

141—3.5(2C,22) Requests to treat record as confidential. The custodian may treat a record as a confidential record and withhold it from examination only to the extent that the custodian is authorized by Iowa Code section 22.7 or 2C.8, another applicable provision of law, or a court order to refuse to disclose that record to members of the public.

3.5(1) *Persons who may make request.* Any person who would be aggrieved or adversely affected by disclosure of a record and who asserts that Iowa Code section 22.7 or 2C.8, another applicable provision of law, or a court order authorizes the custodian to treat the record as a confidential record may request the custodian to treat that record as a confidential record and to withhold it from public inspection or disclosure.

3.5(2) *Request.* A request that a record be treated as a confidential record and be withheld from public inspection shall be filed with the custodian in writing and shall set forth the factual and legal basis for the request. If possible, the request shall be accompanied by the original or a copy of the record, which identifies the parts of the record requested to be treated as confidential. A person filing such a request may be required to provide proof necessary to establish relevant facts.

3.5(3) *Failure to request.* Failure of a person to request confidential record treatment for a record does not preclude the custodian from treating it as a confidential record.

3.5(4) *Timing of decision.* A decision by the custodian with respect to the disclosure of a record to members of the public may be made when a request for its treatment as a confidential record that is not available for public inspection or disclosure is filed or when the custodian receives a request for access to the record by a member of the public.

3.5(5) *Request granted or deferred.* If the custodian grants the request or defers action on the request, a copy of the record from which the matter in question has been deleted and a copy of the decision to grant the request or to defer action upon the request shall be made available for public inspection or disclosure in lieu of the original record.

3.5(6) *Request denied.* If the custodian denies the request, the custodian shall notify the requester in writing of that decision and the reasons for that decision. Upon application by the requester, the custodian may, in good faith, reasonably delay allowing examination or disclosure of the record so that the requester may seek injunctive relief under Iowa Code section 22.8 or other applicable provision of law. The custodian shall notify the requester in writing of the time period allowed for the requester to seek injunctive relief.

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