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# A. PURPOSE

- 1. To establish an efficient and economic Records Management Standard Operating Procedures for the creation, maintenance, retrieval, and disposal of records.
- 2. To save valuable office space by systematically removing semi-active records and duplicate records that are not official records.
- 3. To save money by providing low-cost storage and controlling equipment purchased.
- 4. To identify and protect vital records (records that would be required to continue or reestablish a city's operation following a disaster) and systematically identify the record copy.
- 5. To save time in personnel hours and promote public trust by developing an orderly, efficient system for maintaining, retrieving, storing, and disposing of records.
- 6. Store only active records in valuable office space.
- 7. Move semi-active records to the city's storage facility.
- 8. Preserve valuable historical or archival records under adequate conditions.
- 9. All valueless records should be destroyed after meeting minimum retention and retained longer only under exceptional circumstances.
- 10. All public records, including those stored on electronic media, should be accessible to the public unless exemption status is obtained.

## **B. DEFINITION OF MUNICIPAL RECORDS**

- 1. All documents, papers, letters, books, maps, photographs, sound or video recordings, microfilm, magnetic tape, electronic media, or other information recording media, regardless of physical form or characteristic and regardless of whether public access to them is open or restricted under the laws of the state, created or received by the city or any of its officers or employees pursuant to law or in the transaction of public business are hereby declared to be the records of the city. They shall be created, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this article or procedures authorized by it and in no other manner.
- 2. Furthermore, "municipal record" or "public record" is information that is written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained under a law or ordinance or in connection with a transaction of official business:
  - a. By a governmental body in connection with the transaction of official business if the information is created by, transmitted to, received by, or maintained by an officer or employee of the governmental body in the officer's or employee's official capacity, or a person or entity performing official business or a governmental function on behalf of a governmental body, and pertains to official business of the governmental body.
  - b. For a governmental body and the governmental body including any electronic communication created, transmitted, received, or maintained on any device, personal or city-issued, if the communication is in connection with the transaction of official business:
    - i. Owns the information;
    - ii. Has a right of access to the information;
    - iii. Spends or contributes public money for the purpose of writing, producing, collecting, assembling, or maintaining the information; or
  - c. By an individual officer or employee of a governmental body in the officer's or employee's official capacity and the information pertains to official business of the governmental body.
- 3. <u>Additional Definitions.</u> In this section, the terms set out in italics (*italics*) shall have the meanings prescribed below:

**Department Director.** The officer who, by ordinance or administrative policy, oversees an office of the city that creates or receives records.

**Essential record.** Any record of the city necessary to the resumption or continuation of its operations in an emergency or disaster, to the re-creation of its legal and financial status, or to the protection and fulfillment of obligations to the people of the state.

**Permanent record.** Any record of the city for which the retention period on a records control schedule is given as permanent.

**Records Control Schedule.** A document prepared by or under the authority of the records management officer listing the records maintained by the city, their retention periods, and other records disposition information that the records management program may require.

**Records Liaison Officer.** The person designated under Section 1.13.009 of City's Code of Ordinances and described in Section C. Duties and Responsibilities of this Directive.

**Records management.** The application of management techniques to the creation, use, maintenance, retention, preservation, and disposal of records for the purposes of reducing costs and improving the efficiency of recordkeeping. The term includes the development of records control schedules, the management of filing and information retrieval systems, the protection of essential and permanent records, the economical and space-effective storage of inactive records, control over the creation and distribution of forms, reports, and correspondence, and the management of micrographics and electronic and other records storage systems.

**Records Management Officer.** The person designated in Section 1.13.005 of City's Code of Ordinances and described in Section C. Duties and Responsibilities of this Directive.

**Records Management Plan.** The plan is developed in accordance with Section 1.13.007 of the City's Code of Ordinances

**Retention period**. The minimum time that must pass after the creation, recording, or receipt of a record or the fulfillment of certain actions associated with a record before it is eligible for destruction.

# C. <u>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

# 1. Duties of Records Management Officer

- a. Administer the Records Management Program and to aid department directors in its implementation;
- b. Plan, formulate, and prescribe records disposition policies, systems, standards, and procedures;
- c. In cooperation with department directors, identify essential records and establish a disaster plan for each municipal office and department to ensure maximum availability of the records in order to re-establish operations quickly and with minimum disruption and expense;
- d. Develop procedures to ensure the permanent preservation of the historically valuable records of the city;
- e. Establish standards for filing and storage equipment and for recordkeeping supplies;
- f. Study the feasibility of and, if appropriate, establish a uniform filing system and a forms design and control system for the city;
- g. Monitor records retention schedules and administrative rules issued by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to determine if the records management program and the municipality's records control schedules are in compliance with state regulations;
- h. Disseminate through the City Manager information concerning state laws and administrative rules relating to local government records;

- i. Ensure that the maintenance, preservation, microfilming, destruction, or other disposition of the records of the city are carried out in accordance with the policies and procedures of the records management program and the requirements of state law;
- j. Maintain records on the volume of records destroyed under approved records control schedules or through records destruction authorization requests, the volume of records microfilmed or stored electronically, and the estimated cost and space savings as the result of such disposal or disposition;
- k. Bring to the attention of the City Manager noncompliance by department directors or other municipal personnel with the policies and procedures of the records management program or the Local Government Records Act.

# 2. Duties and Responsibilities of Department Directors

In addition to other duties assigned in this article, department directors shall:

- a. Cooperate with the records management officer in carrying out the policies and procedures established in the city for the efficient and economical management of records and in carrying out the requirements of this article;
- b. Assign a records liaison officer within their department to adequately document the transaction of government business and the services, programs, and duties for which the department directors and his or her staff are responsible; and
- c. Maintain the records in his or her care and carry out their preservation, microfilming, destruction, or other disposition only in accordance with the policies and procedures of the records management program of the city and the requirements of this article.

# 3. Duties and Responsibilities of Record Liaison Officers

- a. Conduct or supervise the conduct of inventories of the records of the department in preparation for the development of records control schedules;
- b. In cooperation with the records management officer, coordinate and implement the policies and procedures of the records management program in their departments; and
- c. Disseminate information to department staff concerning the records management program.
  - i. City department directors may choose to act as their own records liaison officer.

# D. RECORDS CONTROL SCHEDULE

The City of Leon Valley's Records Control Schedule (Appendix A) details the retention period for specific types and categories of records to ensure legal compliance. In addition, this schedule is designed to accomplish other objectives, such as the preservation of confidential and valuable administrative information, cost effectiveness, and space management. Scheduled records are those that, by the City, State and Federal Regulations, need to be retained for a stated period.

The Records Management Officer may determine which records should be retained indefinitely (as permanent documents) when they have historical or archival value. Records retained indefinitely should be stored in the city's record storage facility or under special storage conditions. Such determination should be made a matter of record by incorporation into the Records Retention Schedule.

## **Life Cycle of Records**

#### Creation

Information created in relation to public business is a public record. Public records are the heart of government operations. These records are:

- Created for the citizens,
- The property of the citizens,
- Protected in the interest of citizens,
- Documentation of how the government serves the needs of the citizens, and
- Historical, legal, administrative, or fiscal records.

#### Active Use

Records in active use should be stored in areas of easy access areas. These records should not be older than two years.

#### Semi-active

Records in this phase are needed less frequently but must be retained until the legal minimum retention has been met. These semi-active records should be stored in the city's record storage facility. Separating semi-active records from active records allows staff to become more efficient in maintaining and accessing active records.

#### E. STORAGE

### **Storage Procedures**

- 1. Each department is responsible for maintaining a **Record Disposition Log (Appendix B)** which will be provided by the Office of the City Secretary. The log should be completed entirely and should contain the following information:
  - Name of Records Liaison Officer
  - Department requesting the disposition and date of the request.
  - Information on the record.
  - Who authorized the disposition?
  - Who destroyed the record (if the record is requested to be destroyed)
- 2. Departments should store their semi-active/archived records in a "banker box."
  - Avoid over-filling each box.

- Remove records from 3-ring binders.
- Remove all paper clips and all binder clips.
- All files in the box should face the same direction and each record should be easily identifiable.
- 3. Boxes should be labeled the following way: (See Appendix C) (To be placed on top of the box.)
  - Department name
  - A description of the contents
  - Record Number
  - The retention period.
  - The scheduled disposition date, and
  - The barcode (To be placed on the end of the box)

The City Secretary will provide barcodes. Please be sure to place the barcode in the bottom corner of the box and use tape over the barcode so that it does not peel off overtime. Place the descriptive label on the top of the box.

See example below:

**Department Name:** Office of the City Secretary

# Items in this box:

2023 Certified Agendas of Closed Meetings

Record Number: GR1000-01b

Retention Period: 2 years

Scheduled Disposition Date: December 2025



4. After a box gets labeled, departments must fill out a Records Disposition Log and submit it to the City Secretary. At the same time, staff must notify the City Secretary that the box(es) listed in the form are ready to be picked up and sent to record storage.

# Retrieving Records from Storage

1. Departments must email the City Secretary asking to retrieve a department box from storage by providing the barcode number that was placed in the box. The number should begin with "MDI..."

- 2. The City Secretary will email back confirming that the request was received. Boxes usually take 1-2 business days to arrive at your department. Note: The record storage facility charges an expedited fee when something is requested urgently. Please try and request a box with ample time to avoid expedite fees.
- 3. Boxes must be sent back to the records storage facility once the department is completely done with it.
- 4. All contents must be placed back in the box and the box must be completely closed. Use tape if needed.
- 5. Departments must email the City Secretary asking them to send back a department box to storage by providing the barcode number. The number should begin with "MDI...."
- 6. If, for any reason, a box must stay with a department for more than a month, make sure to notify the City Secretary by email and be sure to send updates periodically to confirm that you have not forgotten to send back the box.

#### F. RECORDS CONTROL SCHEDULE

- 1. The department head should first review records to be destroyed. No public record should be destroyed, even though the required minimum retention period has passed until after the Disposition Log Form has been filled out and approved.
- 2. Departments may choose one of the following options to destroy records:
  - a. During "slow" time of the year
  - b. At the end of each fiscal year, or
  - c. At the end of each calendar year.
- 3. The Records Management Officer may also schedule an "Annual Destruction Day" for departments to purge documents that have met the minimum retention. Each department will prepare the documents for recycling or shredding and will complete the Disposition Log Form.
- 4. If the record is not in any of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Local Government Schedules as adopted by the City of Leon Valley, the department should notify the Office of the City Secretary so that the city can provide notice to TSLAC at least 10 days before destroying the record.
- 5. If the record was lost, damaged, or destroyed too soon, the City of Leon Valley *may* file with TSLAC documentation of Premature Loss or Destruction of Records. Notify the Office of the City Secretary if this ever happens.

6. If a document is truly a duplicate, its destruction does not need to be documented. However, if the duplicate is the only remaining copy, it can be the "record copy." In such instances, the duplicate record cannot be destroyed until the minimum retention is met and a Record Disposition Log is completed and approved.

## G. <u>ELECTRONIC RECORDS</u>

## Retention

All procedures that are mentioned in this Directive apply to electronic records as well. This includes but is not limited to following the records retention schedule and using the appropriate forms when disposing of a record.

#### Destruction

Departments must ensure that:

- a. Electronic records scheduled for destruction are disposed of in a manner that ensures protection of any confidential information; and
- b. Magnetic storage media previously used for electronic records containing confidential information are not reused if the previously recorded information can be compromised by reuse in any way.

## **Public Access**

An electronic recordkeeping system must not cause an impediment to accessing public records.

# H. EMAIL

#### Retention

All city emails should follow the Records Control Schedule. Most emails are going to fit either in the "general" or the "administrative" category of the schedule. However, if an email is related to another item listed on the Records Control Schedule, then those guidelines must be followed instead.

Example: The Finance Assistant Director sends an email on budget like the one below:

Floyd Messick From: Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 2:09 PM To: Faviola Garcia; Joe Salvaggio; David Gonzalez; Michael Naughton; Maribel Mendoza; Eric Burnside; Regina Reed; Theresa Brader; Melinda Moritz; Yvonne Acuna; David Dimaline; Brandon Melland; Erick del Angel; William Cox; Mark Shelfard; Crystal Caldera; Angela Trejo; Saundra Passailaigue Vickie Wallace; Hank Brummett Subject: **Budget Narratives** Attachments: NARRATIVE COMMUNITY CENTER.docx; NARRATIVE GENERAL FUND.docx; NARRATIVE WATER AND SEWER.docx Hey all, Attached are the budget narratives I promised yesterday. Please verify and update what is yours. Thank you, Floyd Messick Asst. Finance Director messick@leonvallevtexas.gov Phone: 210.684.1391 x220

The following schedule should apply to the email:

*GR1025-04c	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Working papers created exclusively for the preparation of budgets, including budget requests, justification statements, and	3 years.
		similar documents.	

Departments may choose one of the following methods to organize and retain emails:

- a. Creating subfolders in your email and organizing by retention period or by the record title: or
- b. Asking the IT Director to create a PST file that saves everything in your email (inbox, sent, contacts, saved messages, etc.). Just be sure to clear out unnecessary messages first.

#### Destruction

- 1. Emails in your inbox may be deleted after meeting the minimum retention period and after obtaining an approved Records Disposition Log or the email must be retained if:
  - a. You need to act based on the message received.
  - b. The message is required for documentation.
- Keep the original email intact; do not erase text from earlier/original emails. Do not keep each individual email of an ongoing conversation. Keep the last one, which has the complete conversation intact.

3. If the content is not related to your job, you can delete the email at any time without having to fill out a Disposition Log.

Example: Spam, unsolicited e-mail like news articles, cc's (that email is the sender's responsibility, not yours)

# I. <u>LEGAL RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION</u>

#### **Unauthorized Activities**

All Municipal Records belong to the public in perpetuity and should not be destroyed, maliciously damaged, or retained by any person not entitled to do so by local, State and/or Federal regulations.

# Litigation and Open Records Requests

- a. A record which is known by the custodian to be in litigation may not be destroyed until the litigation is settled.
- b. A record subject to an open records request may not be destroyed until the request is resolved.

## J. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Records Control Schedule

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Appendix C – Storage Box Identifier

# Appendix A



Administration



# **LOCAL SCHEDULE GR**

(Revised Fifth Edition)

# RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS COMMON TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are usually found in all local governments, regardless of type. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission. If applicable, the wording of the records series will match that of any federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation, and citation to law, rule, or regulation will be provided in the Remarks section.

Retention periods listed in this schedule apply to records in any medium. If records are stored electronically, they must remain available and accessible until the retention period assigned by this schedule, along with any hardware or software required to access or read them. Electronic records may include electronic mail (e-mail), websites, electronic publications, or any other machine-readable format. Paper or microfilm copies may be retained in lieu of electronic records.

The use of social media applications may create public records. Any content (messages, posts, photographs, videos, etc.) created or received using a social media application may be considered records and should be managed appropriately. The retention of social media records is based on content and function. Local governments will need to consult the relevant records retention schedule for the minimum retention periods.

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Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period, applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

# Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this edition of Local Schedule GR indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable
FE - Fiscal year end
TAC - Texas Administrative Code
US - Until superseded
LA - Life of asset
CE - Calendar year end

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# **PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS**

#### **SECTION 1-1: RECORDS OF GOVERNING BODIES**

**Retention Note:** SCOPE OF SECTION - The retention periods established in this section also apply to the records of subsidiary boards, bureaus, commissions, or committees established by the governing body of a local government that have rulemaking or quasi-judicial authority over any activity or program of the government or that were established by ordinance, order, or resolution for the purposes of advising the governing body or a subsidiary body on policy. Consequently, the use of the term "governing body" in a records description includes the corresponding records of those subsidiary bodies.

Record	<b>Record Title</b>	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1000-01	AGENDAS			
GR1000-01a	AGENDAS	Open meetings.		
		<ol> <li>If the minutes describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is not required.</li> </ol>	2 years.	
		<ol> <li>If the minutes do not describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is required.</li> </ol>	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-01b	AGENDAS	Certified agendas of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).
GR1000-02	DEDICATIONS		PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-03	MINUTES			Retention Note: The use of the term "audiovisual recordings" in (c)-(f) means any medium on which audio or a combination of audio and video is recorded.
GR1000-03a	MINUTES	Written minutes.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-03b	MINUTES	Notes taken during meetings from which written minutes are prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03c	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings, except as described in (d), for which written minutes <b>are not</b> prepared.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-03d	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of workshop sessions of governing bodies in which votes are not made and written minutes are not required by law to be taken.	2 years.	
*GR1000-03e	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings for which written minutes <b>are</b> prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03f	MINUTES	Certified audiovisual recordings of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-03g	MINUTES	Supporting documentation - One copy of each document of any type submitted to a meeting of a governing body for consideration, approval, or other action; if such action is reflected in the minutes of the meeting.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The retention periods for many of the documents submitted to a governing body for action are established elsewhere in this or other commission schedules and are often longer than the 2-year retention period for supporting documentation set here. The 2-year retention requirement does not override a longer retention requirement set elsewhere, but rather is meant to ensure that all documents presented for action by a governing body are retained at least two years. This schedule does not require that supporting documentation be maintained together, but the retention by the clerk or secretary to the governing body of one set of the documents submitted at each meeting (often called "council packets" in municipalities) for two years would ensure satisfaction of the minimum retention requirement. Clerks or secretaries to governing bodies should exercise caution in disposing of supporting documentation to avoid destruction of the record copy of a document for which they are custodian before the expiration of its retention period.
				b) Review before disposal; some supporting documentation, not already required to be maintained PERMANENTLY elsewhere in this or other commission schedules, may merit PERMANENT retention for historical
				reasons.
GR1000-04	OPEN MEETING NOTICES		2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-05	ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS		PERMANENT.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Includes ordinances, orders, or resolutions that have been repealed, revoked, or amended.
GR1000-06	PETITIONS	Petitions from the public to the governing body or subsidiary boards or commissions of a local government.	Final action on the petition + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) Does not include petitions noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules or any petition presented to a commissioners court that state law requires a county clerk to record. See Local Schedule CC (Records of County Clerks).
				b) "Final action" includes a decision to take no further action on a petition.
GR1000-07	PROCLAMATIONS		2 years.	
*GR1000-08	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS— ELECTED OFFICIALS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by elected officials.	End of term in office or termination of service in that position.	<b>Retention Notes</b> : a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of other local government staff see GR1000-51.
				b) Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-09	PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS	Public comment forms, citizen comment forms, registration cards, or other similar documents filled out by members of the public wishing to speak at an open meeting.	2 years.	Retention Note: If all information from the public comment form is documented in written minutes of the meeting, the public comment form need only be retained for the retention period listed in GR1000-03b.

# **SECTION 1-2: GENERAL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-20	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to persons on local government property or in any other situation in which a local government could be party to a lawsuit.		<b>Retention Note:</b> For reports of work-related injuries and illnesses to employees see GR1050-32.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-20a	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to adults.	3 years from date of report if no claim is filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of the claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
GR1000-20b	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to minors.	Date minor reaches majority age + 3 years, if no claim filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
*GR1000-21	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Affidavits of Publication, including any accompanying clipping proofs or tear sheets.		
*GR1000-21a	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Publication of municipal ordinances.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the permanent retention period that affidavits of publication and associated documentation for ordinances that are codified or re-codified may be disposed of after the effective date of the new code.
*GR1000-21b	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Election notices.		By law – Election Code, Sections 4.005(d) and 66.058(a).
		1) In an election involving a federal office.	Election day + 22 months.	
		2) In an election <b>not</b> involving a federal office.	Election day + 6 months.	
GR1000-21c	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	All other published legal notices.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-22	ANNEXATION, DISANNEXATION, ABOLITION, AND OTHER JURISDICTIONAL RECORDS	Records relating to the annexation or disannexation of territory to or from a local government, to its abolition, or to other actions which affect its territorial jurisdiction or service area, including reports, correspondence, records of public hearings, agreements, and similar records.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: A contract or agreement relating to territorial jurisdiction or the delivery of services between two or more governments (e.g., between a city and a county for fire services in an unincorporated area) must be kept for the retention period in item number GR1000-25.
*GR1000-23	CHARTERS	Charters, Articles of Incorporation, Orders of Incorporation, Orders of Change, or other similar documents used to establish or modify the administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-24	COMPLAINTS	Complaints received from the public by a governing body or any officer or employee of a local government relating to government employees, policies, etc.	Resolution or dismissal of complaint + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The 2-year retention period applies only to complaints of a general nature that do not fall into a different category of complaint noted in this or other commission schedules. For example, complaints from the public about potential fire hazards are scheduled in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) and have a longer retention period.
*GR1000-25	CONTRACTS, LEASES, AND AGREEMENTS	Contracts, leases, and agreements, including reports, correspondence, performance	4 years after the expiration or	b) For complaints received from local government employees see GR1050-20.  Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit
		bonds, certificates of liability, and similar records relating to their negotiation, administration, renewal, or termination, except construction contracts (see item number GR1075-16).	termination of the instrument according to its terms.	<b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES			Retention Note: The minimum retention period for correspondence or internal memoranda in categories (a) and (b) directly linked to another record series or group listed in this or other commission schedules is that assigned to the other group or series. For example, a letter from an external auditor regarding an audit of a local government's financial records should be retained for the retention period given under item number GR1025-01(e); a letter concerning a workers compensation claim should be retained for the period given under item number GR1050-32, etc. The retention periods that follow are for correspondence and internal memoranda that do not readily fall within other record groups.
GR1000-26a	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Administrative – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the formulation, planning, implementation, modification, or redefinition of the programs, services, or projects of a local government and the administrative regulations, policies, and procedures that govern them. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	4 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some correspondence of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-26b	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	General – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the regular operation of the policies, programs, services, or projects of a local government. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	2 years.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution before disposal of these records to ensure the records should not be classified under administrative correspondence (GR100-26a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26c	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Routine - Correspondence and internal memoranda such as letters of transmittal, requests for publications, internal meeting notices, and similar routine matters. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	AV.	
*GR1000-27	DEEDS	Deeds, title opinions, abstracts and certificates of title, title insurance, documentation concerning alteration or transfer of title, and similar records evidencing public ownership of real property.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-28	EASEMENTS	Documentation relating to easements and rights-of-way for public works or other local government purposes, including releases.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-29	INSURANCE POLICIES	Liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other policies for local government property and personnel including supporting documentation relevant to the implementation, modification, renewal, or replacement of policies.	4 years after expiration or termination of the policy according to its terms and all rights granted under it.	
GR1000-30	LEGAL OPINIONS	Formal legal opinions rendered by counsel or the Attorney General for a local government, including any written requests for opinions, concerning the governance and administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: For retention of opinions rendered for a Public Information Act Request see GR1000-34.  For retention of informal legal opinions and other correspondence provided by counsel see GR1000-26a.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-31	LITIGATION CASE FILES		AV after decision of a local government not to file a lawsuit or decision that a lawsuit will not be filed against it; dismissal of a lawsuit for want of prosecution or on motion of the plaintiff; or final decision of a court (or of a court on appeal, if applicable) in a lawsuit.	Retention Notes: a) Includes all cases to which a local government is a party unless the case file is of a type noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.  b) Review before disposal; some case files may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-32	MINUTES (STAFF)	Minutes of internal staff meetings.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For minutes of governing bodies of local governments see GR1000-03.
GR1000-33	PUBLIC RELATIONS RECORDS	News, press releases, or any public relations files maintained or issued by an agency. Includes print, electronic, audio, and audiovisual records.	2 years.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1000-34	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Includes all correspondence and documentation relating to requests for records under the Public Information Act (Chapter 552, Government Code).		
*GR1000-34a	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Non-exempted records and withdrawn requests.	Date request for records fulfilled or withdrawn + 1 year.	
*GR1000-34b	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Exempted records.	Date of notification that records requested are exempt from disclosure + 2 years.	
*GR1000-35	ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS		US.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-36	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Records documenting the application for and the issuance of permits and licenses (including certificates of liability and other required documentation) by a local government for sales, solicitation, facility usage, and similar activities. <b>Does not include</b> permits and licenses issued for the construction of or alterations to real property, for those relating to health and sanitation, or for those issued by police or fire departments listed in other commission schedules.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
GR1000-37	PHOTOGRAPHS, IMAGES, RECORDINGS, AND OTHER NON-TEXTUAL MEDIA	Photographs, photographic scrapbooks, slides, sound recordings, videotapes, posters, and other non-textual media that document the history and activities of a local government or any of its departments, programs, or projects <b>except</b> such records noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.	AV.	Retention Note: Review before disposal, some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Local governments should consult with local historical or genealogical societies to assist with the appraisal. Be certain that photographs and other non-textual media do not fall within other records series. For example, mug shots and photographs of fire damage are listed in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) under police and fire department records respectively.
GR1000-38	POLICY AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION	Executive orders, directives, manuals, and similar documents that establish and define the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing the operations or activities of a local government as a whole or any of its departments, programs, services, or projects.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-39	PUBLICATIONS	Pamphlets, reports, studies, proposals, and similar material printed by or for a local government or any of its departments, subdivisions, or programs and distributed to or intended for distribution to the public on request and departmental or program newsletters designed for internal distribution.	One copy of each PERMANENT.	Retention Note: The following categories of printed material, whether distributed publicly or internally, are exempted from the retention period and may be disposed of at option; (a) educational matter provided by charitable or public awareness organizations (e.g., United Way, American Heart Association); and (b) public service leaflets or flyers whose contents are of a general nature and not specific to the government distributing them, beyond the inclusion of an address, telephone number, office hours, and similar information (e.g., a flyer detailing water conservation tips sent to customers of a municipal water utility; a pamphlet explaining the appraisal review board process sent to taxpayers by an appraisal district).
GR1000-40	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS			
GR1000-40a	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records control schedules (including all successive versions of and amendments to schedules).	US.	Retention Note: Original is retained by the State and Local Records Management Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
*GR1000-40b	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the disposition of records under records control schedules, including requests submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for authorization to destroy unscheduled records or the originals of permanent records that have been microfilmed.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-40c	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Lists or inventories of the active and inactive records created or received by a local government.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-40d	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Plans and similar documents establishing the policies and procedures under which a records management program operates.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
*GR1000-40e	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records transmittal forms or similar records documenting transfer of records to or from a records storage facility.	Date of disposition or return of records from storage, whichever sooner, +2 years.	
GR1000-41	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-41a	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared reports, performance audits, or planning studies submitted to the governing body or chief administrative officer of a local government or by the local government to a state agency, as may be required by law or regulation, on the non-fiscal performance of a department, program, or project or for planning purposes, including those prepared by consultants under contract with a local government, except documents of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
		(1) Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
		(2) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the governing body or considered by the governing body (as reflected in its minutes) or ordered or requested by a state agency or a court.	PERMANENT.	
		(3) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the chief administrative officer.	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(4) Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	3 years.	
		(5) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (1) and (2) above.	3 years.	
		(6) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (3) and (4) above.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-41b	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Activity reports compiled on a daily or other periodic basis pertaining to workload measures, time studies, number of public contacts, etc., <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.	1 year.	
*GR1000-42	WAIVERS OF LIABILITY	Waivers of liability, including statements signed by volunteers acknowledging nonentitlement to benefits, agreeing to abide by local government policies, etc.	3 years from date of cessation of activity for which the waiver was signed.	Retention Note: If an accident occurs to any person covered by a signed waiver of liability, it must be retained for the same period as accident reports. See item number GR1000-20 in this schedule.
GR1000-43	CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRES	Conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires submitted by local government officers or vendors and other persons for filing with a local government in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	Date of filing + 3 years.	
GR1000-44	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, LISTS OF	Lists of local government officers prepared and made available to the public by the local government officer with whom conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires are filed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	US + 1 year.	
GR1000-45	CALENDARS, APPOINTMENT AND ITINERARY RECORDS	Calendars, appointment books or programs, and scheduling or itinerary records, purchased with local government funds or maintained by staff during business hours that document appointments, itineraries and other activities of agency officials or employees.	CE + 1 year.	Retention Note: A record of this type purchased with personal funds, but used by a public official or employee to document his or her work activities may be a local government record and subject to this retention period. See Open Records Decision 635 issued in December 1995 by the Texas Attorney General.
GR1000-46	INSURANCE CLAIMS	Claims related to liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other insurance policies.	Settlement or denial of claim + 3 years.	
GR1000-47	CUSTOMER SURVEYS	Surveys returned by the customers or clients of a local government, and the statistical data maintained rating a government's performance.	Issuance of report on results of the survey + 3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-50	TRANSITORY INFORMATION	Records of temporary usefulness that are not an integral part of a records series of a local government, that are not regularly filed within a local government's recordkeeping system, and that are required only for a limited period of time for the completion of an action by an official or employee of the local government or in the preparation of an ongoing records series.  Transitory records are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of government functions. Some examples of transitory information, which can be in any medium (voice mail, fax, email, hard copy, etc.) are drafts and working papers; routine messages; telephone message notifications; internal meeting notices; routing slips; incoming letters or memoranda of transmittal that add nothing of substance to enclosures; and similar routine information used for communication, but not for the documentation, of a specific government transaction.	AV.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution in assigning this record series to records of a local government to make certain they are not part of another records series listed in this schedule or, for records series unique to an agency, are not part of a records series that documents the fulfillment of the statutory obligations of the agency or the documentation of its functions.  The disposal of transitory information need not be documented through destruction authorizations or in records disposition logs, but local governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records.
*GR1000-51	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations, or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by staff of a local government.	End of event, US, or discontinued + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of elected officials see GR1000-08.  b) For materials developed for in-house
*GR1000-52	SUBPOENAS	Subpoenas for production of evidence produced for litigation in which the local government <b>is not</b> a party.	AV after fulfilled.	received for litigation in which the local government is a party see GR1000-31.
				b) For subpoenas requesting personally identifiable information of students see SD3225-02 (for school districts) or JC3775-02 (for junior colleges).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-53	RELEASE OF RECORDS DOCUMENTS	Records that document the release of records or information through any method other than a Public Information Act request or subpoena (including employment verification).	Date records produced + 1 year.	Retention Notes: a) For records released under the Public Information Act see GR1000-34.  b) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government is <b>not</b> a
				c) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government <b>is</b> a party, see GR1000-31.
*GR1000-54	COMMITTEE RECORDS	Records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Records may include, but are not limited to, member lists, officer election records, agendas, meeting minutes, and related documentation and correspondence.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act see Section 1-1 of this schedule.  b) Review before disposal; some records
				may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-55	LOBBYIST REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION	Forms, reports, or other similar documents submitted to local governments documenting lobbying activities as required by local regulations.	Date of filing + 3 years.	

