

351—2.5(22,68A,68B) Request for treatment of a record as a confidential record.

2.5(1) *Who may file request.* Any person who would be aggrieved or adversely affected by disclosure of all or a part of a record to members of the public may file a request, as provided in this rule, for its treatment as a confidential record. Failure of a person to request confidential record treatment for all or part of a record, such as information obtained in the course of a board investigation or to achieve voluntary compliance with Iowa Code chapter 68A or 68B, does not preclude the board from treating it as a confidential record. The information may become a public record once the matter is resolved or dismissed.

2.5(2) *Form of request.* A request for the treatment of a record as a confidential record shall be in writing and shall be filed with the custodian of the record. The request shall include the specific grounds justifying confidential record treatment for all or part of the record; the specific provision of law that authorizes such confidential record treatment; and the name, address, and telephone number of the person authorized to respond to any board action concerning the request. A person filing such a request shall attach a copy of the record in question. The material to which the request applies shall be physically separated from any materials to which the request does not apply. The request shall be attached to the materials to which it applies. Each page of the material to which the request applies shall be clearly marked confidential. If the original record is being submitted to the board by the person requesting confidentiality at the same time the request is filed, the person shall indicate conspicuously on the original record that all or portions of it are a confidential record. A request for treatment of all or portions of a record as a confidential record for a limited time period shall also specify the precise period of time for which such confidential record treatment is requested.

2.5(3) *Failure to request confidentiality.* If a person who has submitted business information to the board does not request confidential record treatment for all or part of that information, the custodian of records containing that information may assume that the person who submitted the information has no objection to its disclosure.

2.5(4) *Time.* A board decision with respect to the disclosure of all or parts of a record may be made when a request for its treatment as a confidential record is filed or when the board receives a request for access to the record.

2.5(5) *Effect of granted request.* If a request for confidential record treatment is granted, or if action on such a request is deferred, a copy of the record from which the matter in question has been deleted and a copy of the board decision will be placed in the public file in lieu of the original record.

2.5(6) *Effect of denied request.* If a request for confidential record treatment is denied, the board shall advise the requester in writing on the grounds the request was denied and treat the record as a confidential record for 30 days to allow the person requesting such treatment for the record an opportunity to seek injunctive relief. However, if the board determines that a 30-day delay is not in the public interest and furnishes the requester with a written copy of that determination, including the appropriate grounds, the record will be treated as a confidential record for at least three working days unless prior release of the record is necessary to avoid imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. The board may extend the period of confidential record treatment of such a record beyond 30 days only if a court directs the board to treat the record as a confidential record or to the extent permitted by Iowa Code chapter 22 or with the consent of the person requesting access.

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