

Whatcom County – Public Records Request

Declaration Regarding Commercial Purposes

Requestor: _____
Name and company

Washington State law prohibits the County from providing access to lists of individuals when requested for commercial purposes. The Washington State Attorney General has interpreted "commercial" to mean "any 'profit expecting' business activity." "Commercial purposes" means that the requestor requesting such information from the public records of the County intends "to use the list of individuals in such a manner as to facilitate commercial activity." While the statute clearly encompasses a commercial purpose which involves direct contact of the individuals named in a list, the Attorney General has determined that the scope of the term "commercial purpose" is not limited to situations in which individuals are directly contacted or personally affected.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that:

- The list of individuals I have requested from Whatcom County under the request for public records referenced above will NOT be used for commercial purposes.**
- The list of individuals I have requested from Whatcom County under the request for public records referenced above WILL be used for commercial purposes.**

I am requesting these public records for the following reason:

Requestor Signature

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____, who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing and sealing thereof.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of _____, residing at _____
(City)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)