# **PART 2: FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** a) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - Most local governments are required by state law to conduct annual or biennial audits of their records and accounts. These audit requirements were taken into account in setting the retention periods in this schedule. The following retention rules also apply:

1) In any local government for which there is no statutory audit requirement and audits are conducted irregularly or in a local government in which a statutorily required audit is delayed, any record in this schedule whose retention period dates from the end of a fiscal year (FE) must be retained for the retention period stated or one year after audit, whichever later.

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2) With regard to any special fund of a local government or elective county office for which there is no statutory audit requirement and the fund is not audited, any records listed under item numbers GR1025-26, GR1025-27, GR1025-28, and GR1025-30 associated with receipts and disbursements from or to the fund must be retained for FE + 10 years.

- b) GRANT OR LOAN RECORDS Subsections (1)-(3) apply to any local government, except school districts, receiving federal, state, or private grants; subsection (4) applies to school districts only. If a grant or loan requires a longer retention period than those stated in this schedule, the associated records must be retained for the full retention period required by the terms of the grant or loan.
  - 1) Direct Federal Grants This subsection applies to grants received by a local government directly from a federal grantor agency.
    - i) Federal grantor agencies require that grant-related records be retained for audit purposes for 3 years from the filing of required expenditure reports.
    - ii) In addition to item number GR1025-08(a)-(b), financial and programmatic records of grant-funded projects, including copies or documentation of relevant accounting, banking, purchasing, and payroll records, and other documents and working papers associated with the financial and programmatic administration of the grant funds or used to prepare reports or forms required by federal law or regulation must be retained for the following periods:
      - (A) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are not part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report.
      - B) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are a part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report for the final reporting period of the grant cycle.
      - C) For grants continued or renewed quarterly 3 years from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the federal fiscal year.
      - D) For grants for which the requirement of a final expenditure report has been waived 3 years from the date the report would have been due.
      - E) For all other grants 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report.
    - iii) The retention periods for the following types of records are exceptions to the periods noted above:
      - A) Records of non-expendable property or equipment acquired with grant funds 3 years from the date of transfer, replacement, sale, or junking of the item.

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- B) Cost allocation plans and indirect cost records 3 years from date of submission or, for plans prepared and retained by the grantee, from the close of the fiscal year covered by the plan.
- C) Income records 3 years from the end of the fiscal year in which the income is used.
- iv) If any litigation or audit commences before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation or audit findings are resolved or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.
- v) If records are transferred to the grantor agency at its request, copies of the records need not be retained.
- 2) Indirect Federal Grants This subsection applies to federal grants received as subgrants from state agencies or other local governments (e.g., regional councils of government).

The expenditure reports are submitted to the federal agency by the state or local subgrantor agency after all subgrantees have submitted reports to the subgrantor. Consequently, records under item number GR1025-08(a)-(b) and records described in section (b) (1) must be retained by local government subgrantees for FE + 5 years. Local governments should consult with the state or local subgrantor agency to determine if there are additional or special requirements associated with a particular grant.

The local government must retain copies of reports or records submitted to the subgrantor agency for the periods indicated.

- 3) State and Private Grants This schedule extends the 3-year federal retention requirement described in section (b)(1) to state (excluding federal subgrants) and private grant records unless the state or private grantor agency has established different retention requirements, in which case those requirements shall prevail. It is an exception to the extension of federal grant requirements to state and private grants that for state or private grants renewed quarterly as described in section (b) (1) (ii) (B), the 3-year retention requirement runs from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the state fiscal year for state grants and from the last quarter of the local government's fiscal year for private grants.
- 4) Grant Records and School Districts (including Educational Service Centers) See Local Schedule SD (Records of Public School Districts). Because of the difficulty of effectively separating financial data that evidence the expenditure of federal funds from those that document the expenditure of local or state-allocated funds, a 5-year retention period has been adopted for most financial records of school districts. The use of the term "school district" in this schedule includes educational service centers, charter schools, county departments of education, and educational cooperatives.

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# **SECTION 2-1: FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-01	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Records of fiscal audits conducted by internal or external auditors.		<b>Caution:</b> See note (a) at the beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
*GR1025-01a	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of any department, fund, account, or activity of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01b	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if included in a cumulative audit under (a).	2 years.	
*GR1025-01c	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if not included in a cumulative audit under (a).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01d	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Special audits ordered by a governing body, a court or grand jury, or mandated by administrative rules of a state or federal agency.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01e	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Working papers, summaries, and similar records created for the purposes of conducting an audit.	3 years after all questions arising from the audit have been resolved.	
GR1025-02	BANK SECURITY RECORDS	Records documenting the pledging of bonds or securities by banks serving as depositories for public funds including depository contracts, security pledges and statements, surety bonds, and similar records.	4 years after termination, expiration, or release of contractual obligations.	
GR1025-03	BOND RECORDS			Retention Note: For investment transaction records of bonds see item number GR1025-09b.
GR1025-03a	BOND RECORDS	Bond administrative records consisting of preliminary studies, proposals and prospectuses, authorizations and certifications for issuance or cancellation, and related policy correspondence.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-03b	BOND RECORDS	Bond certificates and redeemed coupons.	1 year after payment.	By law - Government Code, Section 1302.003 for counties (see statute for procedural instructions for destruction) and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
GR1025-03c	BOND RECORDS	Bond registers.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-03d	BOND RECORDS	Records relating to the exchange, conversion, or replacement of bonds by bondholders.	1 year if information is contained in a bond register; <b>PERMANENT</b> if information is not contained in a bond register.	
GR1025-04	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION			
GR1025-04a	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Annual budgets (including amendments).	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-04b	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Special budgets (includes budgets for capital improvement projects, grant-funded projects, or other projects prepared on a special or emergency basis and not included in an annual budget).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-04c	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Working papers created exclusively for the preparation of budgets, including budget requests, justification statements, and similar documents.	3 years.	
GR1025-04d	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Encumbrance and expenditure reports (status reports showing expenditures and encumbrances against a budget).	2 years.	
GR1025-04e	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Budget change documentation, including line item or contingency/reserve fund transfers and supplemental budget requests.	2 years.	
GR1025-05	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Documentation relating to the capital and fixed assets of a local government.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-05a	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property history cards or similar records containing data on initial cost, including disposal authorizations when disposed of.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; property history cards documenting the original construction and additions to or renovations of structures may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-05b	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property cost and depreciation schedules or summaries used for capital outlay budgeting or other financial or budget control purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-05c	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property inventories (including sequential number property logs).	US + 3 years.	
GR1025-05d	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Property sale, auction, or disposal records of government-owned equipment or property.	1 year.	By law - Local Government Code, Section 263.155(b) for counties and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: Property sale or auction records do not include records arising from the sale or auction of property foreclosed or seized by a taxing unit for failure to pay property taxes or for the sale or auction of property seized by law enforcement officers. For such records use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation) or Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) respectively.
*GR1025-06	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING RECORDS	Records concerning the use of federal revenue sharing funds by a local government, including revenue and expenditure summaries; status, budget, and audit reports; and other reports or documentation required by federal law or regulation.	AV.	Obsolete record.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-07	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared financial reports or statements on the accounts, funds, or projects of a local government created either for internal use or for submission to state agencies as may be required by law or regulation, <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
GR1025-07a	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1025-07b	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07c	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Long range fiscal planning reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07d	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Capital improvement reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-08	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS			Retention Note: If grant is for construction of a local government owned facility or part of the infrastructure, follow retention for GR1075-16.
GR1025-08a	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Successful grant applications and proposals and any documentation that modifies the terms of a grant.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08b	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Financial, performance, and compliance reports submitted to grantor or subgrantor agencies.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08c	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Reports, planning memoranda, studies, correspondence, and similar records created for and used in the development of successful grant proposals.	3 years.	
GR1025-08d	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Any records of the type noted in (a) or (b) relating to unsuccessful grant proposals.	AV.	
GR1025-09	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-09a	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation relating to the investment of public funds (e.g., certificates of deposit) that evidences the investment of funds, the performance or return of investments, the cancellation or withdrawal of investments, and similar activity.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-09b	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation related to the calculation of arbitrage rebate amounts, if any, on proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt bonds.	Retirement of the last obligation of the bond issue + 6 years.	
GR1025-10	CHARGE SCHEDULES/ PRICE LISTS	Schedules of prices charged by a local government for services to the public or other governments, including any documentation used to determine the charges.	US + 3 years.	

# **SECTION 2-2: ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION - For accounting and banking records relating to motor vehicle licensing not noted in this part, use Part 3 of Local Schedule TX.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-25	ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENTATION	Policy and procedure directives and similar records documenting accounting methodology.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
GR1025-26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS			
*GR1025-26a	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Claims, invoices, statements, copies of checks and purchase orders, expenditure authorizations, and similar records that serve to document disbursements, including those documenting claims for and reimbursement to employees for travel and other employment-related expenses.	FE of date of final payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of final payment + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Accounts payable and disbursement records for bond-funded projects must be maintained according to the retention period listed in GR1025-26d.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-26b	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records sufficient to document the purchase costs of capital equipment or other fixed assets.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-26c	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Reports accompanying the transmittal of funds to federal, state, or other local government agencies (e.g., sales tax to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts); to retirement systems, or to other entities if the funds are collected, in whole or in part, on behalf of other agencies or individuals (e.g., retirement deductions of employees).	FE of period covered by report + 3 years.	Retention Note: For reports accompanying the transmittal of federal and state payroll and unemployment taxes see item number GR1050-53(b).
GR1025-26d	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records for bond-funded projects.	FE of date of last bond payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of last bond payment + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS		J	Retention Note: For accounts receivable records associated with the collection of property taxes, all local governments, including school districts, should use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation).
*GR1025-27a	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Bill copies or stubs, statements, billing registers, account cards, deposit warrants, cash receipts, credit card receipts, receipt books, cash transfers, daily cash reports, cash drawer reconciliations, and similar records (such as returned checks and associated fees) that serve to document money owed to or received by a local government and its collection or receipt.	FE of date of receipt + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of receipt + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27b	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Accounts receivable records documenting the receipt of any monies by any local government that are remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts (e.g., court costs in criminal cases, sales tax).	Remittance due date + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-27c	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records documenting payments to a local government in which the government holds a property lien until the debt is satisfied (e.g., liens arising from demolition, lot cleaning), including original liens and lien releases.	FE of date of final payment and release of lien + 3 years.	
GR1025-27d	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records relating to the receipt of cash deposits as sureties for the delivery of services (e.g., water and wastewater).	FE of termination of service or refund of deposit + 3 years.	
*GR1025-27e	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Records of accounts deemed uncollectable, including write-off authorizations.	FE of write-off date + 5 years for school districts; FE of write-off date + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-28	BANKING RECORDS	Bank statements, credit card statements, canceled checks, check registers, deposit slips, debit and credit notices, reconciliations, notices of interest earned, monetary transport records (including armored car pickup logs) etc.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-29	COST ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION RECORDS	Records created to document the allocation of costs among accounts and funds of a local government, including records relating to chargebacks and other interdepartmental or interfund accounting transactions.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If any of the records in this group are used as ledger and journal entry documentation, they must be retained for FE + 5 years (see item number GR1025-30) by all local governments.
GR1025-30	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION			Retention Note: Be certain to verify before the disposal of any ledger or journal under this item number that the ledger or journal does not serve to document financial activities that require a longer retention period (e.g. investment documentation of proceeds of tax exempt bonds under item number GR1025-09).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-30a	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	General ledger showing receipts and expenditures from all accounts and funds of a local government.		
		(1) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) exists.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(2) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) does not exist.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-30b	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Subsidiary ledgers.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30c	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Receipt, disbursement, general, or subsidiary journals.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some journals may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30d	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Journal vouchers and entries or similar posting control forms (including supporting documentation such as correspondence and auditor adjustments that evidence journal entries and amendments).	FE + 5 years.	Retention Note: If bill stubs (see item number GR1025-27a) are used as entry documentation for account journals, they must be retained by all local governments for FE + 5 years rather than the FE + 3 year retention period for accounts receivable records.
GR1025-30e	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Perpetual care fund registers of government-owned cemeteries.	PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 713.005(a).
GR1025-31	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Periodic summaries or reports of accounting transactions or activity by department, budget code, program, account, fund, or type of activity, including trial balances, <b>unless</b> the summary is of a type noted elsewhere in this part.		
GR1025-31a	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Daily.	30 days.	
GR1025-31b	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Weekly.	90 days.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-31c	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semiannual.	2 years.	
GR1025-31d	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Annual.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If an annual trial balance is not maintained, then the least frequent sub-yearly trial balance must be retained for FE + 5 years by school districts and FE + 3 years by all other local governments.
GR1025-32	UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION	Any form of record sufficient to verify information on unclaimed property previously reported to the State Treasurer showing the name and last known address of the apparent owner of reportable unclaimed property, a brief description of the property, and the balance of each unclaimed account, if appropriate.	Date on which property is reportable + 10 years.	By law - Property Code, Section 74.103(b).

#### PART 3: PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL RECORDS

Retention Notes: a) FEDERAL RETENTION REQUIREMENTS - Federal retention periods for personnel and payroll records arise principally from the administration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII; the Age Discrimination and Employment Act of 1967; the Equal Pay Act; the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Federal Insurance Contribution Act; and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Various federal agencies or departments of agencies administer these acts and, because retention periods are set to enable each agency to carry out its particular oversight authority, different retention periods are often established for the same record. In compiling Schedule GR, the longest applicable federal retention period is cited as authority for the retention period indicated. A federal regulation is not cited if a state law or regulation requires a longer retention period. A federal retention period is also not cited if a Texas statute of limitations makes a longer retention period advisable. For example, the federal retention requirement for employment contracts [see item number GR1050-15(a)] is given as 3 years from the last effective date of the contract in 26 CFR 516.5, but suits in Texas may be brought by either party to such a contract within four years of the occurrence of an alleged breach; therefore a retention period of 4 years from the last effective date of the contract is set in this schedule. All retention periods in this part apply, by authority of this schedule, to all local governments, although some of them may be otherwise exempt from the federal requirement cited. This provision does not require the creation by exempted local governments of any special documentation demonstrating compliance with federal regulations that may be required of non-exempted governments.

**b) PERSONNEL FILES** - The individual employee personnel file is not scheduled as a unit in this section; documents normally placed in such files are scheduled separately.

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c) **TERMINATED EMPLOYEES** - Notwithstanding any retention periods in this part, all personnel records existing on the date of termination of an involuntarily terminated employee must be retained for 2 years from the date of termination [29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49].

- d) JTPA AND CETA EMPLOYEES Any records maintained on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Comprehensive Employees' Training Act (CETA) funds or affirmative action apprenticeship program funds administered by the U. S. Department of Labor must be retained for 5 years from the date of enrollment in the program [29 CFR 30.8(e)]. This 5-year retention period is extended by authority of this schedule to comparable records on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds.
- e) **DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE** For the purposes of this part, the term "employee" also includes elected or appointed officials of a local government who are paid wages or a salary from any funds of the local government and anyone voluntarily working or not receiving payment or compensation for working.
- f) PERSONNEL RECORDS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES The Local Government Code, Section 157.904, provides that sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more shall maintain "a permanent personnel file on each department employee." The precise contents of a personnel file are not specified, but three groups of records are expressly mentioned. Consequently, any record in item numbers GR1050-03, GR1050-07, and GR1050-21, all of which are records of a type mentioned in the statute, must be retained permanently. The sheriffs and their legal counsel should determine what other records may be includable in a permanent personnel file in sheriffs' departments subject to the law.

#### **SECTION 3-1: PERSONNEL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-01	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS			
GR1050-01a	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Reports, analyses, and statistical data compiled from source documentation used to develop, implement, and monitor affirmative action plans.	5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-01b	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Affirmative action plans.	US + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-02	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records relating to aptitude or skills tests required of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer, including civil service examinations.		
GR1050-02a	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Validation studies.	Life of test + 2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-02b	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Tests.	US + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
				<b>Retention Note:</b> One copy of each different test (different in terms of either questions or administration procedures) should be retained for the period indicated.
*GR1050-02c	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Test papers or results of persons taking tests.	Date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever later, + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-02d	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records, <b>other</b> than those noted (a)-(c), relating to the planning and administration of tests.	3 years.	
*GR1050-03	AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS	Individual award, honor, or commendation bestowed on an employee.	Date of separation + 5 years.	<b>Retention Notes:</b> a) For administrative records of awarding committees, see item number GR1050-09.
				b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for awards bestowed on certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-04	CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES	Certificates, licenses, or permits required of employees to qualify for or remain eligible to hold a position requiring certification or licensing.	US or separation of employee + 5 years.	Retention Note: If the submission of copies of certificates, licenses, or permits is required of all applicants for a position, those of applicants not hired must be retained for 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
GR1050-05	CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVITS		5 years after leaving position for which the affidavit was filed.	
GR1050-06	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-06a	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Reports of interviews, analyses, and similar records relating to the counseling of an employee for work-related, personal, or substance abuse problems, including any warnings associated with the counseling. Usually maintained at the supervisory level or by human resources departments.	3 years after termination of counseling.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For records retained by professional therapists; refer to Local Schedule HR for patient records.
GR1050-06b	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Records relating to the planning, coordination, implementation, direction, and evaluation of an employee counseling program.	3 years.	
*GR1050-07	DISCIPLINARY AND ADVERSE ACTION RECORDS	Records created by civil service boards or by personnel or supervisory officers in considering, or reconsidering on appeal, an adverse action (e.g., demotion, probation, termination, suspension, leave without pay) against an employee, including, as applicable, witness and employee statements, interview reports, exhibits, reports of findings, and decisions and judgments.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for disciplinary records of certain Sheriff's office employees.
		(1) All employees of sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 157.904.
		(2) Police and fire department personnel in municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more that have established civil service boards under Local Government Code, Chapter 143.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 143.011(c).
		(3) All other local government employees.	2 years after case closed or action taken, as applicable.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-08	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS			For records of pension and deferred compensation deductions from payroll see GR1050-52(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-08a	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Employee benefit plans such as pension; life, health, and disability insurance; seniority and merit systems; and deferred compensation plans, including amendments.	Termination of plan + 1 year.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1627.3(b)(2).  Retention Note: If the plan or system is not in writing, a memorandum fully outlining the terms of the plan or system and the manner in which it has been communicated to affected employees, together with notations relating to any revisions, must be retained for the same period as written plans.
*GR1050-08b EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS		Enrollment forms providing personal identifying data, beneficiary information, option selection, acknowledgement forms, and similar information.		
		(1) If the official record is maintained by the retirement system of which the local government is a member or by the service provider.	AV.	
		(2) If the official record is maintained by the local government.		
		(A) Pension and deferred compensation.	Date of separation + 75 years.	
		(B) Life, health, accidental death, and disability insurance.	Termination of coverage + 4 years.	
		(C) Any benefit other than those noted in (A) or (B).	US or separation + 2 years, as applicable.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Documents that serve as payroll deduction authorizations must be maintained for the retention period prescribed for item number GR1050-50.
GR1050-08c	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Annual reports from a pension system or fund.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-09	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECORDS	Award committee reports, selection criteria, nominations, and similar administrative records of employee award or incentive programs.	2 years.	Retention Note: For records of an award/commendation given to an individual employee, see item number GR1050-03.
GR1050-10	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS			
GR1050-10a	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records created to control and monitor the issuance of keys, identification cards, passes, or similar instruments of identification and access.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
GR1050-10b	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records relating to the issuance of parking permits.	US.	
GR1050-11	EMPLOYEE SELECTION RECORDS	Notes of interviews with candidates; audio and videotapes of job interviews; applicant rosters; eligibility lists; test ranking sheets; justification statements for violating eligibility or ranking sequence; and previous injury checks; offers of employment letters; and similar records documenting the filling of a vacant position.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: See GR1050-36 for background and criminal history checks.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
	RECORD TITLE  EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECORDS	Summary employment history record for each employee maintained on one or more forms, containing the following minimum information: name; sex; date of birth; social security number; positions held with dates of hire, promotion, transfer, or demotion; dates of leaves of absence or suspension that affect computation of length of service; wage or salary rate for each position held, including step or merit increases within grades; most recent public access option form; and date of separation.	Retention Period  Date of separation + 75 years.	For other information on employees that must also be retained either as part of this record or in another form, see item numbers GR1050-52(b) and GR1050-54(a).  Retention Notes: a) This schedule does not require the creation of an employee service record of the type described, but the creation of the record is strongly recommended to allow frequent disposal of documents from which information has been summarized. If an employee service record is not maintained, documents (e.g., employment applications, personnel action forms) containing the prescribed information must be retained date of separation + 75 years. More than one document providing the same element of required information need not be retained.  b) The Teacher Service Record (Texas Education Agency Form FIN-115 or its equivalent), containing information required by statute or regulation, shall be considered an employee service record of the type described and must be retained date of separation + 75 years.
				service record may be indicated by grade and step numbers if all corresponding wage rate tables (see item number GR1050-59) applicable to a person's employment history are retained date of separation + 75 years.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-13	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	Advertisements or postings relating to job openings, promotions, training programs, or overtime opportunities, including jobs orders submitted to employment agencies.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS			
GR1050-14a	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Applications, transcripts, letters of reference, and similar documents whose submission by candidates for vacant positions (both hired and not hired) or for promotion, transfer, or training opportunity (both selected and not selected) is required on the application form, by application procedures, or in the employment advertisement.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14b	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Samples of publications, artwork, or other products of prior achievement not returned to applicants.	AV.	
GR1050-14c	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Transcripts of persons <b>hired</b> if state or federal law or regulation mandates a level of education needed to qualify for employment (e.g., school district professional and paraprofessional personnel). See also item number GR1050-28(a).	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If applicant screening or hiring decisions are based on resumés, with only successful or interviewed candidates completing employment applications, then resumés of persons not hired must be kept for the same period as employment applications. If resumés are supplemental to employment application forms, they need only be retained as long as administratively valuable.
GR1050-15	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS			
GR1050-15a	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Contracts and agreements, including collective bargaining agreements, between a local government and an employee or a group of employees, including written acceptances of such contracts.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-15b	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Records relating to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements or similar group contracts, including reports; correspondence; mediation or arbitration agreements; the proceedings, findings, and awards of arbitration boards; and similar records.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years or, if no agreement or contract results, 4 years.	
GR1050-16	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS			
GR1050-16a	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Reports, analyses, or statistical data compiled from source documentation used to complete EEO reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.30, 1602.39, and 1602.48.
GR1050-16b	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	EEO-1, EEO-4, EEO-5, and EEO-6 reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.32, 1602.41, and 1602.50.
GR1050-16c	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Case files relating to discrimination complaints, including complaints, legal and investigative documents, exhibits, related correspondence, withdrawal notices, and decisions or judgments.	Resolution of case + 3 years.	
GR1050-17	EQUAL PAY RECORDS	Reports, studies, aggregated or summarized data, and similar documentation compiled to monitor and demonstrate compliance with the Equal Pay Act.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1620.32(c).
GR1050-18	FIDELITY BONDS		Effective life of bond + 5 years.	Retention Note: Does not include the Official Bond Record maintained by county clerks, which must be retained PERMANENTLY.
GR1050-19	FINGERPRINT CARDS		Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If fingerprint cards are created for all applicants for a position, those of persons not hired must be retained 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
*GR1050-20	GRIEVANCE RECORDS	Records relating to the review of employee grievances against personnel policies, working conditions, etc.	Final decision on the grievance + 2 years.	Retention Note: Do not confuse these records with those involving EEO complaints [see item number GR1050-16(c)].

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-21	JOB EVALUATIONS	Job evaluations, performance appraisals, or other similar documents used to evaluate the performance of employees.	US + 2 years or date of separation + 2 years, whichever sooner.	By regulation – 29 CFR 1620.32(c).  Retention Notes: a) Refer to SD3575-05 pertaining to evaluations on school teachers.  b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for evaluations of certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-22	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS			Sheriir 3 office employees.
*GR1050-22a	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health, physical or psychological examination reports or certificates of all job applicants if physical or psychological condition is a factor in hiring decisions, including the promotion, transfer, or selection for training of current personnel.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-22b	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health or physical examination reports or certificates of employees for whom periodic monitoring of health or fitness is required.		
		(1) For employees exposed in the course of their work to toxic substances, harmful physical agents, or bloodborne pathogens.	Date of separation + 30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(i)-(iii).
		(2) For all other employees.	US + 2 years.	
GR1050-22c	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Environmental, biological, and material safety monitoring reports concerning toxic substances and harmful physical agents in the workplace, including analyses derived from such reports.	30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii). See Local Schedule PW 5450-01 for Asbestos Management Records.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-22d	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Records of controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.		By regulation – 49 CFR 382.403.
		(1) Records of driver alcohol test results indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater; records of driver verified positive controlled substances test results; documentation of refusals to take required alcohol and/or controlled substances tests; driver evaluation and referrals; calibration documentation; records related to the administration of the alcohol and controlled substances testing programs; copy of each annual calendar year summary required by 49 CFR 382.403.	5 years.	
		(2) Records related to the alcohol and controlled substances collection process.	2 years.	
		(3) Records of negative and canceled controlled substances test results and alcohol test results with a concentration of less than 0.02.	1 year.	
*GR1050-23	OATHS OF OFFICE	Any oaths or affirmations required of local government employees or officers. Includes the Statement of Elected Officer (Secretary of State Form 2201).	US + 5 years or 5 years after leaving position for which oath required, whichever is applicable.	
*GR1050-24	PERSONNEL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by personnel officers to create or change information in the personnel records of individual employees concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, leaves of absence, name changes, and similar personnel actions except those noted elsewhere in this part.	2 years from the date of creation or the personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-25	PERSONNEL STUDIES AND SURVEYS	Studies, statistical reports, surveys, cost analyses and projections, and similar records, <b>except</b> those noted elsewhere in this part, on any aspect of the personnel management or administration of a local government.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some documents may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1050-26	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS			
GR1050-26a	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Job descriptions, including any associated task or skill statements. Also includes documentation concerning the development and analysis of job descriptions and classification systems, including survey, review and audit reports; classification standards and guidelines; selection criteria; determination of classification appeals; etc.	US or position abolished + 4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-26b	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Position staffing and vacancy reports.	US.	
GR1050-26c	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Personnel requisitions.	2 years.	
*GR1050-27	REDUCTION IN FORCE PLANS	Reduction in force plans and any related documentation.	US, or if implemented, 2 years from date of last reduction in force action under the plan.	
GR1050-28	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS			For other records relating to aptitude or skills tests <b>required</b> of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer see item number GR1050-02.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-28a	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Certificates of completion, transcripts, test scores, or similar records documenting the training, testing, or continuing education achievements of an employee if such training or testing is required for the position held or if the educational or skill attainment or enhancement affects or could affect career advancement in the local government or, in the case of licensed or certified personnel (e.g., school professionals, firefighters, police officers, health care professionals), in other governments or the private sector.	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If information concerning training or testing (e.g., test scores) is transferred to an Employee Service Record (item number GR1050-12), the document from which the information is taken need be retained for only 2 years.
GR1050-28b	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the planning, development, implementation, administration and evaluation of in-house training programs.	2 years.	
GR1050-28c	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Training manuals, syllabuses, course outlines, and similar training aids used in in-house training programs.	US, expired, or discontinued + 2 years.	
GR1050-28d	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Skill or achievement measurement records of a training group or class as a whole (e.g., rosters with scores).	2 years.	Retention Note: If the only information documenting the in-house training of an employee of the types described in (a) is contained in the measurement records of a group or class as a whole, the group records must be retained for the date of separation + 5 years for all employees included in the group records.
GR1050-29	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS RECORDS	Unemployment claims, pertinent correspondence, and similar records documenting unemployment compensation cases.	After closed + 5 years.	J .

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-30	VERIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY ( Form I-9)		3 years from hire or 1 year after separation, whichever later.	By regulation - 8 CFR 274a.2(b)(2)(i)(A) and (c)(2)
				Retention Note: If a former employee is rehired and a Form I-9 is still on file for the employee, the 3-year retention period dates from date of first hire.
GR1050-31	WORK SCHEDULES	Work, duty, shift, crew, case schedules, rosters, or assignments <b>except</b> work schedules includable in item number GR1050-56.	1 year.	
*GR1050-32	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of accidents to or job-related illnesses of employees.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to GR1050-22b(1) for any medical or exposure records created or collected.
*GR1050-32a	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Initial and supplemental incident forms, reports, or logs.	CE + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1904.33.  Retention Note: If a claim is filed as a result of the accident or illness any forms or reports related to the incident must be retained under GR1050-32b.
*GR1050-32b	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of workers compensation claims filed by employees, including any reports or investigations used to determine eligibility.		
		(1) If the local government is self-insured.	CE of closure of claim + 50 years.	
		(2) If the local government is not self-insured.	CE + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-33	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS	Financial disclosure statements of officers and/or employees of a local government required by Local Government Code Section 145.007(c) or 159.007(c).	Date of separation + 2 years.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 145.007(c); 159.007(c).  Retention Notes: a) For campaign contribution and expenditure statements see item number EL3125-01 in Local Schedule EL (Records of Elections and Voter Registration).  b) See item number EL3125-04 for financial disclosure statements of local
				government candidates.
GR1050-34	PUBLIC ACCESS OPTION FORMS	Form completed and signed by employee or official, or former employee or official, electing to keep home address, home telephone number, social security number, and family information open or confidential under the Public Information Act, Government Code 552.024.	US.	Retention Note: The last public access option form completed by an employee prior to termination of employment must be retained as part of the Employee Service Record (see record number GR1050-12 in this schedule).
GR1050-35	EMPLOYEE EXIT INTERVIEWS	Records of interviews and other supporting documentation conducted at time of employee termination.	Date of separation + 2 years.	
GR1050-36	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	Used for condition of or in conjunction with employment application.	End of employee's probationary period or after immediate purpose has been fulfilled, as applicable.	By law - Government Code, Chapter 411 Subchapter F for certain education institutions and fire departments, and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: A local government that is authorized to obtain criminal history recorded information from the Texas Department of Public Safety must refer to Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code for appropriate retention and use of this information.
*GR1050-37	EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS	Employee acknowledgement forms or other documentation that show proof of receipt and awareness of local government policies and procedures.	US or date of separation +2 years, as applicable.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-08b for acknowledgement forms of pension and deferred compensation policies and procedures.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1050-38	UNSOLICITED RÉSUMÉS	Unsolicited résumés received by local governments not used in the employment selection process.	AV.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-14 for résumés, whether solicited or unsolicited, that are used in any way in the employment selection process.
GR1050-39	VOLUNTEER SERVICE FILES	Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform.	US or date of separation + 3 years.	
*GR1050-40	APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION (ETA Form 9089)	Includes applications and supporting documentation, including employment applications, summaries of recruitment efforts, job postings, newspaper advertisements, job orders with the Texas Workforce Commission, and correspondence with the U.S. Department of Labor and attorneys.	Date of filing of application + 5 years.	
*GR1050-41	OUTSIDE/SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS	Personnel forms requesting permission to perform at a job outside of the local government.	Date of separation or until superseded + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR1050-42	LICENSE AND DRIVING RECORD CHECKS		US or date of separation.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See item number SD3500-03c for driving record checks of school bus drivers.
*GR1050-43	LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS	Reports providing statistical information on labor force.	3 years.	
*GR1050-44	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DOCUMENTATION	Self evaluations and plans documenting compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	3 years.	By regulation - 28 CFR 35.105(c).

