Common Public Records Disclosure Exemptions

RCW 42.56.070(2) requires an agency to publish and maintain a current list containing a list of statutes, other than those listed in RCW Chapter 42.56, that the agency believes exempt or prohibit disclosure of records of the agency. The Attorney General's Sunshine Committee webpage also provides a list of public disclosure exemptions created annually. This list provides exemptions and prohibitions not listed in the Public Records Act and is not exhaustive, but contains exemptions most frequently applied to Bellevue Police Department records:

Washington State Statutes

RCW 4.24.550	Information on sex offenders
RCW 5.60.060	Privileged communications
RCW 7.68.140	Victims' compensation claims
RCW 7.69A.030(4)	Name, address and photograph of child victim or child witness
RCW 7.69A.050	Child victims and witnesses of certain crimes – protection of address
RCW 9.41.097(2)	Mental health information re persons buying pistols or applying for CPLs
RCW 9.41.129	Concealed pistol license applications
RCW 9.73.230	Name of confidential informants in written report on wire tapping
RCW 9.51.050	Disclosing transaction of grand jury
RCW 9.51.060	Disclosure of grand jury deposition
DCM 0.73.000(1)(a)	Prohibition on disclosure of law enforcement dash cam videos
RCW 9.73.090(1)(c)	until final disposition of litigation
DCM/0A 44 129	Offender registration information given to high school or
RCW 9A.44.138	institution of higher education re an employee or
RCW 9A.82.170	Financial institution records re criminal profiteering act
RCW 10.27.090	Grand jury testimony/evidence
RCW 10.27.160	Grand jury reports – release to public only by judicial order
RCW 10.52.100	Records identifying child victims of sexual assault
RCW 10.77.205	Information re victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting notice of release of person found not guilty of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense by reason of criminal insanity and the notice itself
RCW 10.52.100	Records identifying child victim of sexual assault
RCW 10.77.210	Records of persons committed for criminal insanity
RCW 10.97.040	Criminal history information released must include disposition,
	with some exceptions
RCW 10.97.050	Conviction and criminal history information
RCW 10.97.060	Deletion of certain criminal history record information, conditions
RCW 10.97.070	Disclosure of identity of suspect to victim

RCW 10.97.080	Inspection of criminal record by subject
RCW 10.97.130	Information about victims of sexual assault under age eighteen
RCW 13.34.115	Court dependency proceedings
RCW 13.40.217	Juveniles adjudicated of sex offenses – release of information
RCW 13.50.010	Maintenance of and access to juvenile records
RCW 13.50.050	Juvenile offender records
RCW 13.50.100	Juvenile/children records not relating to offenses
RCW 13.60.020	Missing children or endangered person information
RCW 18.19.060	Notification to clients by counselors
RCW 18.19.180	Confidential communications with counselors
RCW 26.04.175	Name and address of domestic violence victim in marriage records
RCW 26.12.170	Reports of child abuse/neglect with courts
RCW 26.44.010	Privacy of reports on child abuse and neglect
RCW 26.44.031	Information related to reports of child abuse or neglect
RCW 26.44.125	Reports, reviews and hearings related to a review of abuse finding
RCW 36.28A.060(8)	Tactical and intelligence information provided to WASPC
RCW 46.52.065	State toxicologist records relating to analyses of blood samples
RCW 46.52.080	Traffic accident reports – confidentiality
RCW 46.52.083	Traffic accident reports – available to interested parties
RCW 46.52.120	Traffic crimes and infractions – confidential use by police and courts
RCW 46.52.130(2)	Abstract of driving record – limited disclosure
RCW 68.50.105	Autopsy reports – confidential – limited disclosure
RCW 68.50.320	Dental identification records – available to law enforcement agencies
Ch. 70.02 RCW	Medical records – access and disclosure – entire chapter (information from HC providers)
RCW 70.05.170	Child mortality reviews by local health departments
RCW 70.48.100	Jail records and booking photos
RCW 70.96A.150	Registration and other records of alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs
RCW 70.123.075	Client records of domestic violence programs
RCW 70.125.065	Records of community sexual assault program and underserved populations provider in discovery
RCW 71.05.425	Notice of release or transfer of committed person after offense dismissal
RCW 71.05.445	Release of mental health information to Dept. of Corrections
RCW 71.05.620	Access to court records related to mental health cases under chapter 71.05 RCW

RCW 71.24.035(5)(g)	Mental health information system – state, county and regional support networks – confidentiality of client records
RCW 71.34.335	Mental health treatment of minors – records confidential
RCW 72.09.345	Notice to public about sex offenders – department of corrections access to information
RCW 72.09.585	Disclosure of inmate records to local agencies – confidentiality
RCW 74.13.075(5)	Juvenile's status as a sexually aggressive youth and related info
RCW 74.13.280	Children in out-of-home placements - confidentiality
RCW 74.20.280	Child support enforcement – local agency cooperation, information
RCW 74.34.095	Abuse of vulnerable adults - confidentiality of investigations and reports
RCW 82.32.330	Disclosure of tax information

<u>Selected Federal Confidentiality Statutes and Rules</u>

18 USC § 2721 - 2725	Driver and License Plate Information
20 USC § 1232g	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
23 USC § 409	Evidence of certain accident reports
42 USC 290dd-2	Confidentiality of Substance Abuse Records
42 USC § 405(c)(2)(C)(viii) (I)	Limits on Use and Disclosure of Social Security Numbers.
42 CFR Part 2 (2.1 - 2.67)	Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records
45 CFR 160-164	HIPAA Privacy Rule