retained)	W
Operating records: Station pumpage records	CR+ 15 years or EVT + 3 years (after the source is abandoned)	W
Interruption records	CR+ 6 years	W
Meter rest records	EVT (see PSC 185.46)	W
Meter history records	EVT (Life of meter)	W
Annual meter accuracy summary	CR+ 10 years	W
Pressure records	CR+ 6 years	W
Customer records: complaint records	CR+ 3 years	W
customer deposit	EVT + 6 years (after refund)	W
meter reading sheets or cards	CR+ 6 years	W
billing records	CR+ 6 years	W

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Filed rates and rules	Permanent	W
Analyses of any water samples taken from the water system	EVT + 10 years (pursuant to NR 109.12)	W

- (s) **Special Assessment Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Preliminary resolution	CR + 2 years after created	W
Report on special assessment project	CR + 2 years after created	W
Waiver of special assessment notice and hearing	EVT + 1 year (after final resolution is approved)	W
Final resolution	Permanent	N/A
Certified special assessment roll	EVT (Retain until all assessments are collected)	W
Statement of new special assessments	CR+ 5 years	W
Special assessment payment register	EVT (Retain until all assessments are collected)	W

- (t) **Street and Highway Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Street operations file	CR + 2 years after created	W

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Street and sidewalk maintenance and repair	CR+ 25 years	W
Tree planting, inspection, trimming and removal	CR+ 25 years	W
Stock control records	CR+ 2 years	W
Fuel usage reports	CR+ 2 years	W
Heavy equipment and vehicle	EVT (Life of equipment and/or vehicle inventory ledger or until inventory ledger is superseded)	W
Vehicle maintenance histories	EVT (Life of vehicle)	W
Vehicle expense reports	EVT (Life of vehicle)	W
Vehicle usage reports	CR+ 2 years	W
Payroll support records	CR+ 2 years	W
Purchasing records	CR+ 7 years	W
Complaint ledger	CR+ 2 years	W
Monthly reports	CR+ 3 years	W
Annual reports	Permanent	N/A

(u) **Tax Calculation Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority SHSW Notice
Escrow account list	EVT (Retain until superseded)	W

Receipts	FIS+ 7 years	W
Receipt stub book	FIS + 7 years	W
Tax collection blotters	EVT (Until audited)	W
Statement of taxes remaining unpaid	EVT (Retain with tax roll)	W
Tax settlement receipt	FIS + 5 years	W
Municipal treasurer's settlement	FIS+ 5 years	W
Personal property tax roll	FIS + 15 years	N

- (v) **Treasurer's Records.** The following public records may be destroyed after the expiration of the designated retention period:

Records	Period of Retention	Authority
		SHSW Notice
Minute books	Permanent	<i>N/A</i>
Audio tapes	CR + 1 year; 90 days if made solely for the purpose of drafting the minutes	W
Ordinances	Permanent	<i>N/A</i>
Resolutions	Permanent	<i>N/A</i>
Ordinance book	Permanent	<i>N/A</i>
Affidavits of publication	CR+ 3 years	W