# **SECTION 3-2: PAYROLL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** OTHER ACCOUNTING RECORDS - This section supplements Section 2-2 and schedules financial and accounting records found in most local governments specific to the disbursement of payroll. If a payroll-related record is not scheduled in this section, use Section 2-2 for the comparable record; e.g., payroll fund reconciliations should be retained for FE + 5 years under the retention for Banking Records (see item number GR1025-28).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-50	DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS	Documentation used to start, modify, or stop all voluntary or required deductions from payroll, including orders of garnishment or other court-ordered attachments.	4 years after separation or 4 years after amendment, expiration, or termination of authorization, whichever sooner.	
GR1050-51	DIRECT DEPOSIT APPLICATIONS/ AUTHORIZATIONS		US or date of separation, as applicable.	
GR1050-52	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS			
GR1050-52a	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	A record containing the following payroll information on each employee: name, last known address and social security number, amount of wages paid to the employee for each payroll period, including all deductions, and date of payment.	Retention of any one of the following records for 5 years by school districts or 4 years by other local governments will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3) and 40 TAC 815.106(i).
			earnings card or record that shows earnings and deductions for each pay period.	
			<ol> <li>Master payroll register which shows earnings and deductions for each pay period.</li> </ol>	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	<b>EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION</b>	A record containing the following minimum	The retention of any	
	RECORDS	pension and deferred compensation	one of the following for	
		information on each employee: name, date	date of separation + 75	
		of birth, social security number, and	years will satisfy the	
		amount of pension and deferred compensation deductions.	retention requirement:	
		•	1) Individual employee	
			earnings card or record	
			as in (a)(1).	
			2) Employee Service	
			Record (see item	
			number GR1050-12) <b>if</b>	
			it contains the	
			prescribed pension and	
			deferred compensation	
			deduction data.	
			3) Master payroll	
			register, or the final	
			year-to-date register of	
			each calendar year, <b>if</b>	
			the register shows <b>all</b>	
			persons employed	
			during the year from	
			whose wages, pension, and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION		4) Pension and	
(continued)	RECORDS		deferred compensation	
			deduction register, or	
			the final year-to-date	
			pension deduction	
			register of each	
			calendar year, if the	
			register lists <b>all</b> persons	
			employed during the	
			year from whose wages	
			pension and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	
			5) Copies of annual or	
			other periodic	
			statements furnished	
			to each employee	
			detailing the	
			deductions and	
			contributions to a	
			pension or deferred	
			compensation plan	
			during the past year or	
			period.	
GR1050-52c	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION	Master payroll register, including year-to-	FE + 5 years for school	
	RECORDS	date registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either	districts; FE + 3 years	
		of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).	for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52d	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Subsidiary payroll registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).		
		(1) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register <b>is not</b> contained in the master payroll register.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
		(2) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register is contained in the master payroll register.	AV.	
GR1050-52e	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Copies of annual or other periodic statements furnished to each employee detailing the deductions and contributions to a pension or deferred compensation plan during the past year or period, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy the retention requirement set in (b).	2 years.	
GR1050-52f	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Payroll adjustment records, including transaction registers, authorizations, and similar records authorizing and detailing adjustments to payroll records because of overpayment, underpayment, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1050-53	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	. , . , . ,		
GR1050-53a	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms used to determine withholding from wages and salaries for payroll tax purposes (W-4 Forms).	4 years after separation or 4 years after form amended, whichever sooner.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for any state forms.
GR1050-53b	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms and reports used to report the collection, distribution, deposit, and transmittal of payroll or unemployment taxes (W-2, 1099).	4 years after tax due date or date tax paid, whichever later.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for state forms.
GR1050-54	LEAVE RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54a	LEAVE RECORDS	A record containing a record of the unused accumulated sick leave of each employee if (1) all or a percentage of accumulated sick leave is used to calculate length of service and/or (2) accumulated sick leave is creditable to an employee if rehired.	The retention of any one of the following for date of separation + 75 years will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record as described in item number GR1050-52a if it also contains accumulated sick leave data.	
			2) Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) if it contains the accumulated sick leave data prescribed.	
			3) Copy of the final time summary or leave status report, as noted in (d), of each separated employee.	
GR1050-54b	LEAVE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for vacation, compensatory, sick, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and other types of authorized leave, and supporting documentation.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	By regulation – 29 CFR 825.500.
GR1050-54c	LEAVE RECORDS	Leave or hours-to-date registers.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54d	LEAVE RECORDS	Copies of periodic time summary or leave status reports furnished to each employee containing information on vacation, sick, compensatory, or other leave earned and used, including the final report of separated employees if they are not used to satisfy the retention requirement set in (a).	2 years.	
GR1050-55	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by payroll officers to create or change information in the payroll records of individual employees <b>except</b> deduction authorizations (see item number GR1050-50) and federal tax forms [see item number GR1050-53(a)].		
*GR1050-55a	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, name changes, etc.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-55b	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning adjustments to payroll and leave status.	FE + 3 years.	Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-56	TIME AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Time cards or sheets, including work schedules and documentation evidencing adherence to or deviation from normal hours for those employees working on fixed schedules.	4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-57	TIME CHANGE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for overtime, time trading, and other actions that affect normal work time <b>except</b> leave requests [see item number GR1050-54(c)].	2 years.	
GR1050-58	REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES, REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS TO ENGAGE IN	Requests and authorizations for travel; participation in educational programs, workshops, or college classes; or for other bona fide work-related activities in which the expenses of an employee are defrayed or reimbursed.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-59	WAGE AND SALARY RATE			
	TABLES			
GR1050-59a	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is expressed in dollars.	2 years after last effective date.	By regulation - 29 CFR 516.6(a)(2).
GR1050-59b	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is indicated by grade or step number only.	Date of separation + 75 years.	

# **PART 4: SUPPORT SERVICES RECORDS**

#### **SECTION 4-1: PURCHASING RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** RELATIONSHIP WITH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RECORDS - In a local government in which purchasing and accounts payable records (see item number GR1025-26) are maintained by the same individual or department, duplicate copies of a record need not be created and/or retained to satisfy the retention requirements of this section if the record is used in documenting both the ordering and procurement of and payment for goods and services. In such instances, retention requirements for accounts payable records prevail over those noted in this section.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION			
GR1075-01a	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Successful bids and requests for proposals, including invitations to bid, bid bonds and affidavits, bid sheets, and similar supporting documentation.	FE of award + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If a formal written contract is the result of a successful bid or request for proposal, the successful bid or request for proposal and its supporting documentation must be retained for the same period as the contract. See item number GR1000-25.
GR1075-01b	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Unsuccessful bids.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01c	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for informal bid estimates, quotes, or responses from providers for the procurement of goods or services for which state law or local policy does not require the formal letting of bids.	1 year.	
GR1075-01d	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for information (RFI) preliminary to the procurement of goods or services by direct purchase or bid.	AV after date of direct purchase, issuance of request for bids, or decision not to proceed with the procurement, as applicable.	
*GR1075-02	PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY RECORDS	Inventories of parts and supplies.	1 year.	
GR1075-03	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS			
GR1075-03a	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchase orders, requisitions, and receiving reports.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-03b	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchasing log, register, or similar record providing a chronological record of purchase orders issued, orders received, and similar data on procurement status.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-03c	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Packing slips and order acknowledgments.	AV.	
GR1075-03d	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Vendor and commodity lists.	US.	
GR1075-04	W-9 FORM - REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) AND CERTIFICATION	W-9 IRS Form used to request a taxpayer identification number (TIN) for reporting information to IRS. This includes W-9 forms received by local governments from vendors.	Date account is opened or date instrument purchased + 3 years.	By regulation - 26 CFR 31.3406(h)-3(g).

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# SECTION 4-2: FACILITY, VEHICLE, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT RECORDS

Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number GR1075-15	ACCIDENT AND DAMAGE REPORTS (PROPERTY)	Reports of accidents or damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment <b>if</b> no personal injury is involved.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For accident reports involving personal injury see item numbers GR1000-20 and GR1050-32.
GR1075-16	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS			
*GR1075-16a	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records concerning the planning, design, construction, conversion, or modernization of local government-owned facilities, structures, infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines), and systems, including feasibility, screening, and implementation studies; topographical and soil surveys and reports; architectural and engineering drawings, elevations, profiles, blueprints, and as-builts; inspection and investigative reports; laboratory test reports; environmental impact statements; construction contracts and bonds; correspondence; and similar documentation except as described in (b), (c) or (d).	LA + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.  b) If a structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred to another person or entity, the local government must retain the original records relating to its construction to fulfill retention requirements. Copies of the records may be given to the person or entity to which the structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred.  c) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16b	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records of the types described in GR1075-16a relating to the construction of prefabricated storage sheds, bus shelters, parking lot kiosks, non-structural recreational facilities such as baseball diamonds and tennis courts, and similar structures and facilities.	Completion of the project + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Records relating to construction of some of the described structures will have historical value if they are closely associated with a major structure as described in GR1075-16a. For example, records relating to the construction of gazebos, fountains, walls, or statuary located on the grounds of a county courthouse are part of the landscape of the courthouse and its grounds and should be retained PERMANENTLY.  b) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.  c) If the construction of a structure described in GR1075-16b includes infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines, etc.), records
************			_	of the infrastructure must be maintained  Life of Asset + 10 years.
*GR1075-16c	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records relating to construction projects described in GR1075-16a and GR1075-16b, that are transitory or of ephemeral relevance, and are not required for maintaining, modifying, and repurposing the building or structure. Records may include, but are not limited to, records of architectural and engineering draft design plans and specifications that precede the signed and sealed versions, , delivery tickets for expendable products, daily work reports, etc.	5 years.	Retention Note: Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16d	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Line Locate Requests, Call Before You Dig records, or other similar records documenting requests for information regarding locations of the underground cable or utility lines.	Completion of project requiring the locate request + 2 years.	<b>Retention note:</b> If damage to utility lines becomes subject to litigation, the locate records must be retained in accordance with GR1000-31 (Litigation Case Files).
GR1075-17	LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY REPORTS		FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-18	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Records documenting the maintenance, repair, and inspection of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		Retention Note: This record group schedules records of maintenance and repair to general-purpose vehicles, office equipment, and office facilities. For retention requirements for the maintenance and repair of specialized vehicles (e.g., police cars, fire trucks, school buses), equipment (e.g., airport runway beacons, traffic lights), or facilities (e.g., wastewater treatment plants) see other commission schedules.
GR1075-18a	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Vehicles and equipment.		
		(1) Routine inspection records.	1 year.	
		(2) Maintenance and repair records.	Life of asset.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a vehicle is salvaged as the result of an accident, the maintenance and repair records for the vehicle must be retained for date of salvage + 1 year.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-18b	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Facilities.		
		(1) Routine cleaning, janitorial, and inspection work.	1 year.	
		(2) All other facility maintenance, repair and inspection records (including those relating to plumbing, electrical, fire suppression, and other infrastructural systems).	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Records of the types described relating to government-owned structures or places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained <b>PERMANENTLY</b> .
*GR1075-19	SERVICE REQUESTS/WORK ORDERS	Requests or work order for repairs or maintenance to facilities, vehicles, or equipment.	2 years.	Retention Note: If work orders serve as the only form of record documenting repairs to vehicles or equipment [see item number GR1075-18(a)] they must be retained for the life of the vehicle or equipment.
GR1075-20	USAGE REPORTS	Reports of usage of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		
*GR1075-20a	USAGE REPORTS	Any type of usage report (e.g., mileage, fuel consumption, copies run) <b>if</b> such reports are the basis for allocating costs, for determining payment under rental or lease agreements, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1075-20b	USAGE REPORTS	Reservation logs or similar records relating to the use of facilities such as meeting rooms, auditoriums, etc. by the public or other governmental agencies.	2 years.	
*GR1075-20c	USAGE REPORTS	Usage reports compiled for purposes other than those noted in (a) or (b).	1 year.	
GR1075-21	VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Assignment logs, authorizations, and similar records relating to the assignment and use of government-owned vehicles or equipment by employees.	After return or reassignment + 2 years.	
GR1075-22	VISITOR CONTROL REGISTERS	Logs, registers, or similar records documenting visitors to limited access or restricted areas.	3 years.	Retention Note: If the visitor control register is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-23	VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES	Warranties for vehicles and equipment.	Expiration of warranty + 1 year.	
GR1075-24	VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATIONS	Vehicle titles and registrations of government- owned vehicles.	LA.	
GR1075-25	SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS	Video surveillance for, but not limited to, security of property and persons.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If the surveillance video is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.
*GR1075-26	EQUIPMENT MANUALS	Equipment manuals, owner's manuals, instructional manuals, or other similar documentation for government owned equipment, <b>except</b> for equipment manuals noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	LA.	

# **SECTION 4-3: COMMUNICATIONS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-40	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS			
GR1075-40a	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Meter and permit usage records.	1 year.	
GR1075-40b	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Registered, certified, insured, and special delivery mail receipts and similar records of transmittal by express or delivery companies.	1 year.	
GR1075-41	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	Registers or logs of telephone calls and fax transmissions made and similar activity reports.		
GR1075-41a	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for cost allocation purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-41b	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for internal control purposes other than cost allocation.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-41c	[WITHDRAWN –SEE GR1075- 43]			
*GR1075-42	E-RATE RECORDS	E-Rate is the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund that provides discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunications and Internet access. E-Rate is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).	FE + 10 years.	By regulation - 47 CFR 54.516.
		receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services.	,	,
*GR1075-43	DIRECTORY INFORMATION	Mailing addresses, telephone or fax numbers, or email addresses, or other contact information maintained by a local government on its employees or persons it serves.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

# **SECTION 4-4: WORKPLACE SAFETY RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-01	BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees with exposure to bloodborne pathogens showing the dates of training sessions, contents or summaries of the sessions, names and job titles of those who received training, and names and qualifications of instructors.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-02	FACILITY CHEMICAL LISTS	Copies of tier two forms containing information of hazardous chemicals present in local government facilities submitted to the fire chief of the fire department having jurisdiction over the facilities and to the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 506.006.	30 years.	
GR5750-03	HAZARD COMMUNICATION PLANS	Plans describing how criteria of the Hazard Communications Act (Chapter 502, Health and Safety Code) with regard to the education and training of employees will be met.	US + 5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-04	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees in a hazard communications program showing the date of each training session, subjects covered during the session, rosters of employees who attended, and the names of instructors.	5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-05	MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS)	Material safety data sheets (MSDS) supplied to local government employers by manufacturers or distributors of hazardous chemicals.	AV after receipt of updated sheet or the hazardous chemical is no longer present in the local government, as applicable.	
GR5750-06	WORKPLACE CHEMICAL LISTS	Lists of hazardous chemicals, including superseded lists, compiled and maintained by local governments in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005.	30 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d).  Retention Note: State law (Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d)) provides that if a local government is dissolved (e.g., a municipality through disincorporation), it shall send the workplace chemical lists in its possession to the director of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
*GR5750-07	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	Disaster preparedness, continuity of	US.	
	AND RECOVERY PLANS	operations, business continuity, or other		
		plans used to prepare for or respond to		
		emergencies or disasters.		

#### PART 5: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** (a) This part establishes retention periods for records essential to the creation, maintenance, and use of electronic records (information recorded in a form for computer processing including data, graphics, digital images, multi-media records, etc.) and records related to computer operations/technical support not covered elsewhere in this schedule. Records in this part may be maintained on whatever medium is appropriate including electronic (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, CD-ROM, etc.), paper, and microform.

- (b) Other types of records may be maintained electronically that are listed elsewhere in this schedule, such as administrative, fiscal, personnel, and support services records, or in other specialized schedules adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, such as Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies), Local Schedule HR (Records of Public Health Agencies), etc. The retention period for those electronic records will be as specified under the appropriate records series item number according to the function of the information. For example, if an electronic system were used to maintain encumbrance and expenditure reports, the retention period for these electronic records would be 2 years as specified in item number 1025-04(d). Retention requirements apply to records maintained on all types of electronic systems including mainframe, minicomputer, microcomputer, local-area-network based systems, etc.
- (c) Administrative rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (13 TAC 7.71-7.79) require that retention procedures for electronic records with an approved retention of 10 years or more must include provisions for scheduling the disposition of the electronic records as well as related software, documentation, and indexes; and for regular recopying, reformatting, and other necessary maintenance or conversion activities to ensure the retention and stability of electronic records until the expiration of their retention periods.
- (d) If automated information is copied to paper or microform to create the official record, the electronic files do not have to be maintained for the full retention period of the record. The added value of electronic files for facilitating retrieval, making queries, providing for automated audit trails, etc., should be carefully reviewed prior to destruction of the electronic files even though there is an official record in another medium.

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# **SECTION 5-1: RECORDS OF AUTOMATED APPLICATIONS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5800-01	AUDIT TRAIL RECORDS	Files needed for electronic data audits such as files or reports showing transactions accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed; history files/tapes; records of on-line updates to application files or security logs.	Until audit requirements met.	
GR5800-02	FINDING AIDS, INDEXES, AND TRACKING SYSTEMS	Automated indexes, lists, registers, and other finding aids used to provide access to the hard copy and electronic records.	Until the related hard copy or electronic records have been destroyed.	
GR5800-03	HARDWARE DOCUMENTATION	Records documenting operational and maintenance requirements of computer hardware such as operating manuals, hardware/operating system requirements, hardware configurations, and equipment control systems.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the hardware to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc., any hardware documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-04	INFORMATION SYSTEM/DATABASE RECORDS	Relatively long-lived computer files, including databases, containing organized and consistent sets of complete and accurate electronic records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Notes: a) The need to retain "snapshots" of some continuing information systems or databases should be carefully evaluated. For example, if a Geographic Information System has only current mapping information, historical versions of zoning changes would need to be maintained for long-term legal and historical value.  b) Records managers should ensure that snapshots which support records on this or other commission schedules are retained for the full retention period of the records they support.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-05	PROCESSING RECORDS	Electronic files used to produce or modify an information system or database, including, but not limited to, work files, maintenance and test files, print files, and intermediate input/output records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Routine or benchmark files used to test system performance and files which facilitate processing of a particular job or system run, but which do not add to, delete from, or substantially modify information in an information system or database need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
*GR5800-06	SOFTWARE PROGRAMS	Automated software applications and operating system files including job control language, etc.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new software environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the software to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc. any software program required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-08	TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION	Records adequate to specify all technical characteristics necessary for reading or processing of electronic records and their timely, authorized disposition. Includes documentation describing how a system operates and which is necessary for using the system such as user guides, system or sub-system definitions, system specifications, input and output specifications, and system flow charts; program descriptions and documentation such as program flowcharts, program maintenance logs, change notices, and other records that document modifications to computer programs; and data documentation necessary to access, retrieve, manipulate and interpret data in an automated system such as a data element dictionary, file layout, code book or table, and other records that explain the meaning, purpose, structure, logical relationships, and origin of the data elements.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware or software environment with new documentation, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the documentation to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, open records action, etc. any technical documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-09	AUTOMATED PROGRAM LISTING / SOURCE CODE	Automated program code and builds which generate the machine-language instructions used to operate software programs.	Until superseded or software program no longer used, whichever sooner.	

#### SECTION 5-2: COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT RECORDS

**Retention Note:** Not all of the following types of records will be created with all electronic systems. A local government should determine which records are needed according to the type of computer operation in use (mainframe, individual personal computers, networked personal computers, etc.). The records in this section may be maintained electronically (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, etc.) or on another medium such as paper or microform provided the approved retention period is met.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5825-01	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS			
*GR5825-01a	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records created for security purposes to control or monitor individual access to a system and its data, including but not limited to user account records, security login information, and password files.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR5825-01b	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records used to control and monitor the security of a system and its data, including vulnerability scans, intrusion tests, malicious code detection tests, threat and risk assessments, technical security reviews, patch management logs, intrusion detection logs, firewall logs, and related records. Records documenting incidents and investigations involving unauthorized attempted entry, probes and/or attacks on information systems or networks.	AV.	
GR5825-02	BATCH DATA ENTRY CONTROL RECORDS	Forms and logs used to reconcile batches submitted for processing against batches received and processed.	AV after reconciliation confirmed.	
GR5825-03	CHARGEBACK RECORDS TO DATA PROCESSING SERVICES USERS	Records used to document, calculate costs, and bill program units for computer usage and data processing services. These records are also used for cost recovery, budgeting, or administrative purposes.	FE + 5 for school districts; FE + 3 years for other local governments.	
GR5825-04	COMPUTER JOB SCHEDULES AND REPORTS	Schedules or similar records showing computer jobs to be run and other reports by computer operators or programmers of work performed.	90 days.	
GR5825-06	DATA PROCESSING PLANNING RECORDS	Reports, studies, analyses, projections, and similar records concerning the creation, development, or modification of data processing systems and services.	5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR5825-07	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR5750- 07]			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-08	ELECTRONIC MEDIA LIBRARY SYSTEM RECORDS	Records used to control the location, maintenance, and disposition of media in an electronic media library <b>except</b> for records destruction documentation that is maintained permanently (see item number GR1000-40).	Until related records or media are destroyed or withdrawn from the library.	
*GR5825-09	DATA ENTRY DOCUMENTS	Records or forms designed and used solely for data input and control <b>except</b> for data entry documents noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	Until all data has been entered into the system and, if required, verified.	
GR5825-10	NETWORK CIRCUITS INVENTORIES	Records containing information on network circuits used by the government including circuit number, vendor, type of connection, terminal series, software, contact person, and other relevant information about the circuit.	US.	
GR5825-11	NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION RECORDS	Records used to implement a computer network including reports, diagrams of network, and wiring schematics.	US.	
*GR5825-12	OPERATING SYSTEM AND HARDWARE CONVERSION PLANS	Records relating to the replacement of equipment or computer operating systems not included elsewhere in this schedule.	2 years after completion of conversion.	
GR5825-13	OUTPUT RECORDS FOR COMPUTER PRODUCTION	Reports showing transactions that were accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed.	AV.	
*GR5825-14	QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORDS	Information verifying the quality of system, hardware, or software operations including records of errors or failures and the loss of data resulting from such failures, documentation of abnormal termination and of error free processing, checks of changes put into production, transaction histories, and other records needed as an audit trail to evaluate data accuracy.	Until no longer needed as an audit trail.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-15	PROJECT RECORDS	Records created and used in the development, redesign, or modification of automated systems or applications.		Retention Note: Does not include purchasing records for computer software or hardware such as individual personal computers, which are covered in Part 4 of this schedule.
GR5825-15a	PROJECT RECORDS	Project management records, design documentation, feasibility studies, justifications, user requirements, etc.	3 years after completion of project.	
GR5825-15b	PROJECT RECORDS	Routine status reports, memos, and correspondence.	AV.	
*GR5825-16	SYSTEM ACTIVITY MONITORING RECORDS	Records or logs that monitor and report levels and patterns of individual and organizational usage of system hardware, software application, and internet resources, including but not limited to log in files, system usage files, application usage files, data entry logs, print spool logs, and records of individual computer usage. May also include levels of storage and network/bandwidth traffic and other documentation related to activities for monitoring and ensuring optimal efficiency of system resource use.	AV.	
*GR5825-17	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1050- 28]			
GR5825-18	INTERNET COOKIES	Data resident on hard drives that make use of user-specific information transmitted by the Web server onto the user's computer so that the information might be available for later access by itself or other servers.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet cookies need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d)).
GR5825-19	HISTORY FILES – WEB SITES	A record of the documents visited during an Internet session that allows users to access previously visited pages more quickly or to generate a record of a user's progress.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet history files need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d).

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Record	Record Title	<b>Record Description</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR5825-20	SOFTWARE REGISTRATIONS,		LA + 3 years.	
	WARRANTIES, AND LICENSE			
	AGREEMENTS			

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# Appendix A



City Secretary

Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(10) Effective September 1, 2020

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#### LOCAL SCHEDULE EL

(Fourth Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are associated with the conduct of elections, political candidacy, and the registration of voters. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(10) Effective September 1, 2020

#### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission. If applicable, the wording of the records series will match that of any federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation, and citation to law, rule, or regulation will be provided in the Remarks section.

Retention periods listed in this schedule apply to records in any medium. If records are stored electronically, they must remain available and accessible until the expiration of the retention period assigned by this schedule, along with any hardware or software required to access or read them. Electronic records may include electronic mail (e-mail), websites, electronic publications, or any other machine-readable format. Paper or microfilm copies may be retained in lieu of electronic records.

The use of social media application may create public records. Any content (messages, posts, photographs, videos, etc.) created or received using a social media application may be considered records and should be managed appropriately. The retention of social media records is based on content and function. Local governments will need to consult the relevant records retention schedule for the minimum retention periods.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(10) Effective September 1, 2020

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

# Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this edition of Local Schedule EL indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### **Abbreviations Used in This Schedule**

AV - As long as administratively valuable CFR - Code of Federal Regulations FE - Fiscal year end TAC - Texas Administrative Code US - Until superseded

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#### RECORDS OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

**RETENTION NOTES**: (a) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS. After expiration of the prescribed period for preserving voted ballots, election returns, other election records, or other records that are preserved under the Election Code, the records may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of unless, at the expiration of the preservation period, an election contest or a criminal investigation or proceeding in connection with an election to which the records pertain is pending. In that case, the records shall be preserved until the contest, investigation, or proceeding is completed and the judgment, if any, becomes final. [By law, Election Code, Section 1.013.]

(b) AUTHORITY OF THIS SCHEDULE - This schedule applies to and is binding upon county clerks, county tax assessor-collectors, county election administrators, election clerks in other local governments, and all other officials or employees of a local government who have custody of or maintain records of elections or voter registration. Many of the retention periods established in the Texas Election Code also apply to county executive committees of political parties who conduct their own primaries. These committees are not bound, however, by the destruction notice and records scheduling requirements of the Local Government Records Act.

#### **PART 1: ELECTION RECORDS**

Record	Record Title	<b>Record Description</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
EL3100-01	EARLY, ABSENTEE AND			
	RESTRICTED BALLOT			
	VOTING RECORDS [see also			
	item number EL3100-10(b)]			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3100-01a	EARLY, ABSENTEE, AND RESTRICTED BALLOT VOTING RECORDS	All of the following: absentee ballot requests and applications (except federal post card applications), cancellation of absentee ballot requests, notices of denial of cancellation requests, branch voting schedules and daily registers, lists of corrected ballots sent, untimely and rejected ballots, jacket envelopes (unless for use in subsequent election), carrier envelopes, early voting and absentee rosters, early voting and absentee election returns, voted early voting and absentee ballots, statements of challenge to early and absentee voters, notices of non-acceptance of early voting and absentee ballots, orders for the appointment of signature verification committees, late absentee ballot applications, disabled voter applications and affidavits, applications to vote restricted ballot, restricted ballot applications.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law -Election Code, Sections 84.010, 84.037(a), 85.072(d), 86.009(d), 86.011(c), 87.043(c), 87.044(b), 87.121(e), 87.123(2), and 87.124.
EL3100-01b	EARLY, ABSENTEE, AND RESTRICTED BALLOT VOTING RECORDS	Precinct early voting list (listing voters in each precinct who have voted early or who have been mailed absentee ballots).	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 66.058(a).  Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention period given for this record that one copy of each precinct early voting list prepared for a general election must be retained by the early voting clerk for 2 years after election day. By law - Election Code, Section 87.122(d).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3100-01c	EARLY, ABSENTEE, AND RESTRICTED BALLOT VOTING RECORDS	Federal post card applications requesting absentee ballot.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 66.058(a).  Retention Notes: a) An application requesting a ballot for more than one election shall be preserved for the period for preserving the precinct election records for the last election for which the application is effective. By law – Election Code, Section 101.054(d).  b) If the federal postcard application is used as a voter registration document follow the retention period for EL3150-03(a).
EL3100-02	ELECTION CONTRACTS	Contracts, leases, or agreements for election services or the use of voting machines, including written approvals from the Secretary of State, if such approval is required.	4 years after the expiration or termination of the instrument according to its terms.	Retention Note: In counties, the retention period applies only to the copy of the contract maintained by the county elections officer. Copies of the contract filed with and maintained by the county treasurer, county auditor, or the county judge need only be retained as long as administratively valuable.
EL3100-03	ELECTION MINUTES, NOTICES, AND ORDERS			
EL3100-03a	ELECTION MINUTES, NOTICES, AND ORDERS	Minutes of governing body concerning elections.	PERMANENT.	
EL3100-03b	ELECTION MINUTES, NOTICES, AND ORDERS	Posted or published notices of election, including records (e.g., affidavits of publication, record of posting locations, or lists of voters to whom notices are mailed) which document the time, place, and manner of notice.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 4.005(d).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3100-03c	ELECTION MINUTES, NOTICES, AND ORDERS	Election orders and proclamations.  (1) Ordering an election.	Follow retention periods	By law - Election Code, Section 3.008(a).
			Records [EL3100-10a].	
		(2) Relating to multiple elections or election procedures (e.g., order adopting a voting system; order appointing a county elections administrator).	AV if recorded in the minutes of the governing body; PERMANENT if not recorded.	Retention Note: Election Code Section 3.008(b) requires that the date and nature of an election ordered by a political subdivision be entered in the minutes of its governing body.
EL3100-04	ELECTION OFFICER RECORDS			Retention Note: Records in this group include any records of the types listed relating to early voting. For certificates of appointment of watchers see item number EL3100-10(a).

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
Number				
EL3100-04a	ELECTION OFFICER RECORDS	Orders of appointment of election judges, including memoranda of emergency appointments, if applicable.  (1) Single election appointments.	Follow retention periods	By law - Election Code, Sections 32.007(c)
			for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	and 32.008(c).
		(2) Term appointments.	Retain until end of term for which the appointment is made or follow the retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a] in the last election in which the appointee serves under the order, whichever later.	By law - Election Code, Section 32.008(c).
EL3100-04b	ELECTION OFFICER RECORDS	Lists of recommended election judges or other officers.	AV after appointments made.	
EL3100-04c	ELECTION OFFICER RECORDS	Statements of compensation due election officers.  (1) Originals.	FE + 3 years.	
		(2) Copies.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law -Election Code, Section 32.094(e).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3100-05	ELECTION PETITIONS		2 years after election day if petition results in an election or 2 years after date of filing if no election results.	Retention Notes: a) This record group includes petitions for the formation of governments, local option elections (including applications), and such other issues permitted by law. It does not include petitions for a place on the ballot; see item number EL3125-02(a).  b) Some election petitions presented to commissioners' courts are required by law to be recorded by county clerks. The retention period applies only to filed copies of petitions. The retention period for recorded copies is that assigned in the Local Schedule CC (Records of County Clerks) to
				the record in which the petition is recorded.
EL3100-06	ELECTION RETURN RECORDS			See item number EL3100-10 for precinct level election returns.
EL3100-06a	ELECTION RETURN RECORDS	County election returns (copies of reports submitted by county clerks or county election administrators to the Secretary of State).	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Sections 67.007(e) and 67.008(d).
EL3100-06b	ELECTION RETURN RECORDS	Election return record or register maintained by local canvassing authorities.	PERMANENT.	By law - Election Code, Section 67.006(e).  Retention Note: If the tabulation of election returns by a canvassing authority is done in a separate document rather than being entered directly into the election record or register, the separate tabulation must be retained for 22 months after election day in accordance with Election Code, Section 67.004(e).
EL3100-07	FRAUD IN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTIONS, REPORTS OF	Reports filed with county clerks of alleged fraud, misconduct, or irregularity in constitutional amendment elections.	PERMANENT.	Obsolete record.
EL3100-08	PRECINCT BOUNDARY RECORDS			

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
Number				
EL3100-08a	PRECINCT BOUNDARY RECORDS	Notices of changes to precinct boundaries, including those filed with and maintained by voter registrars.	Effective date of change + 1 year.	By law - Election Code, Section 42.036(g), for those maintained by issuing authority in counties with a population of one million or more; by authority of this schedule for those in all other counties and for those maintained by voter registrars.
EL3100-08b	PRECINCT BOUNDARY RECORDS	Maps of precinct boundary changes.	One copy of each PERMANENT.	
EL3100-09	PRECINCT CONVENTION RECORDS	Records of the proceedings, lists of persons in attendance at precinct conventions, and lists of delegates chosen to represent the precinct at county or senatorial district conventions.	AV.	Obsolete record maintained by county clerks.
EL3100-10	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*EL3100-10a	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS	All of the following: signature rosters; combination forms; provisional ballot lists; provisional ballot affidavit envelopes; summaries of provisional ballots cast; certificates of appointment of watchers; precinct returns; ballot registers/tally lists; voted, spoiled, defective, unused, undistributed, and specimen ballots; record of incorrect ballots destroyed; redistributed ballot receipts; ballot distribution record; unofficial tabulation of ballot results; official tabulation of precinct results; voting machine inspection and testing records; notice of voting machine inspections; voting machine opening and closing certificates; paper ballot write-in affidavits; voting machine printouts; ballot box seal record; ballot box certificates and seals; ballot box receipts; certificate of successful and records of unsuccessful tests of automatic tabulating equipment; testing ballots, and requests for and retractions of, if applicable, extension of security period on voting machines. This series includes any records of the types listed relating to early voting.	Election day + 22 months.	In addition to the general retention period set for precinct election records in Election Code, Section 66.058 (see retention note on page 5), the following provisions affirm the same retention period: Election Code, Sections 51.007(b), 51.008(d), 52.0064(d), 52.007(c), 66.056(d), 67.004(f), 125.064, 127.064(c), 127.068(a, d), 127.099(b), and 146.031(e).  Retention Note: If new ballots are prepared to correct mistakes, the incorrect ballots must be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Election Code, Section 52.0064.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3100-10b	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS	Voter registration lists (original, revised original, and supplemental) and registration corrections lists, including those used in early voting.  (1) Arising from elections held prior to	AV.	Retention Note: Lists of registered voters used in primary elections prior to September 1, 1987 and maintained by the general custodian of election records may be destroyed at option. Such lists used in
		March 1, 1986.  (2) Arising from elections held on March 1, 1986 or later.	Return to voter registrar.	primary elections after September 1, 1987 are returned to the voter registrar. See item number EL3150-06(d).
EL3100-10c	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS	Poll lists.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 66.058 (a, g).  Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention period given for this record that one copy of each poll list used in a primary election must be retained by the general custodian of election records for 22 months. By law - Election Code, Section 172.114.
EL3100-10d	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS	Mechanical machine ballot labels.	AV.	Obsolete record.
EL3100-10e	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS	Lists of certified write-in candidates.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 146.031(e).
EL3100-10f	PRECINCT ELECTION RECORDS	Election stub box certificates maintained by district clerks.	AV.	Obsolete record.
EL3100-11	RECOUNT RECORDS			
EL3100-11a	RECOUNT RECORDS	Recount reports (of both recount committees and recount supervisors, including associated tally lists).	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Sections 213.012(c) and 213.055(c).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3100-11b	RECOUNT RECORDS	Records relating to the request for and conduct of a recount, including all of the following: initial, expedited, and supplementary recount petitions, with associated amendments, affidavits, and certifications; applications for inclusion of remaining paper ballot precincts; recount notices and other notices involved in the conduct of recounts; requests for specific counting method; records of recount costs; and file copies of statements of cost.  (1) Records of the type described maintained by a person serving only as recount coordinator or by a person serving as both recount coordinator and recount supervisor.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a], or 60 days after recount canvass completed, or 30 days after assessed recount costs settled, or 30 days after outstanding costs referred for collection, whichever longer.	By law - Election Code, Section 211.007(b-c).
		(2) Records of the type described maintained by a person serving as recount supervisor <b>only</b> .	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a], or 60 days after recount costs for payment of claimants certified, or 6 months after cost statement is delivered to recount coordinator if assessed against a person, whichever longer.	By law - Election Code, Section 211.007(d).

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# PART 2: RECORDS OF CANDIDACY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3125-01	CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS AND FILINGS			
EL3125-01a	CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS AND FILINGS	Campaign contribution and expenditure statements (including annual reports of unexpended contributions).	Date of filing + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 254.040.
EL3125-01b	CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS AND FILINGS	Designations of campaign treasurers, including notices of termination.	2 years after appointment terminated.	By law - Election Code, Section 252.014.  Retention Note: See Election Code, Section 252.0131, for a procedure that clerks may use to terminate the campaign treasurer appointment of an inactive candidate or political committee.
EL3125-02	CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS			
EL3125-02a	CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Applications and any accompanying petitions for place on ballot, including any rejection notices and withdrawal of petition signature requests.	Election day + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 141.036.
EL3125-02b	CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Certifications of candidates (including certifications of replacement nominees by party executive committees).  (1) Copy maintained by authority to whom application for a place on ballot is made.  (2) Copy maintained by authority responsible for preparation of official	AV after election day.  Election day + 2 years.	
EL3125-02c	CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS	ballot.  Declarations of intent to run as an independent candidate.	Day after general election day.	By law - Election Code, Section 142.003.
EL3125-02d	CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Declarations of write-in candidacy.	Election day + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 146.028.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3125-02e	CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Withdrawal of candidacy requests.	Election day + 2 years.	
EL3125-03	PARTY CERTIFICATIONS AND NOTICES			
EL3125-03a	PARTY CERTIFICATIONS AND NOTICES	Lists and certifications of party candidates in primary elections.	Day after the general primary election day.	
*EL3125-03b	PARTY CERTIFICATIONS AND NOTICES	Notices or lists of persons elected as party officers.	US.	
*EL3125-04	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES	Financial statements of local government officers or candidates of local government offices required to be filed with the county or city clerk, as applicable.		By law – Local Government Code, Section 145.007(c); 159.007(c).
		a. For elected officials.	Date of termination as officer + 2 years.	
		b. For non-elected candidates.	Date of termination of campaign treasurer appointment + 2 years.	

# **PART 3: VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS**

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
Number				
EL3150-01	CHALLENGE TO	Records relating to challenges by the voter		
	REGISTRATION	registrar or another registered voter to the		
	RECORDS	registration of an applicant or a voter and		
		similar records relating to the challenge by		
		a voter resulting in rejection of an		
		application or cancellation of registration		
		by the voter registrar.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3150-01a	CHALLENGE TO REGISTRATION RECORDS	Notices of challenge, requests for and notices of hearing, affidavits of argument or evidence, statements of challenge (if challenge is by another registered voter), and copies of petitions for review in cases appealed to a district court.	2 years from, as applicable: 1) Date of notice of challenge or cancellation, if no hearing sought by voter. 2) Date of written determination of challenge. 3) Date of judgment of district court if adverse determination appealed.	
EL3150-01b	CHALLENGE TO REGISTRATION RECORDS	Written determinations of challenge.	Date of rejection of application or cancellation of registration + 2 years.	By law – Election Code, Section 13.102(d); 15.142(c).
EL3150-02	VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR RECORDS			
EL3150-02a	VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR RECORDS	Certificates of appointment.	Termination of appointment + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 13.035(d)
EL3150-02b	VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR RECORDS	Applications for appointment.	AV.	
EL3150-02c	VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR RECORDS	Written notices of termination.	AV.	
EL3150-03	VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3150-03a	VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	Voter registration applications and the following records that the Election Code requires be maintained in association with application files: authorizations to vote by affidavit; requests for replacement certificates; notices of change in registration information (including hand-corrected registration certificates submitted by voters); returned renewal certificates; abstracts of death, probate, mental incompetency, felony conviction, and disqualification in an election contest; requests for exemption from showing photo ID due to a permanent disability; lists of person disqualified from jury service because of lack of citizenship; and written notices to voter of investigation of registration status, written responses from voters, proofs of citizenship provided by	Date of rejection or cancellation of registration + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 13.102(d).
EL3150-03b	VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	voters, and memoranda of oral responses.  Notices of change of residence of voters from other voter registrars.	Date of cancellation of registration + 2 years.	
EL3150-03c	VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	Notices of applications for limited ballot from early voting clerks in other counties.	Date of cancellation of registration + 2 years.	
EL3150-03d	VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	Notices of voter registration cancellation and reinstatement.	AV.	
EL3150-03e	VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	Sworn statements of death submitted under Election Code, Section 16.031(b) (3).	Date of cancellation of registration + 2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3150-03f	VOTER REGISTRATION	Periodic reports from the Secretary of State	AV.	Obsolete Record.
	APPLICATIONS AND	on deceased persons in a county.		
	ASSOCIATED			
	DOCUMENTATION			
*EL3150-03g	VOTER REGISTRATION	Supporting documentation for personal	Date of rejection or	By law – Election Code, Section 13.004(e).
	APPLICATIONS AND	information confidentiality under Election	cancellation of	
	ASSOCIATED	Code, Section 13.004.	registration + 2 years.	
	DOCUMENTATION			

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EL3150-04	VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES			Retention Notes: a) Beginning in 1967 with the repeal of poll taxes, voter registration procedures in Texas were subject to frequent change. It was not until 1975 that the current system began to emerge in the Election Code. Consequently, for the purposes of records retention only, the term "date of cancellation" in this record group means, as applicable:  1) from the date registration is cancelled for any of the reasons cited in Chapter 16, Election Code; 2) from the date an initial registration certificate or its former equivalent expired under prior law (note that the issuance of a renewal certificate under current law does not constitute expiration of the initial certificate); or 3) from the date the information on an initial registration certificate or its former equivalent was transcribed into a new format as may have been required or permitted by new statutory requirements (note that the issuance of a renewal certificate under current law in a different format from the initial certificate does not constitute a transcription). b) Election Code, Section 15.143 provides: "The registrar may maintain the active or inactive certificate file as information stored in a form suitable for use with electronic data processing equipment. After the appropriate information is stored,
				the registrar may destroy or otherwise dispose of a duplicate certificate."
EL3150-04a	VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES	Duplicate initial registration certificates.	Date of cancellation of registration + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 15.142(c).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3150-04b	VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES	Corrected registration certificates issued by voter registrar.	Date of cancellation of registration + 2 years.	Retention Note: A duplicate original registration certificate replaced by a corrected certificate need be retained only as long as administratively valuable after issuance of the corrected certificate.
EL3150-04c	VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES	Undelivered/returned renewal certificates.	Date of cancellation of registration + 2 years.	
EL3150-04d	VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES	Original registration record sheets or cards.	AV.	Obsolete record required of voter registrars from 1971 to 1975.
EL3150-05	VOTER REGISTRATION CONTRACTS	Contracts, leases, or agreements for voter registration services, including written approvals from the Secretary of State, if such approval is required.	4 years after the expiration or termination of the instrument according to its terms.	
EL3150-06	VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION		Ü	Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention periods given for (a) and (c) in this record group that any list of registered or qualified voters dated 1967 or earlier must be retained PERMANENTLY for historical reasons. This exception applies to any such lists in the custody of a tax assessorcollector, county clerk, or any other county official.
EL3150-06a	VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Master voter registration list of all registered voters in a county.	US.	
EL3150-06b	VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Change lists, or similar documentation providing an audit trail, used to correct or update master voter registration list.	2 years.	
EL3150-06c	VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	One copy of each original, supplemental, corrected, or revised original list of registered voters provided to election authorities for use in countywide elections.  (1) Lists for use in presidential elections.	Election day + 4 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 18.011(b).
		(2) Lists for use in non-presidential elections.	Election day + 2 years.	By law - Election Code, Section 18.011(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3150-06d	VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Original, supplemental, corrected, or revised original lists of registered voters used in precincts and returned to the voter registrar in Envelope No. 4.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 66.058(a, g).
EL3150-06e	VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Registration omissions lists.	Follow retention periods for Precinct Election Records [EL3100-10a].	By law - Election Code, Section 66.058(a, g).
EL3150-07	VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS (OBSOLETE)			
EL3150-07a	VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS (OBSOLETE)	Applications, proofs of eligibility, and notices of eligibility relating to voter registration of persons, resident of the state for more than 60 days but less than a year, wishing to vote in presidential elections.	AV.	Maintained by county clerks from 1967 to 1975.
EL3150-07b	VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS (OBSOLETE)	Registration record of women voters registering to vote in 1918.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: This record, if it has survived in a county, may appear either as a formal register or as duplicate certificates. Any form of record of this initial registration of women voters must be retained PERMANENTLY for historical reasons.
EL3150-07c	VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS (OBSOLETE)	Lists of registered voters maintained under the Registration Act of 1870.	PERMANENT.	Maintained by district clerks from 1870 to 1876.
EL3150-07d	VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS (OBSOLETE)	Poll tax receipts (including exemption receipts).	AV.	In the absence of a list of qualified voters (see retention note for item number EL3150-06) for a given year, this schedule recommends, <b>but does not require</b> , that the poll tax receipts and exemption receipts for the same year be retained PERMANENTLY.
				Retention Note: The retention period applies to poll tax records in the custody of a county tax assessor-collector, county clerk, county judge, or any other county official.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
EL3150-08	VOTER REGISTRATION			
	REPORTS AND			
	STATEMENTS		_	
EL3150-08a	VOTER REGISTRATION	Annual registration statements submitted	2 years.	
	REPORTS AND STATEMENTS	to the Secretary of State.		
EL3150-08b	VOTER REGISTRATION	Pre-election registration statements	2 years.	
123130 000	REPORTS AND	submitted to the Secretary of State.	2 years.	
	STATEMENTS	submitted to the secretary or state.		
EL3150-08c	VOTER REGISTRATION	Reports submitted to the Secretary of State	2 years.	
	REPORTS AND	on new registrations, cancelled		
	STATEMENTS	registrations, and change in registration		
		information used to update state master		
		voter registration file.		
EL3150-08d	VOTER REGISTRATION	Notices from the Secretary of State of non-	2 years.	
	REPORTS AND	compliance with state master voter		
	STATEMENTS	registration reporting requirements and		
F124F0 00-	VOTED DECICED ATION	subsequent notices of compliance.	FF + 2	
EL3150-08e	VOTER REGISTRATION	Registration statements submitted to the	FE + 3 years.	
	REPORTS AND STATEMENTS	State Comptroller of Public Accounts.		
EL3150-09	PRECLEARANCE	All preclearance submission documentation	PERMANENT.	By law - Voting Rights Act of 1965, Section
223130 03	RECORDS	including, but not limited to, changes in	TEMPARENT.	5.
	nizonizo	election precincts, polling places, and		5.
		voting procedures.		
EL3150-10	SUSPENSE LIST	A list maintained by the voter registrar of	US.	
		each county that contains the names of (1)		
		voters that failed to respond to the		
		confirmation notice, (2) voters whose		
		renewal certificate was returned to the		
		registrar as undeliverable, and (3) those		
		individuals that were excused or		
		disqualified from jury service because they		
		were not a resident of that county, state on		
		the juror summons notice that the		
		individual no longer resides in the county,		
		or whose jury summons were returned to the district clerk as undeliverable.		
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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
EL3150-11	CHAPTER 19 FUND	Records documenting funds received under	3 state fiscal years after	By regulation – 1 TAC 81.21(a).
	RECORDS	Chapter 19, Election Code to finance voter	the fiscal year in which the	
		registration.	funding lapses.	

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### **LOCAL SCHEDULE GR**

(Revised Fifth Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS COMMON TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are usually found in all local governments, regardless of type. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission. If applicable, the wording of the records series will match that of any federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation, and citation to law, rule, or regulation will be provided in the Remarks section.

Retention periods listed in this schedule apply to records in any medium. If records are stored electronically, they must remain available and accessible until the retention period assigned by this schedule, along with any hardware or software required to access or read them. Electronic records may include electronic mail (e-mail), websites, electronic publications, or any other machine-readable format. Paper or microfilm copies may be retained in lieu of electronic records.

The use of social media applications may create public records. Any content (messages, posts, photographs, videos, etc.) created or received using a social media application may be considered records and should be managed appropriately. The retention of social media records is based on content and function. Local governments will need to consult the relevant records retention schedule for the minimum retention periods.

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Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period, applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

# Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this edition of Local Schedule GR indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable
FE - Fiscal year end
TAC - Texas Administrative Code
US - Until superseded
LA - Life of asset
CE - Calendar year end

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# **PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS**

#### **SECTION 1-1: RECORDS OF GOVERNING BODIES**

**Retention Note:** SCOPE OF SECTION - The retention periods established in this section also apply to the records of subsidiary boards, bureaus, commissions, or committees established by the governing body of a local government that have rulemaking or quasi-judicial authority over any activity or program of the government or that were established by ordinance, order, or resolution for the purposes of advising the governing body or a subsidiary body on policy. Consequently, the use of the term "governing body" in a records description includes the corresponding records of those subsidiary bodies.

Record	<b>Record Title</b>	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1000-01	AGENDAS			
GR1000-01a	AGENDAS	Open meetings.		
		<ol> <li>If the minutes describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is not required.</li> </ol>	2 years.	
		<ol> <li>If the minutes do not describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is required.</li> </ol>	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-01b	AGENDAS	Certified agendas of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).
GR1000-02	DEDICATIONS		PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-03	MINUTES			Retention Note: The use of the term "audiovisual recordings" in (c)-(f) means any medium on which audio or a combination of audio and video is recorded.
GR1000-03a	MINUTES	Written minutes.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-03b	MINUTES	Notes taken during meetings from which written minutes are prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03c	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings, except as described in (d), for which written minutes <b>are not</b> prepared.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-03d	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of workshop sessions of governing bodies in which votes are not made and written minutes are not required by law to be taken.	2 years.	
*GR1000-03e	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings for which written minutes <b>are</b> prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03f	MINUTES	Certified audiovisual recordings of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-03g	MINUTES	Supporting documentation - One copy of each document of any type submitted to a meeting of a governing body for consideration, approval, or other action; if such action is reflected in the minutes of the meeting.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The retention periods for many of the documents submitted to a governing body for action are established elsewhere in this or other commission schedules and are often longer than the 2-year retention period for supporting documentation set here. The 2-year retention requirement does not override a longer retention requirement set elsewhere, but rather is meant to ensure that all documents presented for action by a governing body are retained at least two years. This schedule does not require that supporting documentation be maintained together, but the retention by the clerk or secretary to the governing body of one set of the documents submitted at each meeting (often called "council packets" in municipalities) for two years would ensure satisfaction of the minimum retention requirement. Clerks or secretaries to governing bodies should exercise caution in disposing of supporting documentation to avoid destruction of the record copy of a document for which they are custodian before the expiration of its retention period.
				b) Review before disposal; some supporting documentation, not already required to be maintained PERMANENTLY elsewhere in this or other commission schedules, may merit PERMANENT retention for historical
				reasons.
GR1000-04	OPEN MEETING NOTICES		2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-05	ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS		PERMANENT.	Retention Note: Includes ordinances, orders, or resolutions that have been repealed, revoked, or amended.
GR1000-06	PETITIONS	Petitions from the public to the governing body or subsidiary boards or commissions of a local government.	Final action on the petition + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) Does not include petitions noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules or any petition presented to a commissioners court that state law requires a county clerk to record. See Local Schedule CC (Records of County Clerks).
				b) "Final action" includes a decision to take no further action on a petition.
GR1000-07	PROCLAMATIONS		2 years.	
*GR1000-08	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS— ELECTED OFFICIALS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by elected officials.	End of term in office or termination of service in that position.	<b>Retention Notes</b> : a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of other local government staff see GR1000-51.
				b) Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-09	PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS	Public comment forms, citizen comment forms, registration cards, or other similar documents filled out by members of the public wishing to speak at an open meeting.	2 years.	Retention Note: If all information from the public comment form is documented in written minutes of the meeting, the public comment form need only be retained for the retention period listed in GR1000-03b.

# **SECTION 1-2: GENERAL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-20	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to persons on local government property or in any other situation in which a local government could be party to a lawsuit.		<b>Retention Note:</b> For reports of work-related injuries and illnesses to employees see GR1050-32.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-20a	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to adults.	3 years from date of report if no claim is filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of the claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
GR1000-20b	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to minors.	Date minor reaches majority age + 3 years, if no claim filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
*GR1000-21	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Affidavits of Publication, including any accompanying clipping proofs or tear sheets.		
*GR1000-21a	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Publication of municipal ordinances.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the permanent retention period that affidavits of publication and associated documentation for ordinances that are codified or re-codified may be disposed of after the effective date of the new code.
*GR1000-21b	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Election notices.		By law – Election Code, Sections 4.005(d) and 66.058(a).
		1) In an election involving a federal office.	Election day + 22 months.	
		2) In an election <b>not</b> involving a federal office.	Election day + 6 months.	
GR1000-21c	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	All other published legal notices.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-22	ANNEXATION, DISANNEXATION, ABOLITION, AND OTHER JURISDICTIONAL RECORDS	Records relating to the annexation or disannexation of territory to or from a local government, to its abolition, or to other actions which affect its territorial jurisdiction or service area, including reports, correspondence, records of public hearings, agreements, and similar records.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: A contract or agreement relating to territorial jurisdiction or the delivery of services between two or more governments (e.g., between a city and a county for fire services in an unincorporated area) must be kept for the retention period in item number GR1000-25.
*GR1000-23	CHARTERS	Charters, Articles of Incorporation, Orders of Incorporation, Orders of Change, or other similar documents used to establish or modify the administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-24	COMPLAINTS	Complaints received from the public by a governing body or any officer or employee of a local government relating to government employees, policies, etc.	Resolution or dismissal of complaint + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The 2-year retention period applies only to complaints of a general nature that do not fall into a different category of complaint noted in this or other commission schedules. For example, complaints from the public about potential fire hazards are scheduled in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) and have a longer retention period.
*GR1000-25	CONTRACTS, LEASES, AND AGREEMENTS	Contracts, leases, and agreements, including reports, correspondence, performance	4 years after the expiration or	b) For complaints received from local government employees see GR1050-20.  Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit
		bonds, certificates of liability, and similar records relating to their negotiation, administration, renewal, or termination, except construction contracts (see item number GR1075-16).	termination of the instrument according to its terms.	<b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES			Retention Note: The minimum retention period for correspondence or internal memoranda in categories (a) and (b) directly linked to another record series or group listed in this or other commission schedules is that assigned to the other group or series. For example, a letter from an external auditor regarding an audit of a local government's financial records should be retained for the retention period given under item number GR1025-01(e); a letter concerning a workers compensation claim should be retained for the period given under item number GR1050-32, etc. The retention periods that follow are for correspondence and internal memoranda that do not readily fall within other record groups.
GR1000-26a	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Administrative – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the formulation, planning, implementation, modification, or redefinition of the programs, services, or projects of a local government and the administrative regulations, policies, and procedures that govern them. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	4 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some correspondence of this type may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-26b	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	General – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the regular operation of the policies, programs, services, or projects of a local government. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	2 years.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution before disposal of these records to ensure the records should not be classified under administrative correspondence (GR100-26a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26c	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Routine - Correspondence and internal memoranda such as letters of transmittal, requests for publications, internal meeting notices, and similar routine matters. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	AV.	
*GR1000-27	DEEDS	Deeds, title opinions, abstracts and certificates of title, title insurance, documentation concerning alteration or transfer of title, and similar records evidencing public ownership of real property.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-28	EASEMENTS	Documentation relating to easements and rights-of-way for public works or other local government purposes, including releases.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-29	INSURANCE POLICIES	Liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other policies for local government property and personnel including supporting documentation relevant to the implementation, modification, renewal, or replacement of policies.	4 years after expiration or termination of the policy according to its terms and all rights granted under it.	
GR1000-30	LEGAL OPINIONS	Formal legal opinions rendered by counsel or the Attorney General for a local government, including any written requests for opinions, concerning the governance and administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: For retention of opinions rendered for a Public Information Act Request see GR1000-34.  For retention of informal legal opinions and other correspondence provided by counsel see GR1000-26a.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-31	LITIGATION CASE FILES		AV after decision of a local government not to file a lawsuit or decision that a lawsuit will not be filed against it; dismissal of a lawsuit for want of prosecution or on motion of the plaintiff; or final decision of a court (or of a court on appeal, if applicable) in a lawsuit.	Retention Notes: a) Includes all cases to which a local government is a party unless the case file is of a type noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.  b) Review before disposal; some case files may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-32	MINUTES (STAFF)	Minutes of internal staff meetings.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For minutes of governing bodies of local governments see GR1000-03.
GR1000-33	PUBLIC RELATIONS RECORDS	News, press releases, or any public relations files maintained or issued by an agency. Includes print, electronic, audio, and audiovisual records.	2 years.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1000-34	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Includes all correspondence and documentation relating to requests for records under the Public Information Act (Chapter 552, Government Code).		
*GR1000-34a	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Non-exempted records and withdrawn requests.	Date request for records fulfilled or withdrawn + 1 year.	
*GR1000-34b	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Exempted records.	Date of notification that records requested are exempt from disclosure + 2 years.	
*GR1000-35	ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS		US.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-36	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Records documenting the application for and the issuance of permits and licenses (including certificates of liability and other required documentation) by a local government for sales, solicitation, facility usage, and similar activities. <b>Does not include</b> permits and licenses issued for the construction of or alterations to real property, for those relating to health and sanitation, or for those issued by police or fire departments listed in other commission schedules.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
GR1000-37	PHOTOGRAPHS, IMAGES, RECORDINGS, AND OTHER NON-TEXTUAL MEDIA	Photographs, photographic scrapbooks, slides, sound recordings, videotapes, posters, and other non-textual media that document the history and activities of a local government or any of its departments, programs, or projects <b>except</b> such records noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.	AV.	Retention Note: Review before disposal, some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Local governments should consult with local historical or genealogical societies to assist with the appraisal. Be certain that photographs and other non-textual media do not fall within other records series. For example, mug shots and photographs of fire damage are listed in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) under police and fire department records respectively.
GR1000-38	POLICY AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION	Executive orders, directives, manuals, and similar documents that establish and define the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing the operations or activities of a local government as a whole or any of its departments, programs, services, or projects.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-39	PUBLICATIONS	Pamphlets, reports, studies, proposals, and similar material printed by or for a local government or any of its departments, subdivisions, or programs and distributed to or intended for distribution to the public on request and departmental or program newsletters designed for internal distribution.	One copy of each PERMANENT.	Retention Note: The following categories of printed material, whether distributed publicly or internally, are exempted from the retention period and may be disposed of at option; (a) educational matter provided by charitable or public awareness organizations (e.g., United Way, American Heart Association); and (b) public service leaflets or flyers whose contents are of a general nature and not specific to the government distributing them, beyond the inclusion of an address, telephone number, office hours, and similar information (e.g., a flyer detailing water conservation tips sent to customers of a municipal water utility; a pamphlet explaining the appraisal review board process sent to taxpayers by an appraisal district).
GR1000-40	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS			
GR1000-40a	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records control schedules (including all successive versions of and amendments to schedules).	US.	Retention Note: Original is retained by the State and Local Records Management Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
*GR1000-40b	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the disposition of records under records control schedules, including requests submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for authorization to destroy unscheduled records or the originals of permanent records that have been microfilmed.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-40c	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Lists or inventories of the active and inactive records created or received by a local government.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-40d	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Plans and similar documents establishing the policies and procedures under which a records management program operates.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
*GR1000-40e	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records transmittal forms or similar records documenting transfer of records to or from a records storage facility.	Date of disposition or return of records from storage, whichever sooner, +2 years.	
GR1000-41	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-41a	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared reports, performance audits, or planning studies submitted to the governing body or chief administrative officer of a local government or by the local government to a state agency, as may be required by law or regulation, on the non-fiscal performance of a department, program, or project or for planning purposes, including those prepared by consultants under contract with a local government, except documents of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
		(1) Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
		(2) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the governing body or considered by the governing body (as reflected in its minutes) or ordered or requested by a state agency or a court.	PERMANENT.	
		(3) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the chief administrative officer.	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(4) Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	3 years.	
		(5) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (1) and (2) above.	3 years.	
		(6) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (3) and (4) above.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-41b	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Activity reports compiled on a daily or other periodic basis pertaining to workload measures, time studies, number of public contacts, etc., <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.	1 year.	
*GR1000-42	WAIVERS OF LIABILITY	Waivers of liability, including statements signed by volunteers acknowledging nonentitlement to benefits, agreeing to abide by local government policies, etc.	3 years from date of cessation of activity for which the waiver was signed.	Retention Note: If an accident occurs to any person covered by a signed waiver of liability, it must be retained for the same period as accident reports. See item number GR1000-20 in this schedule.
GR1000-43	CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRES	Conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires submitted by local government officers or vendors and other persons for filing with a local government in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	Date of filing + 3 years.	
GR1000-44	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, LISTS OF	Lists of local government officers prepared and made available to the public by the local government officer with whom conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires are filed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	US + 1 year.	
GR1000-45	CALENDARS, APPOINTMENT AND ITINERARY RECORDS	Calendars, appointment books or programs, and scheduling or itinerary records, purchased with local government funds or maintained by staff during business hours that document appointments, itineraries and other activities of agency officials or employees.	CE + 1 year.	Retention Note: A record of this type purchased with personal funds, but used by a public official or employee to document his or her work activities may be a local government record and subject to this retention period. See Open Records Decision 635 issued in December 1995 by the Texas Attorney General.
GR1000-46	INSURANCE CLAIMS	Claims related to liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other insurance policies.	Settlement or denial of claim + 3 years.	
GR1000-47	CUSTOMER SURVEYS	Surveys returned by the customers or clients of a local government, and the statistical data maintained rating a government's performance.	Issuance of report on results of the survey + 3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-50	TRANSITORY INFORMATION	Records of temporary usefulness that are not an integral part of a records series of a local government, that are not regularly filed within a local government's recordkeeping system, and that are required only for a limited period of time for the completion of an action by an official or employee of the local government or in the preparation of an ongoing records series.  Transitory records are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of government functions. Some examples of transitory information, which can be in any medium (voice mail, fax, email, hard copy, etc.) are drafts and working papers; routine messages; telephone message notifications; internal meeting notices; routing slips; incoming letters or memoranda of transmittal that add nothing of substance to enclosures; and similar routine information used for communication, but not for the documentation, of a specific government transaction.	AV.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution in assigning this record series to records of a local government to make certain they are not part of another records series listed in this schedule or, for records series unique to an agency, are not part of a records series that documents the fulfillment of the statutory obligations of the agency or the documentation of its functions.  The disposal of transitory information need not be documented through destruction authorizations or in records disposition logs, but local governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records.
*GR1000-51	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations, or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by staff of a local government.	End of event, US, or discontinued + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of elected officials see GR1000-08.  b) For materials developed for in-house
*GR1000-52	SUBPOENAS	Subpoenas for production of evidence produced for litigation in which the local government <b>is not</b> a party.	AV after fulfilled.	received for litigation in which the local government is a party see GR1000-31.
				b) For subpoenas requesting personally identifiable information of students see SD3225-02 (for school districts) or JC3775-02 (for junior colleges).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-53	RELEASE OF RECORDS DOCUMENTS	Records that document the release of records or information through any method other than a Public Information Act request or subpoena (including employment verification).	Date records produced + 1 year.	Retention Notes: a) For records released under the Public Information Act see GR1000-34.  b) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government is <b>not</b> a
				c) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government <b>is</b> a party, see GR1000-31.
*GR1000-54	COMMITTEE RECORDS	Records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Records may include, but are not limited to, member lists, officer election records, agendas, meeting minutes, and related documentation and correspondence.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act see Section 1-1 of this schedule.  b) Review before disposal; some records
				may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-55	LOBBYIST REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION	Forms, reports, or other similar documents submitted to local governments documenting lobbying activities as required by local regulations.	Date of filing + 3 years.	

## **PART 2: FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** a) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - Most local governments are required by state law to conduct annual or biennial audits of their records and accounts. These audit requirements were taken into account in setting the retention periods in this schedule. The following retention rules also apply:

1) In any local government for which there is no statutory audit requirement and audits are conducted irregularly or in a local government in which a statutorily required audit is delayed, any record in this schedule whose retention period dates from the end of a fiscal year (FE) must be retained for the retention period stated or one year after audit, whichever later.

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2) With regard to any special fund of a local government or elective county office for which there is no statutory audit requirement and the fund is not audited, any records listed under item numbers GR1025-26, GR1025-27, GR1025-28, and GR1025-30 associated with receipts and disbursements from or to the fund must be retained for FE + 10 years.

- b) GRANT OR LOAN RECORDS Subsections (1)-(3) apply to any local government, except school districts, receiving federal, state, or private grants; subsection (4) applies to school districts only. If a grant or loan requires a longer retention period than those stated in this schedule, the associated records must be retained for the full retention period required by the terms of the grant or loan.
  - 1) Direct Federal Grants This subsection applies to grants received by a local government directly from a federal grantor agency.
    - i) Federal grantor agencies require that grant-related records be retained for audit purposes for 3 years from the filing of required expenditure reports.
    - ii) In addition to item number GR1025-08(a)-(b), financial and programmatic records of grant-funded projects, including copies or documentation of relevant accounting, banking, purchasing, and payroll records, and other documents and working papers associated with the financial and programmatic administration of the grant funds or used to prepare reports or forms required by federal law or regulation must be retained for the following periods:
      - (A) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are not part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report.
      - B) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are a part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report for the final reporting period of the grant cycle.
      - C) For grants continued or renewed quarterly 3 years from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the federal fiscal year.
      - D) For grants for which the requirement of a final expenditure report has been waived 3 years from the date the report would have been due.
      - E) For all other grants 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report.
    - iii) The retention periods for the following types of records are exceptions to the periods noted above:
      - A) Records of non-expendable property or equipment acquired with grant funds 3 years from the date of transfer, replacement, sale, or junking of the item.

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- B) Cost allocation plans and indirect cost records 3 years from date of submission or, for plans prepared and retained by the grantee, from the close of the fiscal year covered by the plan.
- C) Income records 3 years from the end of the fiscal year in which the income is used.
- iv) If any litigation or audit commences before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation or audit findings are resolved or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.
- v) If records are transferred to the grantor agency at its request, copies of the records need not be retained.
- 2) Indirect Federal Grants This subsection applies to federal grants received as subgrants from state agencies or other local governments (e.g., regional councils of government).

The expenditure reports are submitted to the federal agency by the state or local subgrantor agency after all subgrantees have submitted reports to the subgrantor. Consequently, records under item number GR1025-08(a)-(b) and records described in section (b) (1) must be retained by local government subgrantees for FE + 5 years. Local governments should consult with the state or local subgrantor agency to determine if there are additional or special requirements associated with a particular grant.

The local government must retain copies of reports or records submitted to the subgrantor agency for the periods indicated.

- 3) State and Private Grants This schedule extends the 3-year federal retention requirement described in section (b)(1) to state (excluding federal subgrants) and private grant records unless the state or private grantor agency has established different retention requirements, in which case those requirements shall prevail. It is an exception to the extension of federal grant requirements to state and private grants that for state or private grants renewed quarterly as described in section (b) (1) (ii) (B), the 3-year retention requirement runs from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the state fiscal year for state grants and from the last quarter of the local government's fiscal year for private grants.
- 4) Grant Records and School Districts (including Educational Service Centers) See Local Schedule SD (Records of Public School Districts). Because of the difficulty of effectively separating financial data that evidence the expenditure of federal funds from those that document the expenditure of local or state-allocated funds, a 5-year retention period has been adopted for most financial records of school districts. The use of the term "school district" in this schedule includes educational service centers, charter schools, county departments of education, and educational cooperatives.

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# **SECTION 2-1: FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-01	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Records of fiscal audits conducted by internal or external auditors.		<b>Caution:</b> See note (a) at the beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
*GR1025-01a	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of any department, fund, account, or activity of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01b	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if included in a cumulative audit under (a).	2 years.	
*GR1025-01c	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if not included in a cumulative audit under (a).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01d	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Special audits ordered by a governing body, a court or grand jury, or mandated by administrative rules of a state or federal agency.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01e	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Working papers, summaries, and similar records created for the purposes of conducting an audit.	3 years after all questions arising from the audit have been resolved.	
GR1025-02	BANK SECURITY RECORDS	Records documenting the pledging of bonds or securities by banks serving as depositories for public funds including depository contracts, security pledges and statements, surety bonds, and similar records.	4 years after termination, expiration, or release of contractual obligations.	
GR1025-03	BOND RECORDS			Retention Note: For investment transaction records of bonds see item number GR1025-09b.
GR1025-03a	BOND RECORDS	Bond administrative records consisting of preliminary studies, proposals and prospectuses, authorizations and certifications for issuance or cancellation, and related policy correspondence.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-03b	BOND RECORDS	Bond certificates and redeemed coupons.	1 year after payment.	By law - Government Code, Section 1302.003 for counties (see statute for procedural instructions for destruction) and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
GR1025-03c	BOND RECORDS	Bond registers.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-03d	BOND RECORDS	Records relating to the exchange, conversion, or replacement of bonds by bondholders.	1 year if information is contained in a bond register; <b>PERMANENT</b> if information is not contained in a bond register.	
GR1025-04	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION			
GR1025-04a	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Annual budgets (including amendments).	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-04b	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Special budgets (includes budgets for capital improvement projects, grant-funded projects, or other projects prepared on a special or emergency basis and not included in an annual budget).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-04c	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Working papers created exclusively for the preparation of budgets, including budget requests, justification statements, and similar documents.	3 years.	
GR1025-04d	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Encumbrance and expenditure reports (status reports showing expenditures and encumbrances against a budget).	2 years.	
GR1025-04e	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Budget change documentation, including line item or contingency/reserve fund transfers and supplemental budget requests.	2 years.	
GR1025-05	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Documentation relating to the capital and fixed assets of a local government.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-05a	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property history cards or similar records containing data on initial cost, including disposal authorizations when disposed of.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; property history cards documenting the original construction and additions to or renovations of structures may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-05b	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property cost and depreciation schedules or summaries used for capital outlay budgeting or other financial or budget control purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-05c	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property inventories (including sequential number property logs).	US + 3 years.	
GR1025-05d	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Property sale, auction, or disposal records of government-owned equipment or property.	1 year.	By law - Local Government Code, Section 263.155(b) for counties and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: Property sale or auction records do not include records arising from the sale or auction of property foreclosed or seized by a taxing unit for failure to pay property taxes or for the sale or auction of property seized by law enforcement officers. For such records use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation) or Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) respectively.
*GR1025-06	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING RECORDS	Records concerning the use of federal revenue sharing funds by a local government, including revenue and expenditure summaries; status, budget, and audit reports; and other reports or documentation required by federal law or regulation.	AV.	Obsolete record.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-07	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared financial reports or statements on the accounts, funds, or projects of a local government created either for internal use or for submission to state agencies as may be required by law or regulation, <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
GR1025-07a	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1025-07b	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07c	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Long range fiscal planning reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07d	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Capital improvement reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-08	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS			Retention Note: If grant is for construction of a local government owned facility or part of the infrastructure, follow retention for GR1075-16.
GR1025-08a	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Successful grant applications and proposals and any documentation that modifies the terms of a grant.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08b	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Financial, performance, and compliance reports submitted to grantor or subgrantor agencies.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08c	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Reports, planning memoranda, studies, correspondence, and similar records created for and used in the development of successful grant proposals.	3 years.	
GR1025-08d	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Any records of the type noted in (a) or (b) relating to unsuccessful grant proposals.	AV.	
GR1025-09	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-09a	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation relating to the investment of public funds (e.g., certificates of deposit) that evidences the investment of funds, the performance or return of investments, the cancellation or withdrawal of investments, and similar activity.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-09b	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation related to the calculation of arbitrage rebate amounts, if any, on proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt bonds.	Retirement of the last obligation of the bond issue + 6 years.	
GR1025-10	CHARGE SCHEDULES/ PRICE LISTS	Schedules of prices charged by a local government for services to the public or other governments, including any documentation used to determine the charges.	US + 3 years.	

### **SECTION 2-2: ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION - For accounting and banking records relating to motor vehicle licensing not noted in this part, use Part 3 of Local Schedule TX.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-25	ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENTATION	Policy and procedure directives and similar records documenting accounting methodology.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
GR1025-26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS			
*GR1025-26a	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Claims, invoices, statements, copies of checks and purchase orders, expenditure authorizations, and similar records that serve to document disbursements, including those documenting claims for and reimbursement to employees for travel and other employment-related expenses.	FE of date of final payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of final payment + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Accounts payable and disbursement records for bond-funded projects must be maintained according to the retention period listed in GR1025-26d.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-26b	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records sufficient to document the purchase costs of capital equipment or other fixed assets.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-26c	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Reports accompanying the transmittal of funds to federal, state, or other local government agencies (e.g., sales tax to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts); to retirement systems, or to other entities if the funds are collected, in whole or in part, on behalf of other agencies or individuals (e.g., retirement deductions of employees).	FE of period covered by report + 3 years.	Retention Note: For reports accompanying the transmittal of federal and state payroll and unemployment taxes see item number GR1050-53(b).
GR1025-26d	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records for bond-funded projects.	FE of date of last bond payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of last bond payment + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS		J	Retention Note: For accounts receivable records associated with the collection of property taxes, all local governments, including school districts, should use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation).
*GR1025-27a	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Bill copies or stubs, statements, billing registers, account cards, deposit warrants, cash receipts, credit card receipts, receipt books, cash transfers, daily cash reports, cash drawer reconciliations, and similar records (such as returned checks and associated fees) that serve to document money owed to or received by a local government and its collection or receipt.	FE of date of receipt + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of receipt + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27b	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Accounts receivable records documenting the receipt of any monies by any local government that are remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts (e.g., court costs in criminal cases, sales tax).	Remittance due date + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-27c	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records documenting payments to a local government in which the government holds a property lien until the debt is satisfied (e.g., liens arising from demolition, lot cleaning), including original liens and lien releases.	FE of date of final payment and release of lien + 3 years.	
GR1025-27d	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records relating to the receipt of cash deposits as sureties for the delivery of services (e.g., water and wastewater).	FE of termination of service or refund of deposit + 3 years.	
*GR1025-27e	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Records of accounts deemed uncollectable, including write-off authorizations.	FE of write-off date + 5 years for school districts; FE of write-off date + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-28	BANKING RECORDS	Bank statements, credit card statements, canceled checks, check registers, deposit slips, debit and credit notices, reconciliations, notices of interest earned, monetary transport records (including armored car pickup logs) etc.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-29	COST ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION RECORDS	Records created to document the allocation of costs among accounts and funds of a local government, including records relating to chargebacks and other interdepartmental or interfund accounting transactions.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If any of the records in this group are used as ledger and journal entry documentation, they must be retained for FE + 5 years (see item number GR1025-30) by all local governments.
GR1025-30	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION			Retention Note: Be certain to verify before the disposal of any ledger or journal under this item number that the ledger or journal does not serve to document financial activities that require a longer retention period (e.g. investment documentation of proceeds of tax exempt bonds under item number GR1025-09).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-30a	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	General ledger showing receipts and expenditures from all accounts and funds of a local government.		
		(1) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) exists.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(2) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) does not exist.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-30b	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Subsidiary ledgers.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30c	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Receipt, disbursement, general, or subsidiary journals.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some journals may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30d	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Journal vouchers and entries or similar posting control forms (including supporting documentation such as correspondence and auditor adjustments that evidence journal entries and amendments).	FE + 5 years.	Retention Note: If bill stubs (see item number GR1025-27a) are used as entry documentation for account journals, they must be retained by all local governments for FE + 5 years rather than the FE + 3 year retention period for accounts receivable records.
GR1025-30e	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Perpetual care fund registers of government-owned cemeteries.	PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 713.005(a).
GR1025-31	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Periodic summaries or reports of accounting transactions or activity by department, budget code, program, account, fund, or type of activity, including trial balances, <b>unless</b> the summary is of a type noted elsewhere in this part.		
GR1025-31a	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Daily.	30 days.	
GR1025-31b	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Weekly.	90 days.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-31c	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semiannual.	2 years.	
GR1025-31d	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Annual.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If an annual trial balance is not maintained, then the least frequent sub-yearly trial balance must be retained for FE + 5 years by school districts and FE + 3 years by all other local governments.
GR1025-32	UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION	Any form of record sufficient to verify information on unclaimed property previously reported to the State Treasurer showing the name and last known address of the apparent owner of reportable unclaimed property, a brief description of the property, and the balance of each unclaimed account, if appropriate.	Date on which property is reportable + 10 years.	By law - Property Code, Section 74.103(b).

#### PART 3: PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL RECORDS

Retention Notes: a) FEDERAL RETENTION REQUIREMENTS - Federal retention periods for personnel and payroll records arise principally from the administration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII; the Age Discrimination and Employment Act of 1967; the Equal Pay Act; the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Federal Insurance Contribution Act; and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Various federal agencies or departments of agencies administer these acts and, because retention periods are set to enable each agency to carry out its particular oversight authority, different retention periods are often established for the same record. In compiling Schedule GR, the longest applicable federal retention period is cited as authority for the retention period indicated. A federal regulation is not cited if a state law or regulation requires a longer retention period. A federal retention period is also not cited if a Texas statute of limitations makes a longer retention period advisable. For example, the federal retention requirement for employment contracts [see item number GR1050-15(a)] is given as 3 years from the last effective date of the contract in 26 CFR 516.5, but suits in Texas may be brought by either party to such a contract within four years of the occurrence of an alleged breach; therefore a retention period of 4 years from the last effective date of the contract is set in this schedule. All retention periods in this part apply, by authority of this schedule, to all local governments, although some of them may be otherwise exempt from the federal requirement cited. This provision does not require the creation by exempted local governments of any special documentation demonstrating compliance with federal regulations that may be required of non-exempted governments.

**b) PERSONNEL FILES** - The individual employee personnel file is not scheduled as a unit in this section; documents normally placed in such files are scheduled separately.

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c) **TERMINATED EMPLOYEES** - Notwithstanding any retention periods in this part, all personnel records existing on the date of termination of an involuntarily terminated employee must be retained for 2 years from the date of termination [29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49].

- d) JTPA AND CETA EMPLOYEES Any records maintained on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Comprehensive Employees' Training Act (CETA) funds or affirmative action apprenticeship program funds administered by the U. S. Department of Labor must be retained for 5 years from the date of enrollment in the program [29 CFR 30.8(e)]. This 5-year retention period is extended by authority of this schedule to comparable records on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds.
- e) **DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE** For the purposes of this part, the term "employee" also includes elected or appointed officials of a local government who are paid wages or a salary from any funds of the local government and anyone voluntarily working or not receiving payment or compensation for working.
- f) PERSONNEL RECORDS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES The Local Government Code, Section 157.904, provides that sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more shall maintain "a permanent personnel file on each department employee." The precise contents of a personnel file are not specified, but three groups of records are expressly mentioned. Consequently, any record in item numbers GR1050-03, GR1050-07, and GR1050-21, all of which are records of a type mentioned in the statute, must be retained permanently. The sheriffs and their legal counsel should determine what other records may be includable in a permanent personnel file in sheriffs' departments subject to the law.

#### **SECTION 3-1: PERSONNEL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-01	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS			
GR1050-01a	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Reports, analyses, and statistical data compiled from source documentation used to develop, implement, and monitor affirmative action plans.	5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-01b	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Affirmative action plans.	US + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-02	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records relating to aptitude or skills tests required of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer, including civil service examinations.		
GR1050-02a	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Validation studies.	Life of test + 2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-02b	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Tests.	US + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
				<b>Retention Note:</b> One copy of each different test (different in terms of either questions or administration procedures) should be retained for the period indicated.
*GR1050-02c	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Test papers or results of persons taking tests.	Date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever later, + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-02d	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records, <b>other</b> than those noted (a)-(c), relating to the planning and administration of tests.	3 years.	
*GR1050-03	AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS	Individual award, honor, or commendation bestowed on an employee.	Date of separation + 5 years.	<b>Retention Notes:</b> a) For administrative records of awarding committees, see item number GR1050-09.
				b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for awards bestowed on certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-04	CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES	Certificates, licenses, or permits required of employees to qualify for or remain eligible to hold a position requiring certification or licensing.	US or separation of employee + 5 years.	Retention Note: If the submission of copies of certificates, licenses, or permits is required of all applicants for a position, those of applicants not hired must be retained for 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
GR1050-05	CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVITS		5 years after leaving position for which the affidavit was filed.	
GR1050-06	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-06a	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Reports of interviews, analyses, and similar records relating to the counseling of an employee for work-related, personal, or substance abuse problems, including any warnings associated with the counseling. Usually maintained at the supervisory level or by human resources departments.	3 years after termination of counseling.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For records retained by professional therapists; refer to Local Schedule HR for patient records.
GR1050-06b	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Records relating to the planning, coordination, implementation, direction, and evaluation of an employee counseling program.	3 years.	
*GR1050-07	DISCIPLINARY AND ADVERSE ACTION RECORDS	Records created by civil service boards or by personnel or supervisory officers in considering, or reconsidering on appeal, an adverse action (e.g., demotion, probation, termination, suspension, leave without pay) against an employee, including, as applicable, witness and employee statements, interview reports, exhibits, reports of findings, and decisions and judgments.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for disciplinary records of certain Sheriff's office employees.
		(1) All employees of sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 157.904.
		(2) Police and fire department personnel in municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more that have established civil service boards under Local Government Code, Chapter 143.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 143.011(c).
		(3) All other local government employees.	2 years after case closed or action taken, as applicable.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-08	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS			For records of pension and deferred compensation deductions from payroll see GR1050-52(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-08a	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Employee benefit plans such as pension; life, health, and disability insurance; seniority and merit systems; and deferred compensation plans, including amendments.	Termination of plan + 1 year.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1627.3(b)(2).  Retention Note: If the plan or system is not in writing, a memorandum fully outlining the terms of the plan or system and the manner in which it has been communicated to affected employees, together with notations relating to any revisions, must be retained for the same period as written plans.
*GR1050-08b EMPLOYEE PENSION AI BENEFITS RECORDS	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Enrollment forms providing personal identifying data, beneficiary information, option selection, acknowledgement forms, and similar information.		
		(1) If the official record is maintained by the retirement system of which the local government is a member or by the service provider.	AV.	
		(2) If the official record is maintained by the local government.		
		(A) Pension and deferred compensation.	Date of separation + 75 years.	
		(B) Life, health, accidental death, and disability insurance.	Termination of coverage + 4 years.	
		(C) Any benefit other than those noted in (A) or (B).	US or separation + 2 years, as applicable.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Documents that serve as payroll deduction authorizations must be maintained for the retention period prescribed for item number GR1050-50.
GR1050-08c	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Annual reports from a pension system or fund.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-09	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECORDS	Award committee reports, selection criteria, nominations, and similar administrative records of employee award or incentive programs.	2 years.	Retention Note: For records of an award/commendation given to an individual employee, see item number GR1050-03.
GR1050-10	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS			
GR1050-10a	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records created to control and monitor the issuance of keys, identification cards, passes, or similar instruments of identification and access.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
GR1050-10b	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records relating to the issuance of parking permits.	US.	
GR1050-11	EMPLOYEE SELECTION RECORDS	Notes of interviews with candidates; audio and videotapes of job interviews; applicant rosters; eligibility lists; test ranking sheets; justification statements for violating eligibility or ranking sequence; and previous injury checks; offers of employment letters; and similar records documenting the filling of a vacant position.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: See GR1050-36 for background and criminal history checks.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
	RECORD TITLE  EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECORDS	Summary employment history record for each employee maintained on one or more forms, containing the following minimum information: name; sex; date of birth; social security number; positions held with dates of hire, promotion, transfer, or demotion; dates of leaves of absence or suspension that affect computation of length of service; wage or salary rate for each position held, including step or merit increases within grades; most recent public access option form; and date of separation.	Retention Period  Date of separation + 75 years.	For other information on employees that must also be retained either as part of this record or in another form, see item numbers GR1050-52(b) and GR1050-54(a).  Retention Notes: a) This schedule does not require the creation of an employee service record of the type described, but the creation of the record is strongly recommended to allow frequent disposal of documents from which information has been summarized. If an employee service record is not maintained, documents (e.g., employment applications, personnel action forms) containing the prescribed information must be retained date of separation + 75 years. More than one document providing the same element of required information need not be retained.  b) The Teacher Service Record (Texas Education Agency Form FIN-115 or its equivalent), containing information required by statute or regulation, shall be considered an employee service record of the type described and must be retained date of separation + 75 years.
				service record may be indicated by grade and step numbers if all corresponding wage rate tables (see item number GR1050-59) applicable to a person's employment history are retained date of separation + 75 years.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-13	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	Advertisements or postings relating to job openings, promotions, training programs, or overtime opportunities, including jobs orders submitted to employment agencies.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS			
GR1050-14a	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Applications, transcripts, letters of reference, and similar documents whose submission by candidates for vacant positions (both hired and not hired) or for promotion, transfer, or training opportunity (both selected and not selected) is required on the application form, by application procedures, or in the employment advertisement.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14b	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Samples of publications, artwork, or other products of prior achievement not returned to applicants.	AV.	
GR1050-14c	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Transcripts of persons <b>hired</b> if state or federal law or regulation mandates a level of education needed to qualify for employment (e.g., school district professional and paraprofessional personnel). See also item number GR1050-28(a).	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If applicant screening or hiring decisions are based on resumés, with only successful or interviewed candidates completing employment applications, then resumés of persons not hired must be kept for the same period as employment applications. If resumés are supplemental to employment application forms, they need only be retained as long as administratively valuable.
GR1050-15	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS			
GR1050-15a	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Contracts and agreements, including collective bargaining agreements, between a local government and an employee or a group of employees, including written acceptances of such contracts.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-15b	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Records relating to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements or similar group contracts, including reports; correspondence; mediation or arbitration agreements; the proceedings, findings, and awards of arbitration boards; and similar records.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years or, if no agreement or contract results, 4 years.	
GR1050-16	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS			
GR1050-16a	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Reports, analyses, or statistical data compiled from source documentation used to complete EEO reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.30, 1602.39, and 1602.48.
GR1050-16b	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	EEO-1, EEO-4, EEO-5, and EEO-6 reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.32, 1602.41, and 1602.50.
GR1050-16c	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Case files relating to discrimination complaints, including complaints, legal and investigative documents, exhibits, related correspondence, withdrawal notices, and decisions or judgments.	Resolution of case + 3 years.	
GR1050-17	EQUAL PAY RECORDS	Reports, studies, aggregated or summarized data, and similar documentation compiled to monitor and demonstrate compliance with the Equal Pay Act.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1620.32(c).
GR1050-18	FIDELITY BONDS		Effective life of bond + 5 years.	Retention Note: Does not include the Official Bond Record maintained by county clerks, which must be retained PERMANENTLY.
GR1050-19	FINGERPRINT CARDS		Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If fingerprint cards are created for all applicants for a position, those of persons not hired must be retained 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
*GR1050-20	GRIEVANCE RECORDS	Records relating to the review of employee grievances against personnel policies, working conditions, etc.	Final decision on the grievance + 2 years.	Retention Note: Do not confuse these records with those involving EEO complaints [see item number GR1050-16(c)].

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-21	JOB EVALUATIONS	Job evaluations, performance appraisals, or other similar documents used to evaluate the performance of employees.	US + 2 years or date of separation + 2 years, whichever sooner.	By regulation – 29 CFR 1620.32(c).  Retention Notes: a) Refer to SD3575-05 pertaining to evaluations on school teachers.  b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for evaluations of certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-22	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS			Sheriir 3 office employees.
*GR1050-22a	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health, physical or psychological examination reports or certificates of all job applicants if physical or psychological condition is a factor in hiring decisions, including the promotion, transfer, or selection for training of current personnel.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-22b	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health or physical examination reports or certificates of employees for whom periodic monitoring of health or fitness is required.		
		(1) For employees exposed in the course of their work to toxic substances, harmful physical agents, or bloodborne pathogens.	Date of separation + 30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(i)-(iii).
		(2) For all other employees.	US + 2 years.	
GR1050-22c	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Environmental, biological, and material safety monitoring reports concerning toxic substances and harmful physical agents in the workplace, including analyses derived from such reports.	30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii). See Local Schedule PW 5450-01 for Asbestos Management Records.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-22d	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Records of controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.		By regulation – 49 CFR 382.403.
		(1) Records of driver alcohol test results indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater; records of driver verified positive controlled substances test results; documentation of refusals to take required alcohol and/or controlled substances tests; driver evaluation and referrals; calibration documentation; records related to the administration of the alcohol and controlled substances testing programs; copy of each annual calendar year summary required by 49 CFR 382.403.	5 years.	
		(2) Records related to the alcohol and controlled substances collection process.	2 years.	
		(3) Records of negative and canceled controlled substances test results and alcohol test results with a concentration of less than 0.02.	1 year.	
*GR1050-23	OATHS OF OFFICE	Any oaths or affirmations required of local government employees or officers. Includes the Statement of Elected Officer (Secretary of State Form 2201).	US + 5 years or 5 years after leaving position for which oath required, whichever is applicable.	
*GR1050-24	PERSONNEL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by personnel officers to create or change information in the personnel records of individual employees concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, leaves of absence, name changes, and similar personnel actions except those noted elsewhere in this part.	2 years from the date of creation or the personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-25	PERSONNEL STUDIES AND SURVEYS	Studies, statistical reports, surveys, cost analyses and projections, and similar records, <b>except</b> those noted elsewhere in this part, on any aspect of the personnel management or administration of a local government.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some documents may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1050-26	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS			
GR1050-26a	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Job descriptions, including any associated task or skill statements. Also includes documentation concerning the development and analysis of job descriptions and classification systems, including survey, review and audit reports; classification standards and guidelines; selection criteria; determination of classification appeals; etc.	US or position abolished + 4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-26b	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Position staffing and vacancy reports.	US.	
GR1050-26c	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Personnel requisitions.	2 years.	
*GR1050-27	REDUCTION IN FORCE PLANS	Reduction in force plans and any related documentation.	US, or if implemented, 2 years from date of last reduction in force action under the plan.	
GR1050-28	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS			For other records relating to aptitude or skills tests <b>required</b> of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer see item number GR1050-02.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-28a	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Certificates of completion, transcripts, test scores, or similar records documenting the training, testing, or continuing education achievements of an employee if such training or testing is required for the position held or if the educational or skill attainment or enhancement affects or could affect career advancement in the local government or, in the case of licensed or certified personnel (e.g., school professionals, firefighters, police officers, health care professionals), in other governments or the private sector.	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If information concerning training or testing (e.g., test scores) is transferred to an Employee Service Record (item number GR1050-12), the document from which the information is taken need be retained for only 2 years.
GR1050-28b	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the planning, development, implementation, administration and evaluation of in-house training programs.	2 years.	
GR1050-28c	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Training manuals, syllabuses, course outlines, and similar training aids used in in-house training programs.	US, expired, or discontinued + 2 years.	
GR1050-28d	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Skill or achievement measurement records of a training group or class as a whole (e.g., rosters with scores).	2 years.	Retention Note: If the only information documenting the in-house training of an employee of the types described in (a) is contained in the measurement records of a group or class as a whole, the group records must be retained for the date of separation + 5 years for all employees included in the group records.
GR1050-29	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS RECORDS	Unemployment claims, pertinent correspondence, and similar records documenting unemployment compensation cases.	After closed + 5 years.	J .

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-30	VERIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY ( Form I-9)		3 years from hire or 1 year after separation, whichever later.	By regulation - 8 CFR 274a.2(b)(2)(i)(A) and (c)(2)
				Retention Note: If a former employee is rehired and a Form I-9 is still on file for the employee, the 3-year retention period dates from date of first hire.
GR1050-31	WORK SCHEDULES	Work, duty, shift, crew, case schedules, rosters, or assignments <b>except</b> work schedules includable in item number GR1050-56.	1 year.	
*GR1050-32	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of accidents to or job-related illnesses of employees.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to GR1050-22b(1) for any medical or exposure records created or collected.
*GR1050-32a	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Initial and supplemental incident forms, reports, or logs.	CE + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1904.33.  Retention Note: If a claim is filed as a result of the accident or illness any forms or reports related to the incident must be retained under GR1050-32b.
*GR1050-32b	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of workers compensation claims filed by employees, including any reports or investigations used to determine eligibility.		
		(1) If the local government is self-insured.	CE of closure of claim + 50 years.	
		(2) If the local government is not self-insured.	CE + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-33	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS	Financial disclosure statements of officers and/or employees of a local government required by Local Government Code Section 145.007(c) or 159.007(c).	Date of separation + 2 years.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 145.007(c); 159.007(c).  Retention Notes: a) For campaign contribution and expenditure statements see item number EL3125-01 in Local Schedule EL (Records of Elections and Voter Registration).  b) See item number EL3125-04 for financial disclosure statements of local
				government candidates.
GR1050-34	PUBLIC ACCESS OPTION FORMS	Form completed and signed by employee or official, or former employee or official, electing to keep home address, home telephone number, social security number, and family information open or confidential under the Public Information Act, Government Code 552.024.	US.	Retention Note: The last public access option form completed by an employee prior to termination of employment must be retained as part of the Employee Service Record (see record number GR1050-12 in this schedule).
GR1050-35	EMPLOYEE EXIT INTERVIEWS	Records of interviews and other supporting documentation conducted at time of employee termination.	Date of separation + 2 years.	
GR1050-36	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	Used for condition of or in conjunction with employment application.	End of employee's probationary period or after immediate purpose has been fulfilled, as applicable.	By law - Government Code, Chapter 411 Subchapter F for certain education institutions and fire departments, and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: A local government that is authorized to obtain criminal history recorded information from the Texas Department of Public Safety must refer to Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code for appropriate retention and use of this information.
*GR1050-37	EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS	Employee acknowledgement forms or other documentation that show proof of receipt and awareness of local government policies and procedures.	US or date of separation +2 years, as applicable.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-08b for acknowledgement forms of pension and deferred compensation policies and procedures.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1050-38	UNSOLICITED RÉSUMÉS	Unsolicited résumés received by local governments not used in the employment selection process.	AV.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-14 for résumés, whether solicited or unsolicited, that are used in any way in the employment selection process.
GR1050-39	VOLUNTEER SERVICE FILES	Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform.	US or date of separation + 3 years.	
*GR1050-40	APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION (ETA Form 9089)	Includes applications and supporting documentation, including employment applications, summaries of recruitment efforts, job postings, newspaper advertisements, job orders with the Texas Workforce Commission, and correspondence with the U.S. Department of Labor and attorneys.	Date of filing of application + 5 years.	
*GR1050-41	OUTSIDE/SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS	Personnel forms requesting permission to perform at a job outside of the local government.	Date of separation or until superseded + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR1050-42	LICENSE AND DRIVING RECORD CHECKS		US or date of separation.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See item number SD3500-03c for driving record checks of school bus drivers.
*GR1050-43	LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS	Reports providing statistical information on labor force.	3 years.	
*GR1050-44	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DOCUMENTATION	Self evaluations and plans documenting compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	3 years.	By regulation - 28 CFR 35.105(c).

### **SECTION 3-2: PAYROLL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** OTHER ACCOUNTING RECORDS - This section supplements Section 2-2 and schedules financial and accounting records found in most local governments specific to the disbursement of payroll. If a payroll-related record is not scheduled in this section, use Section 2-2 for the comparable record; e.g., payroll fund reconciliations should be retained for FE + 5 years under the retention for Banking Records (see item number GR1025-28).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-50	DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS	Documentation used to start, modify, or stop all voluntary or required deductions from payroll, including orders of garnishment or other court-ordered attachments.	4 years after separation or 4 years after amendment, expiration, or termination of authorization, whichever sooner.	
GR1050-51	DIRECT DEPOSIT APPLICATIONS/ AUTHORIZATIONS		US or date of separation, as applicable.	
GR1050-52	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS			
GR1050-52a	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	A record containing the following payroll information on each employee: name, last known address and social security number, amount of wages paid to the employee for each payroll period, including all deductions, and date of payment.	Retention of any one of the following records for 5 years by school districts or 4 years by other local governments will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record that shows earnings and deductions for	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3) and 40 TAC 815.106(i).
			each pay period.  2) Master payroll register which shows earnings and deductions for each pay period.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	<b>EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION</b>	A record containing the following minimum	The retention of any	
	RECORDS	pension and deferred compensation	one of the following for	
		information on each employee: name, date	date of separation + 75	
		of birth, social security number, and	years will satisfy the	
		amount of pension and deferred compensation deductions.	retention requirement:	
		•	1) Individual employee	
			earnings card or record	
			as in (a)(1).	
			2) Employee Service	
			Record (see item	
			number GR1050-12) <b>if</b>	
			it contains the	
			prescribed pension and	
			deferred compensation	
			deduction data.	
			3) Master payroll	
			register, or the final	
			year-to-date register of	
			each calendar year, <b>if</b>	
			the register shows <b>all</b>	
			persons employed	
			during the year from	
			whose wages, pension, and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION		4) Pension and	
(continued)	RECORDS		deferred compensation	
			deduction register, or	
			the final year-to-date	
			pension deduction	
			register of each	
			calendar year, if the	
			register lists <b>all</b> persons	
			employed during the	
			year from whose wages	
			pension and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	
			5) Copies of annual or	
			other periodic	
			statements furnished	
			to each employee	
			detailing the	
			deductions and	
			contributions to a	
			pension or deferred	
			compensation plan	
			during the past year or	
			period.	
GR1050-52c	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION	Master payroll register, including year-to-	FE + 5 years for school	
	RECORDS	date registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either	districts; FE + 3 years	
		of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).	for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52d	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Subsidiary payroll registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).		
		(1) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register <b>is not</b> contained in the master payroll register.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
		(2) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register is contained in the master payroll register.	AV.	
GR1050-52e	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Copies of annual or other periodic statements furnished to each employee detailing the deductions and contributions to a pension or deferred compensation plan during the past year or period, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy the retention requirement set in (b).	2 years.	
GR1050-52f	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Payroll adjustment records, including transaction registers, authorizations, and similar records authorizing and detailing adjustments to payroll records because of overpayment, underpayment, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1050-53	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	. , . , . ,		
GR1050-53a	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms used to determine withholding from wages and salaries for payroll tax purposes (W-4 Forms).	4 years after separation or 4 years after form amended, whichever sooner.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for any state forms.
GR1050-53b	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms and reports used to report the collection, distribution, deposit, and transmittal of payroll or unemployment taxes (W-2, 1099).	4 years after tax due date or date tax paid, whichever later.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for state forms.
GR1050-54	LEAVE RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54a	LEAVE RECORDS	A record containing a record of the unused accumulated sick leave of each employee if (1) all or a percentage of accumulated sick leave is used to calculate length of service and/or (2) accumulated sick leave is creditable to an employee if rehired.	The retention of any one of the following for date of separation + 75 years will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record as described in item number GR1050-52a if it also contains accumulated sick leave data.	
			2) Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) if it contains the accumulated sick leave data prescribed.	
			3) Copy of the final time summary or leave status report, as noted in (d), of each separated employee.	
GR1050-54b	LEAVE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for vacation, compensatory, sick, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and other types of authorized leave, and supporting documentation.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	By regulation – 29 CFR 825.500.
GR1050-54c	LEAVE RECORDS	Leave or hours-to-date registers.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54d	LEAVE RECORDS	Copies of periodic time summary or leave status reports furnished to each employee containing information on vacation, sick, compensatory, or other leave earned and used, including the final report of separated employees if they are not used to satisfy the retention requirement set in (a).	2 years.	
GR1050-55	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by payroll officers to create or change information in the payroll records of individual employees <b>except</b> deduction authorizations (see item number GR1050-50) and federal tax forms [see item number GR1050-53(a)].		
*GR1050-55a	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, name changes, etc.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-55b	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning adjustments to payroll and leave status.	FE + 3 years.	Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-56	TIME AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Time cards or sheets, including work schedules and documentation evidencing adherence to or deviation from normal hours for those employees working on fixed schedules.	4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-57	TIME CHANGE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for overtime, time trading, and other actions that affect normal work time <b>except</b> leave requests [see item number GR1050-54(c)].	2 years.	
GR1050-58	REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES, REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS TO ENGAGE IN	Requests and authorizations for travel; participation in educational programs, workshops, or college classes; or for other bona fide work-related activities in which the expenses of an employee are defrayed or reimbursed.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-59	WAGE AND SALARY RATE			
	TABLES			
GR1050-59a	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is expressed in dollars.	2 years after last effective date.	By regulation - 29 CFR 516.6(a)(2).
GR1050-59b	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is indicated by grade or step number only.	Date of separation + 75 years.	

### **PART 4: SUPPORT SERVICES RECORDS**

### **SECTION 4-1: PURCHASING RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** RELATIONSHIP WITH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RECORDS - In a local government in which purchasing and accounts payable records (see item number GR1025-26) are maintained by the same individual or department, duplicate copies of a record need not be created and/or retained to satisfy the retention requirements of this section if the record is used in documenting both the ordering and procurement of and payment for goods and services. In such instances, retention requirements for accounts payable records prevail over those noted in this section.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION			
GR1075-01a	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Successful bids and requests for proposals, including invitations to bid, bid bonds and affidavits, bid sheets, and similar supporting documentation.	FE of award + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If a formal written contract is the result of a successful bid or request for proposal, the successful bid or request for proposal and its supporting documentation must be retained for the same period as the contract. See item number GR1000-25.
GR1075-01b	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Unsuccessful bids.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01c	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for informal bid estimates, quotes, or responses from providers for the procurement of goods or services for which state law or local policy does not require the formal letting of bids.	1 year.	
GR1075-01d	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for information (RFI) preliminary to the procurement of goods or services by direct purchase or bid.	AV after date of direct purchase, issuance of request for bids, or decision not to proceed with the procurement, as applicable.	
*GR1075-02	PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY RECORDS	Inventories of parts and supplies.	1 year.	
GR1075-03	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS			
GR1075-03a	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchase orders, requisitions, and receiving reports.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-03b	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchasing log, register, or similar record providing a chronological record of purchase orders issued, orders received, and similar data on procurement status.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-03c	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Packing slips and order acknowledgments.	AV.	
GR1075-03d	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Vendor and commodity lists.	US.	
GR1075-04	W-9 FORM - REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) AND CERTIFICATION	W-9 IRS Form used to request a taxpayer identification number (TIN) for reporting information to IRS. This includes W-9 forms received by local governments from vendors.	Date account is opened or date instrument purchased + 3 years.	By regulation - 26 CFR 31.3406(h)-3(g).

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# SECTION 4-2: FACILITY, VEHICLE, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT RECORDS

Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number GR1075-15	ACCIDENT AND DAMAGE REPORTS (PROPERTY)	Reports of accidents or damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment <b>if</b> no personal injury is involved.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For accident reports involving personal injury see item numbers GR1000-20 and GR1050-32.
GR1075-16	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS			
*GR1075-16a	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records concerning the planning, design, construction, conversion, or modernization of local government-owned facilities, structures, infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines), and systems, including feasibility, screening, and implementation studies; topographical and soil surveys and reports; architectural and engineering drawings, elevations, profiles, blueprints, and as-builts; inspection and investigative reports; laboratory test reports; environmental impact statements; construction contracts and bonds; correspondence; and similar documentation except as described in (b), (c) or (d).	LA + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.  b) If a structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred to another person or entity, the local government must retain the original records relating to its construction to fulfill retention requirements. Copies of the records may be given to the person or entity to which the structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred.  c) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16b	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records of the types described in GR1075-16a relating to the construction of prefabricated storage sheds, bus shelters, parking lot kiosks, non-structural recreational facilities such as baseball diamonds and tennis courts, and similar structures and facilities.	Completion of the project + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Records relating to construction of some of the described structures will have historical value if they are closely associated with a major structure as described in GR1075-16a. For example, records relating to the construction of gazebos, fountains, walls, or statuary located on the grounds of a county courthouse are part of the landscape of the courthouse and its grounds and should be retained PERMANENTLY.  b) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.  c) If the construction of a structure described in GR1075-16b includes infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines, etc.), records
************			_	of the infrastructure must be maintained  Life of Asset + 10 years.
*GR1075-16c	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records relating to construction projects described in GR1075-16a and GR1075-16b, that are transitory or of ephemeral relevance, and are not required for maintaining, modifying, and repurposing the building or structure. Records may include, but are not limited to, records of architectural and engineering draft design plans and specifications that precede the signed and sealed versions, , delivery tickets for expendable products, daily work reports, etc.	5 years.	Retention Note: Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16d	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Line Locate Requests, Call Before You Dig records, or other similar records documenting requests for information regarding locations of the underground cable or utility lines.	Completion of project requiring the locate request + 2 years.	<b>Retention note:</b> If damage to utility lines becomes subject to litigation, the locate records must be retained in accordance with GR1000-31 (Litigation Case Files).
GR1075-17	LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY REPORTS		FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-18	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Records documenting the maintenance, repair, and inspection of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		Retention Note: This record group schedules records of maintenance and repair to general-purpose vehicles, office equipment, and office facilities. For retention requirements for the maintenance and repair of specialized vehicles (e.g., police cars, fire trucks, school buses), equipment (e.g., airport runway beacons, traffic lights), or facilities (e.g., wastewater treatment plants) see other commission schedules.
GR1075-18a	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Vehicles and equipment.		
		(1) Routine inspection records.	1 year.	
		(2) Maintenance and repair records.	Life of asset.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a vehicle is salvaged as the result of an accident, the maintenance and repair records for the vehicle must be retained for date of salvage + 1 year.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-18b	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Facilities.		
		(1) Routine cleaning, janitorial, and inspection work.	1 year.	
		(2) All other facility maintenance, repair and inspection records (including those relating to plumbing, electrical, fire suppression, and other infrastructural systems).	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Records of the types described relating to government-owned structures or places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained <b>PERMANENTLY</b> .
*GR1075-19	SERVICE REQUESTS/WORK ORDERS	Requests or work order for repairs or maintenance to facilities, vehicles, or equipment.	2 years.	Retention Note: If work orders serve as the only form of record documenting repairs to vehicles or equipment [see item number GR1075-18(a)] they must be retained for the life of the vehicle or equipment.
GR1075-20	USAGE REPORTS	Reports of usage of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		
*GR1075-20a	USAGE REPORTS	Any type of usage report (e.g., mileage, fuel consumption, copies run) <b>if</b> such reports are the basis for allocating costs, for determining payment under rental or lease agreements, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1075-20b	USAGE REPORTS	Reservation logs or similar records relating to the use of facilities such as meeting rooms, auditoriums, etc. by the public or other governmental agencies.	2 years.	
*GR1075-20c	USAGE REPORTS	Usage reports compiled for purposes other than those noted in (a) or (b).	1 year.	
GR1075-21	VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Assignment logs, authorizations, and similar records relating to the assignment and use of government-owned vehicles or equipment by employees.	After return or reassignment + 2 years.	
GR1075-22	VISITOR CONTROL REGISTERS	Logs, registers, or similar records documenting visitors to limited access or restricted areas.	3 years.	Retention Note: If the visitor control register is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-23	VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES	Warranties for vehicles and equipment.	Expiration of warranty + 1 year.	
GR1075-24	VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATIONS	Vehicle titles and registrations of government- owned vehicles.	LA.	
GR1075-25	SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS	Video surveillance for, but not limited to, security of property and persons.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If the surveillance video is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.
*GR1075-26	EQUIPMENT MANUALS	Equipment manuals, owner's manuals, instructional manuals, or other similar documentation for government owned equipment, <b>except</b> for equipment manuals noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	LA.	

### **SECTION 4-3: COMMUNICATIONS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-40	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS			
GR1075-40a	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Meter and permit usage records.	1 year.	
GR1075-40b	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Registered, certified, insured, and special delivery mail receipts and similar records of transmittal by express or delivery companies.	1 year.	
GR1075-41	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	Registers or logs of telephone calls and fax transmissions made and similar activity reports.		
GR1075-41a	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for cost allocation purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-41b	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for internal control purposes other than cost allocation.	1 year.	

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1075-41c	[WITHDRAWN –SEE GR1075- 43]			
*GR1075-42	E-RATE RECORDS	E-Rate is the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund that provides discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunications and Internet access. E-Rate is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).		
		All records related to the application for, receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services.	FE + 10 years.	By regulation - 47 CFR 54.516.
*GR1075-43	DIRECTORY INFORMATION	Mailing addresses, telephone or fax numbers, or email addresses, or other contact information maintained by a local government on its employees or persons it serves.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

# **SECTION 4-4: WORKPLACE SAFETY RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-01	BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees with exposure to bloodborne pathogens showing the dates of training sessions, contents or summaries of the sessions, names and job titles of those who received training, and names and qualifications of instructors.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-02	FACILITY CHEMICAL LISTS	Copies of tier two forms containing information of hazardous chemicals present in local government facilities submitted to the fire chief of the fire department having jurisdiction over the facilities and to the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 506.006.	30 years.	
GR5750-03	HAZARD COMMUNICATION PLANS	Plans describing how criteria of the Hazard Communications Act (Chapter 502, Health and Safety Code) with regard to the education and training of employees will be met.	US + 5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-04	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees in a hazard communications program showing the date of each training session, subjects covered during the session, rosters of employees who attended, and the names of instructors.	5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-05	MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS)	Material safety data sheets (MSDS) supplied to local government employers by manufacturers or distributors of hazardous chemicals.	AV after receipt of updated sheet or the hazardous chemical is no longer present in the local government, as applicable.	
GR5750-06	WORKPLACE CHEMICAL LISTS	Lists of hazardous chemicals, including superseded lists, compiled and maintained by local governments in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005.	30 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d).  Retention Note: State law (Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d)) provides that if a local government is dissolved (e.g., a municipality through disincorporation), it shall send the workplace chemical lists in its possession to the director of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
*GR5750-07	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	Disaster preparedness, continuity of	US.	
	AND RECOVERY PLANS	operations, business continuity, or other		
		plans used to prepare for or respond to		
		emergencies or disasters.		

### PART 5: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** (a) This part establishes retention periods for records essential to the creation, maintenance, and use of electronic records (information recorded in a form for computer processing including data, graphics, digital images, multi-media records, etc.) and records related to computer operations/technical support not covered elsewhere in this schedule. Records in this part may be maintained on whatever medium is appropriate including electronic (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, CD-ROM, etc.), paper, and microform.

- (b) Other types of records may be maintained electronically that are listed elsewhere in this schedule, such as administrative, fiscal, personnel, and support services records, or in other specialized schedules adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, such as Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies), Local Schedule HR (Records of Public Health Agencies), etc. The retention period for those electronic records will be as specified under the appropriate records series item number according to the function of the information. For example, if an electronic system were used to maintain encumbrance and expenditure reports, the retention period for these electronic records would be 2 years as specified in item number 1025-04(d). Retention requirements apply to records maintained on all types of electronic systems including mainframe, minicomputer, microcomputer, local-area-network based systems, etc.
- (c) Administrative rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (13 TAC 7.71-7.79) require that retention procedures for electronic records with an approved retention of 10 years or more must include provisions for scheduling the disposition of the electronic records as well as related software, documentation, and indexes; and for regular recopying, reformatting, and other necessary maintenance or conversion activities to ensure the retention and stability of electronic records until the expiration of their retention periods.
- (d) If automated information is copied to paper or microform to create the official record, the electronic files do not have to be maintained for the full retention period of the record. The added value of electronic files for facilitating retrieval, making queries, providing for automated audit trails, etc., should be carefully reviewed prior to destruction of the electronic files even though there is an official record in another medium.

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# **SECTION 5-1: RECORDS OF AUTOMATED APPLICATIONS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5800-01	AUDIT TRAIL RECORDS	Files needed for electronic data audits such as files or reports showing transactions accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed; history files/tapes; records of on-line updates to application files or security logs.	Until audit requirements met.	
GR5800-02	FINDING AIDS, INDEXES, AND TRACKING SYSTEMS	Automated indexes, lists, registers, and other finding aids used to provide access to the hard copy and electronic records.	Until the related hard copy or electronic records have been destroyed.	
GR5800-03	HARDWARE DOCUMENTATION	Records documenting operational and maintenance requirements of computer hardware such as operating manuals, hardware/operating system requirements, hardware configurations, and equipment control systems.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the hardware to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc., any hardware documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-04	INFORMATION SYSTEM/DATABASE RECORDS	Relatively long-lived computer files, including databases, containing organized and consistent sets of complete and accurate electronic records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Notes: a) The need to retain "snapshots" of some continuing information systems or databases should be carefully evaluated. For example, if a Geographic Information System has only current mapping information, historical versions of zoning changes would need to be maintained for long-term legal and historical value.  b) Records managers should ensure that snapshots which support records on this or other commission schedules are retained for the full retention period of the records they support.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-05	PROCESSING RECORDS	Electronic files used to produce or modify an information system or database, including, but not limited to, work files, maintenance and test files, print files, and intermediate input/output records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Routine or benchmark files used to test system performance and files which facilitate processing of a particular job or system run, but which do not add to, delete from, or substantially modify information in an information system or database need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
*GR5800-06	SOFTWARE PROGRAMS	Automated software applications and operating system files including job control language, etc.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new software environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the software to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc. any software program required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-08	TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION	Records adequate to specify all technical characteristics necessary for reading or processing of electronic records and their timely, authorized disposition. Includes documentation describing how a system operates and which is necessary for using the system such as user guides, system or sub-system definitions, system specifications, input and output specifications, and system flow charts; program descriptions and documentation such as program flowcharts, program maintenance logs, change notices, and other records that document modifications to computer programs; and data documentation necessary to access, retrieve, manipulate and interpret data in an automated system such as a data element dictionary, file layout, code book or table, and other records that explain the meaning, purpose, structure, logical relationships, and origin of the data elements.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware or software environment with new documentation, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the documentation to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, open records action, etc. any technical documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-09	AUTOMATED PROGRAM LISTING / SOURCE CODE	Automated program code and builds which generate the machine-language instructions used to operate software programs.	Until superseded or software program no longer used, whichever sooner.	

#### SECTION 5-2: COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT RECORDS

**Retention Note:** Not all of the following types of records will be created with all electronic systems. A local government should determine which records are needed according to the type of computer operation in use (mainframe, individual personal computers, networked personal computers, etc.). The records in this section may be maintained electronically (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, etc.) or on another medium such as paper or microform provided the approved retention period is met.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5825-01	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS			
*GR5825-01a	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records created for security purposes to control or monitor individual access to a system and its data, including but not limited to user account records, security login information, and password files.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR5825-01b	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records used to control and monitor the security of a system and its data, including vulnerability scans, intrusion tests, malicious code detection tests, threat and risk assessments, technical security reviews, patch management logs, intrusion detection logs, firewall logs, and related records. Records documenting incidents and investigations involving unauthorized attempted entry, probes and/or attacks on information systems or networks.	AV.	
GR5825-02	BATCH DATA ENTRY CONTROL RECORDS	Forms and logs used to reconcile batches submitted for processing against batches received and processed.	AV after reconciliation confirmed.	
GR5825-03	CHARGEBACK RECORDS TO DATA PROCESSING SERVICES USERS	Records used to document, calculate costs, and bill program units for computer usage and data processing services. These records are also used for cost recovery, budgeting, or administrative purposes.	FE + 5 for school districts; FE + 3 years for other local governments.	
GR5825-04	COMPUTER JOB SCHEDULES AND REPORTS	Schedules or similar records showing computer jobs to be run and other reports by computer operators or programmers of work performed.	90 days.	
GR5825-06	DATA PROCESSING PLANNING RECORDS	Reports, studies, analyses, projections, and similar records concerning the creation, development, or modification of data processing systems and services.	5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR5825-07	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR5750- 07]			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-08	ELECTRONIC MEDIA LIBRARY SYSTEM RECORDS	Records used to control the location, maintenance, and disposition of media in an electronic media library <b>except</b> for records destruction documentation that is maintained permanently (see item number GR1000-40).	Until related records or media are destroyed or withdrawn from the library.	
*GR5825-09	DATA ENTRY DOCUMENTS	Records or forms designed and used solely for data input and control <b>except</b> for data entry documents noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	Until all data has been entered into the system and, if required, verified.	
GR5825-10	NETWORK CIRCUITS INVENTORIES	Records containing information on network circuits used by the government including circuit number, vendor, type of connection, terminal series, software, contact person, and other relevant information about the circuit.	US.	
GR5825-11	NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION RECORDS	Records used to implement a computer network including reports, diagrams of network, and wiring schematics.	US.	
*GR5825-12	OPERATING SYSTEM AND HARDWARE CONVERSION PLANS	Records relating to the replacement of equipment or computer operating systems not included elsewhere in this schedule.	2 years after completion of conversion.	
GR5825-13	OUTPUT RECORDS FOR COMPUTER PRODUCTION	Reports showing transactions that were accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed.	AV.	
*GR5825-14	QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORDS	Information verifying the quality of system, hardware, or software operations including records of errors or failures and the loss of data resulting from such failures, documentation of abnormal termination and of error free processing, checks of changes put into production, transaction histories, and other records needed as an audit trail to evaluate data accuracy.	Until no longer needed as an audit trail.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-15	PROJECT RECORDS	Records created and used in the development, redesign, or modification of automated systems or applications.		Retention Note: Does not include purchasing records for computer software or hardware such as individual personal computers, which are covered in Part 4 of this schedule.
GR5825-15a	PROJECT RECORDS	Project management records, design documentation, feasibility studies, justifications, user requirements, etc.	3 years after completion of project.	
GR5825-15b	PROJECT RECORDS	Routine status reports, memos, and correspondence.	AV.	
*GR5825-16	SYSTEM ACTIVITY MONITORING RECORDS	Records or logs that monitor and report levels and patterns of individual and organizational usage of system hardware, software application, and internet resources, including but not limited to log in files, system usage files, application usage files, data entry logs, print spool logs, and records of individual computer usage. May also include levels of storage and network/bandwidth traffic and other documentation related to activities for monitoring and ensuring optimal efficiency of system resource use.	AV.	
*GR5825-17	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1050- 28]			
GR5825-18	INTERNET COOKIES	Data resident on hard drives that make use of user-specific information transmitted by the Web server onto the user's computer so that the information might be available for later access by itself or other servers.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet cookies need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d)).
GR5825-19	HISTORY FILES – WEB SITES	A record of the documents visited during an Internet session that allows users to access previously visited pages more quickly or to generate a record of a user's progress.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet history files need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d).

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Record	Record Title	<b>Record Description</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR5825-20	SOFTWARE REGISTRATIONS,		LA + 3 years.	
	WARRANTIES, AND LICENSE			
	AGREEMENTS			

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# Appendix A



Municipal Court

Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(8) *Effective March 25, 2019* 



# TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

# LOCAL SCHEDULE LC

(Revised Second Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are usually found in justice and/or municipal courts. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records listed in this schedule may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission.

The retention period for a record applies to the record regardless of the medium in which it is maintained. Some records listed in this schedule are maintained electronically in many offices, but electronically stored data used to create in any manner a record or the functional equivalent of a record as described in this schedule must be retained, along with the hardware and software necessary to access the data, for the retention period assigned to the record, unless backup copies of the data generated from electronic storage are retained in paper or on microfilm for the retention period. This includes electronic mail (e-mail), websites and electronic publications.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated prior to the destruction of the record until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it or until the expiration of the retention period of the record, whichever is later.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

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# Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk (\*) in this third edition of Local Schedule LC indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed for the record, or substantive amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

# ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable FE - Fiscal year end US - Until Superseded

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# **RECORDS OF JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS**

**Retention Note:** HISTORIC COURT RECORDS RETENTION REQUIREMENTS - Notwithstanding the retention periods set down in this schedule, the following records must be retained **PERMANENTLY**:

- 1) all case papers dated 1950 or earlier and trial dockets containing entries dated 1950 or earlier;
- 2) case papers and trial dockets from any period if the minutes of the case have been lost or destroyed; and
- 3) case papers in a case from any period that, because of its notoriety or significance, might possess enduring value.

# PART 1: CIVIL AND CRIMINAL RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
LC2350-01	APPEAL OR TRANSFER RECORD	Record or register of cases appealed from a court and/or records of case transfers as a result of an examining trial.	AV.	
LC2350-02	BAIL BOND RECORDS	Ledgers or books recording the setting or taking by the court of bail or recognizance bonds.	3 years.	
*LC2350-03	documentation maintained by a court arising from the actions of its judge as a magistrate)			
*LC2350-03a	CIVIL CASE PAPERS	Administrative hearing case papers.	1 year after judgment rendered or proceedings terminated.	
*LC2350-03b	CIVIL CASE PAPERS	Civil case papers (including small claims and scire facias) in cases that were adjudicated which result in a monetary award.	12 years after case closed or issuance of last abstract of judgment or execution.	By law – Texas Property Code, Section 52.006 and Civil Practice and Remedies Code, sections 31.006 and 34.001.  Retention Note: Civil cases with a judgment in favor of the state or to a state agency must be retained until the judgment is satisfied.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
*LC2350-03c	CIVIL CASE PAPERS	Civil case papers from cases or actions that did not involve a monetary reward (e.g. forcible detainer)	4 years.	
*LC2350-03d	CIVIL CASE PAPERS	Civil case papers of cases dismissed for want of prosecution, on motion of the plaintiff, or for other reasons within the power of the court.	4 years from date the case was originally filed or upon dismissal, whichever later.	
*LC2350-04	CRIMINAL CASE PAPERS (including documentation maintained by a court arising from the actions of its judge as a magistrate)			
*LC2350-04a	CRIMINAL CASE PAPERS	Criminal case papers (including traffic offenses and violations of municipal ordinances).	5 years from date of final disposition of the case.	
*LC2350-04b	CRIMINAL CASE PAPERS	Papers in cases dismissed for want of prosecution or for other reasons within power of the court.	2 years from date of dismissal.	
*LC2350-04c	CRIMINAL CASE PAPERS	Un-served arrest warrants for criminal offenses within jurisdiction of the court.	4 years after issuance.	Retention Note: Prior to the purging and disposal of any un-served arrest warrants under this item number, the warrants must be dismissed by the judge in a manner permitted by law. If a judge dismisses unserved warrants at any time prior to 4 years after issuance, they still must be retained until the expiration of the retention period.
*LC2350-04d	CRIMINAL CASE PAPERS	Examining trial case papers.	AV.	Retention Note: If copies of statutory warnings are maintained only as carbons in bound volumes, the volumes must be retained for 5 years after last entry.
*LC2350-05	PARKING AND PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION TICKETS	Parking or pedestrian violation tickets that have been cleared by payment, dismissal, or other action.	6 months.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the 6-month retention period that if the tickets are used as vouchers for direct posting to receipt journals or ledgers, the tickets must be retained for FE + 3 years.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
*LC2350-06	DOCKET'S AND DOCKET SHEET'S			Retention Notes: a) The retention periods in this record group also apply to docket sheets or the record equivalent in purpose to a docket in those courts that do not maintain dockets in bound volumes.  b) If any docket listed under (a)-(g) contains records of inquests, it must be retained PERMANENTLY.
*LC2350-06a	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Civil docket (including small claims and scire facias).	PERMANENT.	By rule of court - Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26.
*LC2350-06b	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Criminal docket (including traffic offenses and violations of municipal ordinances).	5 years.	
*LC2350-06c	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Civil and criminal docket (recording cases of both types in one volume).	PERMANENT.	By rule of court - Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26.
*LC2350-06d	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Administrative hearing docket.	PERMANENT.	By rule of court - Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26.
*LC2350-06e	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Execution docket.	PERMANENT.	By rule of court - Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26.
*LC2350-06f	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Examining trial dockets.	5 years.	
*LC2350-06g	DOCKETS AND DOCKET SHEETS	Call dockets or docket sheets or any other working copy or preliminary version of a docket or docket sheet for the use of clerks, bailiffs, or judges before entry of the information into any of the dockets noted under (a)-(f).	AV after entry of information into court docket.	
*LC2350-07	FEE BOOKS	Books or ledgers detailing fees or costs accrued in cases heard by the court and status of payment or waiver of costs or fees, if maintained separately from dockets.	FE + 5 years.	
*LC2350-08	JURY RECORDS			
LC2350-08a	JURY RECORDS	Jury venire lists.	1 year.	
*LC2350-08b	JURY RECORDS	Juror information and reply forms.	1 year.	
*LC2350-08c	JURY RECORDS	Returned, undeliverable jury summonses.	1 year.	
*LC2350-09	PROCESS LOGS/ PROCESS REGISTERS	Stub books, carbon books, logs, or registers listing warrants, subpoenas, summonses, or citations issued by or under the authority of the court.	5 years.	
*LC2350-10	REPORTS TO STATE AGENCIES			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
*LC2350-10a	REPORTS TO STATE AGENCIES	Statistical reports to the Texas Judicial Council.	3 years.	
*LC2350-10b	REPORTS TO STATE AGENCIES	Reports of motor carrier weight convictions (State Comptroller Form 40-132 or equivalent).	AV.	
*LC2350-10c	REPORTS TO STATE AGENCIES	Traffic conviction abstracts and reports of death arising from traffic accidents submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety.	AV.	
*LC2350-11	WITNESS RECORD	Register of witnesses subpoenaed, attached, or recognized in criminal cases, if maintained separately from the criminal dockets.	5 years.	

# **PART 2: INQUEST RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
LC2375-01	FIRE INQUEST RECORDS			
*LC2375-01a	FIRE INQUEST RECORDS	Case papers.	AV.	Retention Note: Case papers must be retained PERMANENTLY if not documented in a docket or record book.
LC2375-01b	FIRE INQUEST RECORDS	Docket or record.	PERMANENT.	
LC2375-02	INQUEST RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
LC2375-02a	INQUEST RECORDS	Case papers.  (1) Arising from inquests or inquest hearings initiated August 31, 1987 or earlier.	Destroy at option if the records exist in the District Clerk's Office.	By law - Code of Criminal Procedure, art. 49.15(b).
		(2) Arising from inquests or inquest hearings initiated September 1, 1987 and after.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: Prior to September 1, 1987 case papers arising from an inquest were forwarded by the justice to the district clerk. Since that date case papers are retained and become a part of the inquest docket or record and only an inquest summary report is forwarded. The only case papers retained by a justice of the peace or other magistrate before September 1, 1987 are likely to be copies of materials forwarded. Creation and retention of copies was not required by law.
LC2375-02b	INQUEST RECORDS	Docket or record.	PERMANENT.	By law - Code of Criminal Procedure, art. 49.15(b).
*LC2375-02c	INQUEST RECORDS	Reports of injuries to the Texas Department of State Health Services.	AV.	
*LC2375-03	UNIDENTIFIED BODY INFORMATION	All information pertaining to any unidentified body and the location of burial.  (1) If an autopsy is performed and an inquest record exists.	10 years.	By law - Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 49.
		(2) If an autopsy is not performed and no inquest record exists.	PERMANENT.	

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#### **PART 3: VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS**

**Retention Notes**: a) Since 1927, each justice of the peace precinct serves as a primary registration district for the registry of births and deaths, unless, by agreement, the county clerk assumes primary registration duties. The records in this section arise from the duties of justice of the peace as a local registrar.

- b) This section applies to and is binding upon city clerks or secretaries who serve as local registrars of vital statistics.
- \*c) The permanent retention period established in this schedule and by law for item numbers LC2400-01, LC2400-02, and LC2400-04 is not required for those local registrars who choose to follow the option permitted by Section 191.026(e), provided they do so in accordance with procedures developed by the Vital Statistics Unit of the Texas Department of State Health Services to implement the section.

Health and Safety Code, Section 191.026(e):

- (e) The local registrar may, after the first anniversary of the date of registration of a birth, death, or fetal death, destroy the permanent record of the birth, death, or fetal death maintained by the local registrar if:
  - (1) the local registrar has access to electronic records of births, death and fetal deaths maintained by the vital statistics unit; and
  - (2) before destroying the records, the local registrar certifies to the state registrar that each record maintained by the local office that is to be destroyed has been verified against the records contained in the bureau's database and that each record is included in the database or otherwise accounted for.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
LC2400-01	BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD (combination of the Birth Record and Death Record)		PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 191.026.
LC2400-02	BIRTH RECORD (REGISTER OF BIRTHS)	Recorded or bound duplicate copies of birth certificates, delayed birth certificates, or amended birth certificates.	PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 191.026.
*LC2400-03	BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT RECORDS	Stubs, copies, or lists of burial transit permits issued.	3 years.	
LC2400-04	DEATH RECORD (REGISTER OF DEATHS)	Recorded or bound duplicate copies of death certificates, fetal death certificates, or amended death certificates.	PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 191.026.
LC2400-05	DISINTERMENT RECORD			
LC2400-05a	DISINTERMENT RECORD	Copies of disinterment permits.	PERMANENT.	
*LC2400-05b	DISINTERMENT RECORD	Applications for permits.	Destroy at option.	Obsolete record.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
LC2400-06	NOTIFICATIONS OF DEATH OF PERSONS UNDER 55	Abstracts, transcripts, or copies of death certificates from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of persons under age 55 (or under 18 prior to May 1987), whose birth certificates are recorded in an office of a local registrar.	Until notation made in Birth Record.	
LC2400-07	REPORTS OF DEATH	Reports of death filed by funeral directors or persons acting as such.	Until receipt of death certificate.	
*LC2400-08	RECORD OF ISSUANCE OF CERTIFIED COPIES OR ABSTRACTS OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS	Record of the issuance of certified copies or abstracts of birth and death records showing date issued, document number, name and address of person to whom issued, and form of identification presented by applicant.	3 years from the date issued.	By regulation - 25 TAC 181.28(e).  Retention Note: The administrative rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services setting the 3 year minimum retention period states that the application form, with the document number inserted, may serve to document the issuance of the copies or abstracts. For those clerks who document the issuance of the copies or abstracts by other means, the applications need be retained only AV after the required information from the application is entered in the alternative record of issuance.

# **PART 4: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

Retention Note: For financial, personnel, or administrative records of a justice or municipal court not listed in this section see Local Schedule GR.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
LC2425-01	ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECORD	Record of acknowledgments or proofs of	10 years.	
		instruments taken by justices of the peace.		
LC2425-02	COST DEPOSIT RECORDS	Journals, ledgers, or similar records detailing	FE + 5 years.	
		receipts to and disbursements from monies		
		deposited to cover costs in civil proceedings.		

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## **PART 5: JUVENILE RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** Juvenile court records are subject to sealing under Family Code, Chapter 58, Subchapter C-1. While restricting access to records, sealing does not alter the minimum retention periods in this part nor rescind the authority to lawfully destroy records following the expiration of the retention periods.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
*LC2450-01	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF JUVENILES	Interactive video recordings of juvenile detention hearings.	Destroy on the date adjudication hearing ends; 91 days after the recording date if the alleged conduct constitutes a misdemeanor; or 120 days after the recording date if the alleged conduct constitutes a felony, whichever sooner.	By law – Family Code, Section 54.012(c).
*LC2450-02 through LC2450-04	[WITHDRAWN]			
*LC2450-05	JUVENILE CASE PAPERS	Documents relating to juvenile detention, transfer, adjudication, or disposition, including all records transferred to the court by law enforcement or other agencies under sealing orders issued by a court.  Case papers for offenses, including traffic offenses and violation of municipal ordinances.	Until the individual is at least 21 years of age.	By law - Family Code, Section 58.264(b)(2).
*LC2450-06	[WITHDRAWN]			
*LC2450-07	JUVENILE COURT DOCKET	List of juvenile cases awaiting action in the court.	5 years.	
LC2450-08	JUVENILE RECORD (JUVENILE COURT MINUTES)		PERMANENT.	
*LC2450-09	[WITHDRAWN]			
*LC2450-10	JUVENILE INFORMATION SYSTEMS (LOCAL)	Locally maintained juvenile information databases containing the information required by Family Code, Chapter 58, Subchapter D.	Until electronic records are transferred to and	Retention Note: Data concerning an individual contained in the database may

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Total Retention	Remarks
			made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	be deleted as permitted by Family Code §58.307(d).
*LC2450-11	[WITHDRAWN]			
**LC2450-12	TRUANT CONDUCT FILES	Documents in the custody of a truancy court or juvenile case manager relating to allegations of truant conduct and prevention or intervention services. This series includes all records transferred from law enforcement or other agencies under a sealing order issued by the court.	Until the individual is 19 or no longer receiving services, whichever later.	

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# Appendix A



Finance Department



## **LOCAL SCHEDULE GR**

(Revised Fifth Edition)

## RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS COMMON TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are usually found in all local governments, regardless of type. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission. If applicable, the wording of the records series will match that of any federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation, and citation to law, rule, or regulation will be provided in the Remarks section.

Retention periods listed in this schedule apply to records in any medium. If records are stored electronically, they must remain available and accessible until the retention period assigned by this schedule, along with any hardware or software required to access or read them. Electronic records may include electronic mail (e-mail), websites, electronic publications, or any other machine-readable format. Paper or microfilm copies may be retained in lieu of electronic records.

The use of social media applications may create public records. Any content (messages, posts, photographs, videos, etc.) created or received using a social media application may be considered records and should be managed appropriately. The retention of social media records is based on content and function. Local governments will need to consult the relevant records retention schedule for the minimum retention periods.

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Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period, applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

## Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this edition of Local Schedule GR indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable
FE - Fiscal year end
TAC - Texas Administrative Code
US - Until superseded
LA - Life of asset
CE - Calendar year end

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## **PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS**

#### **SECTION 1-1: RECORDS OF GOVERNING BODIES**

**Retention Note:** SCOPE OF SECTION - The retention periods established in this section also apply to the records of subsidiary boards, bureaus, commissions, or committees established by the governing body of a local government that have rulemaking or quasi-judicial authority over any activity or program of the government or that were established by ordinance, order, or resolution for the purposes of advising the governing body or a subsidiary body on policy. Consequently, the use of the term "governing body" in a records description includes the corresponding records of those subsidiary bodies.

Record	<b>Record Title</b>	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1000-01	AGENDAS			
GR1000-01a	AGENDAS	Open meetings.		
		<ol> <li>If the minutes describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is not required.</li> </ol>	2 years.	
		<ol> <li>If the minutes do not describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is required.</li> </ol>	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-01b	AGENDAS	Certified agendas of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).
GR1000-02	DEDICATIONS		PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-03	MINUTES			Retention Note: The use of the term "audiovisual recordings" in (c)-(f) means any medium on which audio or a combination of audio and video is recorded.
GR1000-03a	MINUTES	Written minutes.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-03b	MINUTES	Notes taken during meetings from which written minutes are prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03c	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings, except as described in (d), for which written minutes <b>are not</b> prepared.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-03d	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of workshop sessions of governing bodies in which votes are not made and written minutes are not required by law to be taken.	2 years.	
*GR1000-03e	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings for which written minutes <b>are</b> prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03f	MINUTES	Certified audiovisual recordings of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-03g	MINUTES	Supporting documentation - One copy of each document of any type submitted to a meeting of a governing body for consideration, approval, or other action; if such action is reflected in the minutes of the meeting.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The retention periods for many of the documents submitted to a governing body for action are established elsewhere in this or other commission schedules and are often longer than the 2-year retention period for supporting documentation set here. The 2-year retention requirement does not override a longer retention requirement set elsewhere, but rather is meant to ensure that all documents presented for action by a governing body are retained at least two years. This schedule does not require that supporting documentation be maintained together, but the retention by the clerk or secretary to the governing body of one set of the documents submitted at each meeting (often called "council packets" in municipalities) for two years would ensure satisfaction of the minimum retention requirement. Clerks or secretaries to governing bodies should exercise caution in disposing of supporting documentation to avoid destruction of the record copy of a document for which they are custodian before the expiration of its retention period.
				b) Review before disposal; some supporting documentation, not already required to be maintained PERMANENTLY elsewhere in this or other commission schedules, may merit PERMANENT retention for historical
				reasons.
GR1000-04	OPEN MEETING NOTICES		2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-05	ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS		PERMANENT.	Retention Note: Includes ordinances, orders, or resolutions that have been repealed, revoked, or amended.
GR1000-06	PETITIONS	Petitions from the public to the governing body or subsidiary boards or commissions of a local government.	Final action on the petition + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) Does not include petitions noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules or any petition presented to a commissioners court that state law requires a county clerk to record. See Local Schedule CC (Records of County Clerks).
				b) "Final action" includes a decision to take no further action on a petition.
GR1000-07	PROCLAMATIONS		2 years.	
*GR1000-08	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS— ELECTED OFFICIALS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by elected officials.	End of term in office or termination of service in that position.	<b>Retention Notes</b> : a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of other local government staff see GR1000-51.
				b) Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-09	PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS	Public comment forms, citizen comment forms, registration cards, or other similar documents filled out by members of the public wishing to speak at an open meeting.	2 years.	Retention Note: If all information from the public comment form is documented in written minutes of the meeting, the public comment form need only be retained for the retention period listed in GR1000-03b.

## **SECTION 1-2: GENERAL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-20	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to persons on local government property or in any other situation in which a local government could be party to a lawsuit.		<b>Retention Note:</b> For reports of work-related injuries and illnesses to employees see GR1050-32.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-20a	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to adults.	3 years from date of report if no claim is filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of the claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
GR1000-20b	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to minors.	Date minor reaches majority age + 3 years, if no claim filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
*GR1000-21	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Affidavits of Publication, including any accompanying clipping proofs or tear sheets.		
*GR1000-21a	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Publication of municipal ordinances.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the permanent retention period that affidavits of publication and associated documentation for ordinances that are codified or re-codified may be disposed of after the effective date of the new code.
*GR1000-21b	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Election notices.		By law – Election Code, Sections 4.005(d) and 66.058(a).
		1) In an election involving a federal office.	Election day + 22 months.	
		2) In an election <b>not</b> involving a federal office.	Election day + 6 months.	
GR1000-21c	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	All other published legal notices.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-22	ANNEXATION, DISANNEXATION, ABOLITION, AND OTHER JURISDICTIONAL RECORDS	Records relating to the annexation or disannexation of territory to or from a local government, to its abolition, or to other actions which affect its territorial jurisdiction or service area, including reports, correspondence, records of public hearings, agreements, and similar records.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: A contract or agreement relating to territorial jurisdiction or the delivery of services between two or more governments (e.g., between a city and a county for fire services in an unincorporated area) must be kept for the retention period in item number GR1000-25.
*GR1000-23	CHARTERS	Charters, Articles of Incorporation, Orders of Incorporation, Orders of Change, or other similar documents used to establish or modify the administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-24	COMPLAINTS	Complaints received from the public by a governing body or any officer or employee of a local government relating to government employees, policies, etc.	Resolution or dismissal of complaint + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The 2-year retention period applies only to complaints of a general nature that do not fall into a different category of complaint noted in this or other commission schedules. For example, complaints from the public about potential fire hazards are scheduled in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) and have a longer retention period.
*GR1000-25	CONTRACTS, LEASES, AND AGREEMENTS	Contracts, leases, and agreements, including reports, correspondence, performance	4 years after the expiration or	b) For complaints received from local government employees see GR1050-20.  Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit
		bonds, certificates of liability, and similar records relating to their negotiation, administration, renewal, or termination, except construction contracts (see item number GR1075-16).	termination of the instrument according to its terms.	<b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES			Retention Note: The minimum retention period for correspondence or internal memoranda in categories (a) and (b) directly linked to another record series or group listed in this or other commission schedules is that assigned to the other group or series. For example, a letter from an external auditor regarding an audit of a local government's financial records should be retained for the retention period given under item number GR1025-01(e); a letter concerning a workers compensation claim should be retained for the period given under item number GR1050-32, etc. The retention periods that follow are for correspondence and internal memoranda that do not readily fall within other record groups.
GR1000-26a	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Administrative – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the formulation, planning, implementation, modification, or redefinition of the programs, services, or projects of a local government and the administrative regulations, policies, and procedures that govern them. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	4 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some correspondence of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-26b	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	General – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the regular operation of the policies, programs, services, or projects of a local government. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	2 years.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution before disposal of these records to ensure the records should not be classified under administrative correspondence (GR100-26a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26c	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Routine - Correspondence and internal memoranda such as letters of transmittal, requests for publications, internal meeting notices, and similar routine matters. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	AV.	
*GR1000-27	DEEDS	Deeds, title opinions, abstracts and certificates of title, title insurance, documentation concerning alteration or transfer of title, and similar records evidencing public ownership of real property.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-28	EASEMENTS	Documentation relating to easements and rights-of-way for public works or other local government purposes, including releases.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-29	INSURANCE POLICIES	Liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other policies for local government property and personnel including supporting documentation relevant to the implementation, modification, renewal, or replacement of policies.	4 years after expiration or termination of the policy according to its terms and all rights granted under it.	
GR1000-30	LEGAL OPINIONS	Formal legal opinions rendered by counsel or the Attorney General for a local government, including any written requests for opinions, concerning the governance and administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: For retention of opinions rendered for a Public Information Act Request see GR1000-34.  For retention of informal legal opinions and other correspondence provided by counsel see GR1000-26a.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-31	LITIGATION CASE FILES		AV after decision of a local government not to file a lawsuit or decision that a lawsuit will not be filed against it; dismissal of a lawsuit for want of prosecution or on motion of the plaintiff; or final decision of a court (or of a court on appeal, if applicable) in a lawsuit.	Retention Notes: a) Includes all cases to which a local government is a party unless the case file is of a type noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.  b) Review before disposal; some case files may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-32	MINUTES (STAFF)	Minutes of internal staff meetings.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For minutes of governing bodies of local governments see GR1000-03.
GR1000-33	PUBLIC RELATIONS RECORDS	News, press releases, or any public relations files maintained or issued by an agency. Includes print, electronic, audio, and audiovisual records.	2 years.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1000-34	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Includes all correspondence and documentation relating to requests for records under the Public Information Act (Chapter 552, Government Code).		
*GR1000-34a	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Non-exempted records and withdrawn requests.	Date request for records fulfilled or withdrawn + 1 year.	
*GR1000-34b	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Exempted records.	Date of notification that records requested are exempt from disclosure + 2 years.	
*GR1000-35	ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS		US.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-36	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Records documenting the application for and the issuance of permits and licenses (including certificates of liability and other required documentation) by a local government for sales, solicitation, facility usage, and similar activities. <b>Does not include</b> permits and licenses issued for the construction of or alterations to real property, for those relating to health and sanitation, or for those issued by police or fire departments listed in other commission schedules.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
GR1000-37	PHOTOGRAPHS, IMAGES, RECORDINGS, AND OTHER NON-TEXTUAL MEDIA	Photographs, photographic scrapbooks, slides, sound recordings, videotapes, posters, and other non-textual media that document the history and activities of a local government or any of its departments, programs, or projects <b>except</b> such records noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.	AV.	Retention Note: Review before disposal, some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Local governments should consult with local historical or genealogical societies to assist with the appraisal. Be certain that photographs and other non-textual media do not fall within other records series. For example, mug shots and photographs of fire damage are listed in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) under police and fire department records respectively.
GR1000-38	POLICY AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION	Executive orders, directives, manuals, and similar documents that establish and define the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing the operations or activities of a local government as a whole or any of its departments, programs, services, or projects.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-39	PUBLICATIONS	Pamphlets, reports, studies, proposals, and similar material printed by or for a local government or any of its departments, subdivisions, or programs and distributed to or intended for distribution to the public on request and departmental or program newsletters designed for internal distribution.	One copy of each PERMANENT.	Retention Note: The following categories of printed material, whether distributed publicly or internally, are exempted from the retention period and may be disposed of at option; (a) educational matter provided by charitable or public awareness organizations (e.g., United Way, American Heart Association); and (b) public service leaflets or flyers whose contents are of a general nature and not specific to the government distributing them, beyond the inclusion of an address, telephone number, office hours, and similar information (e.g., a flyer detailing water conservation tips sent to customers of a municipal water utility; a pamphlet explaining the appraisal review board process sent to taxpayers by an appraisal district).
GR1000-40	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS			
GR1000-40a	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records control schedules (including all successive versions of and amendments to schedules).	US.	Retention Note: Original is retained by the State and Local Records Management Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
*GR1000-40b	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the disposition of records under records control schedules, including requests submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for authorization to destroy unscheduled records or the originals of permanent records that have been microfilmed.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-40c	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Lists or inventories of the active and inactive records created or received by a local government.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-40d	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Plans and similar documents establishing the policies and procedures under which a records management program operates.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
*GR1000-40e	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records transmittal forms or similar records documenting transfer of records to or from a records storage facility.	Date of disposition or return of records from storage, whichever sooner, +2 years.	
GR1000-41	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-41a	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared reports, performance audits, or planning studies submitted to the governing body or chief administrative officer of a local government or by the local government to a state agency, as may be required by law or regulation, on the non-fiscal performance of a department, program, or project or for planning purposes, including those prepared by consultants under contract with a local government, except documents of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
		(1) Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
		(2) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the governing body or considered by the governing body (as reflected in its minutes) or ordered or requested by a state agency or a court.	PERMANENT.	
		(3) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the chief administrative officer.	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(4) Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	3 years.	
		(5) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (1) and (2) above.	3 years.	
		(6) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (3) and (4) above.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-41b	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Activity reports compiled on a daily or other periodic basis pertaining to workload measures, time studies, number of public contacts, etc., <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.	1 year.	
*GR1000-42	WAIVERS OF LIABILITY	Waivers of liability, including statements signed by volunteers acknowledging nonentitlement to benefits, agreeing to abide by local government policies, etc.	3 years from date of cessation of activity for which the waiver was signed.	Retention Note: If an accident occurs to any person covered by a signed waiver of liability, it must be retained for the same period as accident reports. See item number GR1000-20 in this schedule.
GR1000-43	CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRES	Conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires submitted by local government officers or vendors and other persons for filing with a local government in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	Date of filing + 3 years.	
GR1000-44	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, LISTS OF	Lists of local government officers prepared and made available to the public by the local government officer with whom conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires are filed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	US + 1 year.	
GR1000-45	CALENDARS, APPOINTMENT AND ITINERARY RECORDS	Calendars, appointment books or programs, and scheduling or itinerary records, purchased with local government funds or maintained by staff during business hours that document appointments, itineraries and other activities of agency officials or employees.	CE + 1 year.	Retention Note: A record of this type purchased with personal funds, but used by a public official or employee to document his or her work activities may be a local government record and subject to this retention period. See Open Records Decision 635 issued in December 1995 by the Texas Attorney General.
GR1000-46	INSURANCE CLAIMS	Claims related to liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other insurance policies.	Settlement or denial of claim + 3 years.	
GR1000-47	CUSTOMER SURVEYS	Surveys returned by the customers or clients of a local government, and the statistical data maintained rating a government's performance.	Issuance of report on results of the survey + 3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-50	TRANSITORY INFORMATION	Records of temporary usefulness that are not an integral part of a records series of a local government, that are not regularly filed within a local government's recordkeeping system, and that are required only for a limited period of time for the completion of an action by an official or employee of the local government or in the preparation of an ongoing records series.  Transitory records are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of government functions. Some examples of transitory information, which can be in any medium (voice mail, fax, email, hard copy, etc.) are drafts and working papers; routine messages; telephone message notifications; internal meeting notices; routing slips; incoming letters or memoranda of transmittal that add nothing of substance to enclosures; and similar routine information used for communication, but not for the documentation, of a specific government transaction.	AV.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution in assigning this record series to records of a local government to make certain they are not part of another records series listed in this schedule or, for records series unique to an agency, are not part of a records series that documents the fulfillment of the statutory obligations of the agency or the documentation of its functions.  The disposal of transitory information need not be documented through destruction authorizations or in records disposition logs, but local governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records.
*GR1000-51	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations, or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by staff of a local government.	End of event, US, or discontinued + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of elected officials see GR1000-08.  b) For materials developed for in-house
*GR1000-52	SUBPOENAS	Subpoenas for production of evidence produced for litigation in which the local government <b>is not</b> a party.	AV after fulfilled.	received for litigation in which the local government is a party see GR1000-31.
				b) For subpoenas requesting personally identifiable information of students see SD3225-02 (for school districts) or JC3775-02 (for junior colleges).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-53	RELEASE OF RECORDS DOCUMENTS	Records that document the release of records or information through any method other than a Public Information Act request or subpoena (including employment verification).	Date records produced + 1 year.	Retention Notes: a) For records released under the Public Information Act see GR1000-34.  b) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government is <b>not</b> a
				c) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government <b>is</b> a party, see GR1000-31.
*GR1000-54	COMMITTEE RECORDS	Records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Records may include, but are not limited to, member lists, officer election records, agendas, meeting minutes, and related documentation and correspondence.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act see Section 1-1 of this schedule.  b) Review before disposal; some records
				may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-55	LOBBYIST REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION	Forms, reports, or other similar documents submitted to local governments documenting lobbying activities as required by local regulations.	Date of filing + 3 years.	

### **PART 2: FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** a) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - Most local governments are required by state law to conduct annual or biennial audits of their records and accounts. These audit requirements were taken into account in setting the retention periods in this schedule. The following retention rules also apply:

1) In any local government for which there is no statutory audit requirement and audits are conducted irregularly or in a local government in which a statutorily required audit is delayed, any record in this schedule whose retention period dates from the end of a fiscal year (FE) must be retained for the retention period stated or one year after audit, whichever later.

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2) With regard to any special fund of a local government or elective county office for which there is no statutory audit requirement and the fund is not audited, any records listed under item numbers GR1025-26, GR1025-27, GR1025-28, and GR1025-30 associated with receipts and disbursements from or to the fund must be retained for FE + 10 years.

- b) GRANT OR LOAN RECORDS Subsections (1)-(3) apply to any local government, except school districts, receiving federal, state, or private grants; subsection (4) applies to school districts only. If a grant or loan requires a longer retention period than those stated in this schedule, the associated records must be retained for the full retention period required by the terms of the grant or loan.
  - 1) Direct Federal Grants This subsection applies to grants received by a local government directly from a federal grantor agency.
    - i) Federal grantor agencies require that grant-related records be retained for audit purposes for 3 years from the filing of required expenditure reports.
    - ii) In addition to item number GR1025-08(a)-(b), financial and programmatic records of grant-funded projects, including copies or documentation of relevant accounting, banking, purchasing, and payroll records, and other documents and working papers associated with the financial and programmatic administration of the grant funds or used to prepare reports or forms required by federal law or regulation must be retained for the following periods:
      - (A) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are not part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report.
      - B) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are a part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report for the final reporting period of the grant cycle.
      - C) For grants continued or renewed quarterly 3 years from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the federal fiscal year.
      - D) For grants for which the requirement of a final expenditure report has been waived 3 years from the date the report would have been due.
      - E) For all other grants 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report.
    - iii) The retention periods for the following types of records are exceptions to the periods noted above:
      - A) Records of non-expendable property or equipment acquired with grant funds 3 years from the date of transfer, replacement, sale, or junking of the item.

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- B) Cost allocation plans and indirect cost records 3 years from date of submission or, for plans prepared and retained by the grantee, from the close of the fiscal year covered by the plan.
- C) Income records 3 years from the end of the fiscal year in which the income is used.
- iv) If any litigation or audit commences before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation or audit findings are resolved or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.
- v) If records are transferred to the grantor agency at its request, copies of the records need not be retained.
- 2) Indirect Federal Grants This subsection applies to federal grants received as subgrants from state agencies or other local governments (e.g., regional councils of government).

The expenditure reports are submitted to the federal agency by the state or local subgrantor agency after all subgrantees have submitted reports to the subgrantor. Consequently, records under item number GR1025-08(a)-(b) and records described in section (b) (1) must be retained by local government subgrantees for FE + 5 years. Local governments should consult with the state or local subgrantor agency to determine if there are additional or special requirements associated with a particular grant.

The local government must retain copies of reports or records submitted to the subgrantor agency for the periods indicated.

- 3) State and Private Grants This schedule extends the 3-year federal retention requirement described in section (b)(1) to state (excluding federal subgrants) and private grant records unless the state or private grantor agency has established different retention requirements, in which case those requirements shall prevail. It is an exception to the extension of federal grant requirements to state and private grants that for state or private grants renewed quarterly as described in section (b) (1) (ii) (B), the 3-year retention requirement runs from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the state fiscal year for state grants and from the last quarter of the local government's fiscal year for private grants.
- 4) Grant Records and School Districts (including Educational Service Centers) See Local Schedule SD (Records of Public School Districts). Because of the difficulty of effectively separating financial data that evidence the expenditure of federal funds from those that document the expenditure of local or state-allocated funds, a 5-year retention period has been adopted for most financial records of school districts. The use of the term "school district" in this schedule includes educational service centers, charter schools, county departments of education, and educational cooperatives.

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## **SECTION 2-1: FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-01	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Records of fiscal audits conducted by internal or external auditors.		<b>Caution:</b> See note (a) at the beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
*GR1025-01a	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of any department, fund, account, or activity of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01b	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if included in a cumulative audit under (a).	2 years.	
*GR1025-01c	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if not included in a cumulative audit under (a).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01d	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Special audits ordered by a governing body, a court or grand jury, or mandated by administrative rules of a state or federal agency.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01e	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Working papers, summaries, and similar records created for the purposes of conducting an audit.	3 years after all questions arising from the audit have been resolved.	
GR1025-02	BANK SECURITY RECORDS	Records documenting the pledging of bonds or securities by banks serving as depositories for public funds including depository contracts, security pledges and statements, surety bonds, and similar records.	4 years after termination, expiration, or release of contractual obligations.	
GR1025-03	BOND RECORDS			Retention Note: For investment transaction records of bonds see item number GR1025-09b.
GR1025-03a	BOND RECORDS	Bond administrative records consisting of preliminary studies, proposals and prospectuses, authorizations and certifications for issuance or cancellation, and related policy correspondence.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-03b	BOND RECORDS	Bond certificates and redeemed coupons.	1 year after payment.	By law - Government Code, Section 1302.003 for counties (see statute for procedural instructions for destruction) and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
GR1025-03c	BOND RECORDS	Bond registers.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-03d	BOND RECORDS	Records relating to the exchange, conversion, or replacement of bonds by bondholders.	1 year if information is contained in a bond register; <b>PERMANENT</b> if information is not contained in a bond register.	
GR1025-04	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION			
GR1025-04a	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Annual budgets (including amendments).	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-04b	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Special budgets (includes budgets for capital improvement projects, grant-funded projects, or other projects prepared on a special or emergency basis and not included in an annual budget).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-04c	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Working papers created exclusively for the preparation of budgets, including budget requests, justification statements, and similar documents.	3 years.	
GR1025-04d	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Encumbrance and expenditure reports (status reports showing expenditures and encumbrances against a budget).	2 years.	
GR1025-04e	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Budget change documentation, including line item or contingency/reserve fund transfers and supplemental budget requests.	2 years.	
GR1025-05	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Documentation relating to the capital and fixed assets of a local government.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-05a	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property history cards or similar records containing data on initial cost, including disposal authorizations when disposed of.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; property history cards documenting the original construction and additions to or renovations of structures may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-05b	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property cost and depreciation schedules or summaries used for capital outlay budgeting or other financial or budget control purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-05c	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property inventories (including sequential number property logs).	US + 3 years.	
GR1025-05d	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Property sale, auction, or disposal records of government-owned equipment or property.	1 year.	By law - Local Government Code, Section 263.155(b) for counties and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: Property sale or auction records do not include records arising from the sale or auction of property foreclosed or seized by a taxing unit for failure to pay property taxes or for the sale or auction of property seized by law enforcement officers. For such records use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation) or Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) respectively.
*GR1025-06	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING RECORDS	Records concerning the use of federal revenue sharing funds by a local government, including revenue and expenditure summaries; status, budget, and audit reports; and other reports or documentation required by federal law or regulation.	AV.	Obsolete record.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-07	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared financial reports or statements on the accounts, funds, or projects of a local government created either for internal use or for submission to state agencies as may be required by law or regulation, <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
GR1025-07a	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1025-07b	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07c	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Long range fiscal planning reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07d	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Capital improvement reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-08	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS			Retention Note: If grant is for construction of a local government owned facility or part of the infrastructure, follow retention for GR1075-16.
GR1025-08a	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Successful grant applications and proposals and any documentation that modifies the terms of a grant.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08b	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Financial, performance, and compliance reports submitted to grantor or subgrantor agencies.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08c	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Reports, planning memoranda, studies, correspondence, and similar records created for and used in the development of successful grant proposals.	3 years.	
GR1025-08d	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Any records of the type noted in (a) or (b) relating to unsuccessful grant proposals.	AV.	
GR1025-09	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-09a	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation relating to the investment of public funds (e.g., certificates of deposit) that evidences the investment of funds, the performance or return of investments, the cancellation or withdrawal of investments, and similar activity.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-09b	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation related to the calculation of arbitrage rebate amounts, if any, on proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt bonds.	Retirement of the last obligation of the bond issue + 6 years.	
GR1025-10	CHARGE SCHEDULES/ PRICE LISTS	Schedules of prices charged by a local government for services to the public or other governments, including any documentation used to determine the charges.	US + 3 years.	

#### **SECTION 2-2: ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION - For accounting and banking records relating to motor vehicle licensing not noted in this part, use Part 3 of Local Schedule TX.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-25	ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENTATION	Policy and procedure directives and similar records documenting accounting methodology.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
GR1025-26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS			
*GR1025-26a	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Claims, invoices, statements, copies of checks and purchase orders, expenditure authorizations, and similar records that serve to document disbursements, including those documenting claims for and reimbursement to employees for travel and other employment-related expenses.	FE of date of final payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of final payment + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Accounts payable and disbursement records for bond-funded projects must be maintained according to the retention period listed in GR1025-26d.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-26b	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records sufficient to document the purchase costs of capital equipment or other fixed assets.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-26c	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Reports accompanying the transmittal of funds to federal, state, or other local government agencies (e.g., sales tax to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts); to retirement systems, or to other entities if the funds are collected, in whole or in part, on behalf of other agencies or individuals (e.g., retirement deductions of employees).	FE of period covered by report + 3 years.	Retention Note: For reports accompanying the transmittal of federal and state payroll and unemployment taxes see item number GR1050-53(b).
GR1025-26d	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records for bond-funded projects.	FE of date of last bond payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of last bond payment + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS		J	Retention Note: For accounts receivable records associated with the collection of property taxes, all local governments, including school districts, should use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation).
*GR1025-27a	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Bill copies or stubs, statements, billing registers, account cards, deposit warrants, cash receipts, credit card receipts, receipt books, cash transfers, daily cash reports, cash drawer reconciliations, and similar records (such as returned checks and associated fees) that serve to document money owed to or received by a local government and its collection or receipt.	FE of date of receipt + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of receipt + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27b	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Accounts receivable records documenting the receipt of any monies by any local government that are remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts (e.g., court costs in criminal cases, sales tax).	Remittance due date + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-27c	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records documenting payments to a local government in which the government holds a property lien until the debt is satisfied (e.g., liens arising from demolition, lot cleaning), including original liens and lien releases.	FE of date of final payment and release of lien + 3 years.	
GR1025-27d	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records relating to the receipt of cash deposits as sureties for the delivery of services (e.g., water and wastewater).	FE of termination of service or refund of deposit + 3 years.	
*GR1025-27e	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Records of accounts deemed uncollectable, including write-off authorizations.	FE of write-off date + 5 years for school districts; FE of write-off date + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-28	BANKING RECORDS	Bank statements, credit card statements, canceled checks, check registers, deposit slips, debit and credit notices, reconciliations, notices of interest earned, monetary transport records (including armored car pickup logs) etc.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-29	COST ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION RECORDS	Records created to document the allocation of costs among accounts and funds of a local government, including records relating to chargebacks and other interdepartmental or interfund accounting transactions.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If any of the records in this group are used as ledger and journal entry documentation, they must be retained for FE + 5 years (see item number GR1025-30) by all local governments.
GR1025-30	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION			Retention Note: Be certain to verify before the disposal of any ledger or journal under this item number that the ledger or journal does not serve to document financial activities that require a longer retention period (e.g. investment documentation of proceeds of tax exempt bonds under item number GR1025-09).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-30a	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	General ledger showing receipts and expenditures from all accounts and funds of a local government.		
		(1) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) exists.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(2) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) does not exist.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-30b	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Subsidiary ledgers.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30c	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Receipt, disbursement, general, or subsidiary journals.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some journals may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30d	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Journal vouchers and entries or similar posting control forms (including supporting documentation such as correspondence and auditor adjustments that evidence journal entries and amendments).	FE + 5 years.	Retention Note: If bill stubs (see item number GR1025-27a) are used as entry documentation for account journals, they must be retained by all local governments for FE + 5 years rather than the FE + 3 year retention period for accounts receivable records.
GR1025-30e	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Perpetual care fund registers of government-owned cemeteries.	PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 713.005(a).
GR1025-31	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Periodic summaries or reports of accounting transactions or activity by department, budget code, program, account, fund, or type of activity, including trial balances, <b>unless</b> the summary is of a type noted elsewhere in this part.		
GR1025-31a	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Daily.	30 days.	
GR1025-31b	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Weekly.	90 days.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-31c	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semiannual.	2 years.	
GR1025-31d	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Annual.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If an annual trial balance is not maintained, then the least frequent sub-yearly trial balance must be retained for FE + 5 years by school districts and FE + 3 years by all other local governments.
GR1025-32	UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION	Any form of record sufficient to verify information on unclaimed property previously reported to the State Treasurer showing the name and last known address of the apparent owner of reportable unclaimed property, a brief description of the property, and the balance of each unclaimed account, if appropriate.	Date on which property is reportable + 10 years.	By law - Property Code, Section 74.103(b).

## PART 3: PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL RECORDS

Retention Notes: a) FEDERAL RETENTION REQUIREMENTS - Federal retention periods for personnel and payroll records arise principally from the administration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII; the Age Discrimination and Employment Act of 1967; the Equal Pay Act; the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Federal Insurance Contribution Act; and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Various federal agencies or departments of agencies administer these acts and, because retention periods are set to enable each agency to carry out its particular oversight authority, different retention periods are often established for the same record. In compiling Schedule GR, the longest applicable federal retention period is cited as authority for the retention period indicated. A federal regulation is not cited if a state law or regulation requires a longer retention period. A federal retention period is also not cited if a Texas statute of limitations makes a longer retention period advisable. For example, the federal retention requirement for employment contracts [see item number GR1050-15(a)] is given as 3 years from the last effective date of the contract in 26 CFR 516.5, but suits in Texas may be brought by either party to such a contract within four years of the occurrence of an alleged breach; therefore a retention period of 4 years from the last effective date of the contract is set in this schedule. All retention periods in this part apply, by authority of this schedule, to all local governments, although some of them may be otherwise exempt from the federal requirement cited. This provision does not require the creation by exempted local governments of any special documentation demonstrating compliance with federal regulations that may be required of non-exempted governments.

**b) PERSONNEL FILES** - The individual employee personnel file is not scheduled as a unit in this section; documents normally placed in such files are scheduled separately.

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c) **TERMINATED EMPLOYEES** - Notwithstanding any retention periods in this part, all personnel records existing on the date of termination of an involuntarily terminated employee must be retained for 2 years from the date of termination [29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49].

- d) JTPA AND CETA EMPLOYEES Any records maintained on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Comprehensive Employees' Training Act (CETA) funds or affirmative action apprenticeship program funds administered by the U. S. Department of Labor must be retained for 5 years from the date of enrollment in the program [29 CFR 30.8(e)]. This 5-year retention period is extended by authority of this schedule to comparable records on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds.
- e) **DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE** For the purposes of this part, the term "employee" also includes elected or appointed officials of a local government who are paid wages or a salary from any funds of the local government and anyone voluntarily working or not receiving payment or compensation for working.
- f) PERSONNEL RECORDS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES The Local Government Code, Section 157.904, provides that sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more shall maintain "a permanent personnel file on each department employee." The precise contents of a personnel file are not specified, but three groups of records are expressly mentioned. Consequently, any record in item numbers GR1050-03, GR1050-07, and GR1050-21, all of which are records of a type mentioned in the statute, must be retained permanently. The sheriffs and their legal counsel should determine what other records may be includable in a permanent personnel file in sheriffs' departments subject to the law.

#### **SECTION 3-1: PERSONNEL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-01	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS			
GR1050-01a	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Reports, analyses, and statistical data compiled from source documentation used to develop, implement, and monitor affirmative action plans.	5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-01b	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Affirmative action plans.	US + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-02	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records relating to aptitude or skills tests required of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer, including civil service examinations.		
GR1050-02a	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Validation studies.	Life of test + 2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-02b	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Tests.	US + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
				Retention Note: One copy of each different test (different in terms of either questions or administration procedures) should be retained for the period indicated.
*GR1050-02c	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Test papers or results of persons taking tests.	Date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever later, + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-02d	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records, <b>other</b> than those noted (a)-(c), relating to the planning and administration of tests.	3 years.	
*GR1050-03	AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS	Individual award, honor, or commendation bestowed on an employee.	Date of separation + 5 years.	<b>Retention Notes:</b> a) For administrative records of awarding committees, see item number GR1050-09.
				b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for awards bestowed on certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-04	CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES	Certificates, licenses, or permits required of employees to qualify for or remain eligible to hold a position requiring certification or licensing.	US or separation of employee + 5 years.	Retention Note: If the submission of copies of certificates, licenses, or permits is required of all applicants for a position, those of applicants not hired must be retained for 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
GR1050-05	CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVITS		5 years after leaving position for which the affidavit was filed.	
GR1050-06	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-06a	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Reports of interviews, analyses, and similar records relating to the counseling of an employee for work-related, personal, or substance abuse problems, including any warnings associated with the counseling. Usually maintained at the supervisory level or by human resources departments.	3 years after termination of counseling.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For records retained by professional therapists; refer to Local Schedule HR for patient records.
GR1050-06b	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Records relating to the planning, coordination, implementation, direction, and evaluation of an employee counseling program.	3 years.	
*GR1050-07	DISCIPLINARY AND ADVERSE ACTION RECORDS	Records created by civil service boards or by personnel or supervisory officers in considering, or reconsidering on appeal, an adverse action (e.g., demotion, probation, termination, suspension, leave without pay) against an employee, including, as applicable, witness and employee statements, interview reports, exhibits, reports of findings, and decisions and judgments.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for disciplinary records of certain Sheriff's office employees.
		(1) All employees of sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 157.904.
		(2) Police and fire department personnel in municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more that have established civil service boards under Local Government Code, Chapter 143.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 143.011(c).
		(3) All other local government employees.	2 years after case closed or action taken, as applicable.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-08	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS			For records of pension and deferred compensation deductions from payroll see GR1050-52(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-08a	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Employee benefit plans such as pension; life, health, and disability insurance; seniority and merit systems; and deferred compensation plans, including amendments.	Termination of plan + 1 year.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1627.3(b)(2).  Retention Note: If the plan or system is not in writing, a memorandum fully outlining the terms of the plan or system and the manner in which it has been communicated to affected employees, together with notations relating to any revisions, must be retained for the same period as written plans.
*GR1050-08b	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Enrollment forms providing personal identifying data, beneficiary information, option selection, acknowledgement forms, and similar information.		
		(1) If the official record is maintained by the retirement system of which the local government is a member or by the service provider.	AV.	
		(2) If the official record is maintained by the local government.		
		(A) Pension and deferred compensation.	Date of separation + 75 years.	
		(B) Life, health, accidental death, and disability insurance.	Termination of coverage + 4 years.	
		(C) Any benefit other than those noted in (A) or (B).	US or separation + 2 years, as applicable.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Documents that serve as payroll deduction authorizations must be maintained for the retention period prescribed for item number GR1050-50.
GR1050-08c	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Annual reports from a pension system or fund.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-09	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECORDS	Award committee reports, selection criteria, nominations, and similar administrative records of employee award or incentive programs.	2 years.	Retention Note: For records of an award/commendation given to an individual employee, see item number GR1050-03.
GR1050-10	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS			
GR1050-10a	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records created to control and monitor the issuance of keys, identification cards, passes, or similar instruments of identification and access.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
GR1050-10b	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records relating to the issuance of parking permits.	US.	
GR1050-11	EMPLOYEE SELECTION RECORDS	Notes of interviews with candidates; audio and videotapes of job interviews; applicant rosters; eligibility lists; test ranking sheets; justification statements for violating eligibility or ranking sequence; and previous injury checks; offers of employment letters; and similar records documenting the filling of a vacant position.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: See GR1050-36 for background and criminal history checks.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
	RECORD TITLE  EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECORDS	Summary employment history record for each employee maintained on one or more forms, containing the following minimum information: name; sex; date of birth; social security number; positions held with dates of hire, promotion, transfer, or demotion; dates of leaves of absence or suspension that affect computation of length of service; wage or salary rate for each position held, including step or merit increases within grades; most recent public access option form; and date of separation.	Retention Period  Date of separation + 75 years.	For other information on employees that must also be retained either as part of this record or in another form, see item numbers GR1050-52(b) and GR1050-54(a).  Retention Notes: a) This schedule does not require the creation of an employee service record of the type described, but the creation of the record is strongly recommended to allow frequent disposal of documents from which information has been summarized. If an employee service record is not maintained, documents (e.g., employment applications, personnel action forms) containing the prescribed information must be retained date of separation + 75 years. More than one document providing the same element of required information need not be retained.  b) The Teacher Service Record (Texas Education Agency Form FIN-115 or its equivalent), containing information required by statute or regulation, shall be considered an employee service record of the type described and must be retained date of separation + 75 years.
				service record may be indicated by grade and step numbers if all corresponding wage rate tables (see item number GR1050-59) applicable to a person's employment history are retained date of separation + 75 years.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-13	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	Advertisements or postings relating to job openings, promotions, training programs, or overtime opportunities, including jobs orders submitted to employment agencies.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS			
GR1050-14a	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Applications, transcripts, letters of reference, and similar documents whose submission by candidates for vacant positions (both hired and not hired) or for promotion, transfer, or training opportunity (both selected and not selected) is required on the application form, by application procedures, or in the employment advertisement.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14b	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Samples of publications, artwork, or other products of prior achievement not returned to applicants.	AV.	
GR1050-14c	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Transcripts of persons <b>hired</b> if state or federal law or regulation mandates a level of education needed to qualify for employment (e.g., school district professional and paraprofessional personnel). See also item number GR1050-28(a).	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If applicant screening or hiring decisions are based on resumés, with only successful or interviewed candidates completing employment applications, then resumés of persons not hired must be kept for the same period as employment applications. If resumés are supplemental to employment application forms, they need only be retained as long as administratively valuable.
GR1050-15	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS			
GR1050-15a	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Contracts and agreements, including collective bargaining agreements, between a local government and an employee or a group of employees, including written acceptances of such contracts.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-15b	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Records relating to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements or similar group contracts, including reports; correspondence; mediation or arbitration agreements; the proceedings, findings, and awards of arbitration boards; and similar records.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years or, if no agreement or contract results, 4 years.	
GR1050-16	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS			
GR1050-16a	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Reports, analyses, or statistical data compiled from source documentation used to complete EEO reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.30, 1602.39, and 1602.48.
GR1050-16b	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	EEO-1, EEO-4, EEO-5, and EEO-6 reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.32, 1602.41, and 1602.50.
GR1050-16c	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Case files relating to discrimination complaints, including complaints, legal and investigative documents, exhibits, related correspondence, withdrawal notices, and decisions or judgments.	Resolution of case + 3 years.	
GR1050-17	EQUAL PAY RECORDS	Reports, studies, aggregated or summarized data, and similar documentation compiled to monitor and demonstrate compliance with the Equal Pay Act.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1620.32(c).
GR1050-18	FIDELITY BONDS		Effective life of bond + 5 years.	Retention Note: Does not include the Official Bond Record maintained by county clerks, which must be retained PERMANENTLY.
GR1050-19	FINGERPRINT CARDS		Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If fingerprint cards are created for all applicants for a position, those of persons not hired must be retained 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
*GR1050-20	GRIEVANCE RECORDS	Records relating to the review of employee grievances against personnel policies, working conditions, etc.	Final decision on the grievance + 2 years.	Retention Note: Do not confuse these records with those involving EEO complaints [see item number GR1050-16(c)].

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-21	JOB EVALUATIONS	Job evaluations, performance appraisals, or other similar documents used to evaluate the performance of employees.	US + 2 years or date of separation + 2 years, whichever sooner.	By regulation – 29 CFR 1620.32(c).  Retention Notes: a) Refer to SD3575-05 pertaining to evaluations on school teachers.  b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for evaluations of certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-22	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS			Sheriir 3 office employees.
*GR1050-22a	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health, physical or psychological examination reports or certificates of all job applicants if physical or psychological condition is a factor in hiring decisions, including the promotion, transfer, or selection for training of current personnel.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-22b	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health or physical examination reports or certificates of employees for whom periodic monitoring of health or fitness is required.		
		(1) For employees exposed in the course of their work to toxic substances, harmful physical agents, or bloodborne pathogens.	Date of separation + 30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(i)-(iii).
		(2) For all other employees.	US + 2 years.	
GR1050-22c	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Environmental, biological, and material safety monitoring reports concerning toxic substances and harmful physical agents in the workplace, including analyses derived from such reports.	30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii). See Local Schedule PW 5450-01 for Asbestos Management Records.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-22d	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Records of controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.		By regulation – 49 CFR 382.403.
		(1) Records of driver alcohol test results indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater; records of driver verified positive controlled substances test results; documentation of refusals to take required alcohol and/or controlled substances tests; driver evaluation and referrals; calibration documentation; records related to the administration of the alcohol and controlled substances testing programs; copy of each annual calendar year summary required by 49 CFR 382.403.	5 years.	
		(2) Records related to the alcohol and controlled substances collection process.	2 years.	
		(3) Records of negative and canceled controlled substances test results and alcohol test results with a concentration of less than 0.02.	1 year.	
*GR1050-23	OATHS OF OFFICE	Any oaths or affirmations required of local government employees or officers. Includes the Statement of Elected Officer (Secretary of State Form 2201).	US + 5 years or 5 years after leaving position for which oath required, whichever is applicable.	
*GR1050-24	PERSONNEL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by personnel officers to create or change information in the personnel records of individual employees concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, leaves of absence, name changes, and similar personnel actions except those noted elsewhere in this part.	2 years from the date of creation or the personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-25	PERSONNEL STUDIES AND SURVEYS	Studies, statistical reports, surveys, cost analyses and projections, and similar records, <b>except</b> those noted elsewhere in this part, on any aspect of the personnel management or administration of a local government.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some documents may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1050-26	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS			
GR1050-26a	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Job descriptions, including any associated task or skill statements. Also includes documentation concerning the development and analysis of job descriptions and classification systems, including survey, review and audit reports; classification standards and guidelines; selection criteria; determination of classification appeals; etc.	US or position abolished + 4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-26b	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Position staffing and vacancy reports.	US.	
GR1050-26c	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Personnel requisitions.	2 years.	
*GR1050-27	REDUCTION IN FORCE PLANS	Reduction in force plans and any related documentation.	US, or if implemented, 2 years from date of last reduction in force action under the plan.	
GR1050-28	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS			For other records relating to aptitude or skills tests <b>required</b> of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer see item number GR1050-02.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-28a	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Certificates of completion, transcripts, test scores, or similar records documenting the training, testing, or continuing education achievements of an employee if such training or testing is required for the position held or if the educational or skill attainment or enhancement affects or could affect career advancement in the local government or, in the case of licensed or certified personnel (e.g., school professionals, firefighters, police officers, health care professionals), in other governments or the private sector.	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If information concerning training or testing (e.g., test scores) is transferred to an Employee Service Record (item number GR1050-12), the document from which the information is taken need be retained for only 2 years.
GR1050-28b	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the planning, development, implementation, administration and evaluation of in-house training programs.	2 years.	
GR1050-28c	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Training manuals, syllabuses, course outlines, and similar training aids used in in-house training programs.	US, expired, or discontinued + 2 years.	
GR1050-28d	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Skill or achievement measurement records of a training group or class as a whole (e.g., rosters with scores).	2 years.	Retention Note: If the only information documenting the in-house training of an employee of the types described in (a) is contained in the measurement records of a group or class as a whole, the group records must be retained for the date of separation + 5 years for all employees included in the group records.
GR1050-29	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS RECORDS	Unemployment claims, pertinent correspondence, and similar records documenting unemployment compensation cases.	After closed + 5 years.	J.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-30	VERIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY ( Form I-9)		3 years from hire or 1 year after separation, whichever later.	By regulation - 8 CFR 274a.2(b)(2)(i)(A) and (c)(2)
				Retention Note: If a former employee is rehired and a Form I-9 is still on file for the employee, the 3-year retention period dates from date of first hire.
GR1050-31	WORK SCHEDULES	Work, duty, shift, crew, case schedules, rosters, or assignments <b>except</b> work schedules includable in item number GR1050-56.	1 year.	
*GR1050-32	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of accidents to or job-related illnesses of employees.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to GR1050-22b(1) for any medical or exposure records created or collected.
*GR1050-32a	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Initial and supplemental incident forms, reports, or logs.	CE + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1904.33.  Retention Note: If a claim is filed as a result of the accident or illness any forms or reports related to the incident must be retained under GR1050-32b.
*GR1050-32b	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of workers compensation claims filed by employees, including any reports or investigations used to determine eligibility.		
		(1) If the local government is self-insured.	CE of closure of claim + 50 years.	
		(2) If the local government is not self-insured.	CE + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-33	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS	Financial disclosure statements of officers and/or employees of a local government required by Local Government Code Section 145.007(c) or 159.007(c).	Date of separation + 2 years.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 145.007(c); 159.007(c).  Retention Notes: a) For campaign contribution and expenditure statements see item number EL3125-01 in Local Schedule EL (Records of Elections and Voter Registration).  b) See item number EL3125-04 for financial disclosure statements of local
				government candidates.
GR1050-34	PUBLIC ACCESS OPTION FORMS	Form completed and signed by employee or official, or former employee or official, electing to keep home address, home telephone number, social security number, and family information open or confidential under the Public Information Act, Government Code 552.024.	US.	Retention Note: The last public access option form completed by an employee prior to termination of employment must be retained as part of the Employee Service Record (see record number GR1050-12 in this schedule).
GR1050-35	EMPLOYEE EXIT INTERVIEWS	Records of interviews and other supporting documentation conducted at time of employee termination.	Date of separation + 2 years.	
GR1050-36	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	Used for condition of or in conjunction with employment application.	End of employee's probationary period or after immediate purpose has been fulfilled, as applicable.	By law - Government Code, Chapter 411 Subchapter F for certain education institutions and fire departments, and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: A local government that is authorized to obtain criminal history recorded information from the Texas Department of Public Safety must refer to Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code for appropriate retention and use of this information.
*GR1050-37	EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS	Employee acknowledgement forms or other documentation that show proof of receipt and awareness of local government policies and procedures.	US or date of separation +2 years, as applicable.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-08b for acknowledgement forms of pension and deferred compensation policies and procedures.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1050-38	UNSOLICITED RÉSUMÉS	Unsolicited résumés received by local governments not used in the employment selection process.	AV.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-14 for résumés, whether solicited or unsolicited, that are used in any way in the employment selection process.
GR1050-39	VOLUNTEER SERVICE FILES	Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform.	US or date of separation + 3 years.	
*GR1050-40	APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION (ETA Form 9089)	Includes applications and supporting documentation, including employment applications, summaries of recruitment efforts, job postings, newspaper advertisements, job orders with the Texas Workforce Commission, and correspondence with the U.S. Department of Labor and attorneys.	Date of filing of application + 5 years.	
*GR1050-41	OUTSIDE/SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS	Personnel forms requesting permission to perform at a job outside of the local government.	Date of separation or until superseded + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR1050-42	LICENSE AND DRIVING RECORD CHECKS		US or date of separation.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See item number SD3500-03c for driving record checks of school bus drivers.
*GR1050-43	LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS	Reports providing statistical information on labor force.	3 years.	
*GR1050-44	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DOCUMENTATION	Self evaluations and plans documenting compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	3 years.	By regulation - 28 CFR 35.105(c).

## **SECTION 3-2: PAYROLL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** OTHER ACCOUNTING RECORDS - This section supplements Section 2-2 and schedules financial and accounting records found in most local governments specific to the disbursement of payroll. If a payroll-related record is not scheduled in this section, use Section 2-2 for the comparable record; e.g., payroll fund reconciliations should be retained for FE + 5 years under the retention for Banking Records (see item number GR1025-28).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-50	DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS	Documentation used to start, modify, or stop all voluntary or required deductions from payroll, including orders of garnishment or other court-ordered attachments.	4 years after separation or 4 years after amendment, expiration, or termination of authorization, whichever sooner.	
GR1050-51	DIRECT DEPOSIT APPLICATIONS/ AUTHORIZATIONS		US or date of separation, as applicable.	
GR1050-52	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS			
GR1050-52a	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	A record containing the following payroll information on each employee: name, last known address and social security number, amount of wages paid to the employee for each payroll period, including all deductions, and date of payment.	Retention of any one of the following records for 5 years by school districts or 4 years by other local governments will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record that shows earnings and deductions for	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3) and 40 TAC 815.106(i).
			each pay period.  2) Master payroll register which shows earnings and deductions for each pay period.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	<b>EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION</b>	A record containing the following minimum	The retention of any	
	RECORDS	pension and deferred compensation	one of the following for	
		information on each employee: name, date	date of separation + 75	
		of birth, social security number, and	years will satisfy the	
		amount of pension and deferred compensation deductions.	retention requirement:	
		•	1) Individual employee	
			earnings card or record	
			as in (a)(1).	
			2) Employee Service	
			Record (see item	
			number GR1050-12) <b>if</b>	
			it contains the	
			prescribed pension and	
			deferred compensation	
			deduction data.	
			3) Master payroll	
			register, or the final	
			year-to-date register of	
			each calendar year, <b>if</b>	
			the register shows <b>all</b>	
			persons employed	
			during the year from	
			whose wages, pension, and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION		4) Pension and	
(continued)	RECORDS		deferred compensation	
			deduction register, or	
			the final year-to-date	
			pension deduction	
			register of each	
			calendar year, if the	
			register lists <b>all</b> persons	
			employed during the	
			year from whose wages	
			pension and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	
			5) Copies of annual or	
			other periodic	
			statements furnished	
			to each employee	
			detailing the	
			deductions and	
			contributions to a	
			pension or deferred	
			compensation plan	
			during the past year or	
			period.	
GR1050-52c	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION	Master payroll register, including year-to-	FE + 5 years for school	
	RECORDS	date registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either	districts; FE + 3 years	
		of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).	for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52d	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Subsidiary payroll registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).		
		(1) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register <b>is not</b> contained in the master payroll register.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
		(2) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register is contained in the master payroll register.	AV.	
GR1050-52e	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Copies of annual or other periodic statements furnished to each employee detailing the deductions and contributions to a pension or deferred compensation plan during the past year or period, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy the retention requirement set in (b).	2 years.	
GR1050-52f	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Payroll adjustment records, including transaction registers, authorizations, and similar records authorizing and detailing adjustments to payroll records because of overpayment, underpayment, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1050-53	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	. , . , . ,		
GR1050-53a	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms used to determine withholding from wages and salaries for payroll tax purposes (W-4 Forms).	4 years after separation or 4 years after form amended, whichever sooner.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for any state forms.
GR1050-53b	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms and reports used to report the collection, distribution, deposit, and transmittal of payroll or unemployment taxes (W-2, 1099).	4 years after tax due date or date tax paid, whichever later.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for state forms.
GR1050-54	LEAVE RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54a	LEAVE RECORDS	A record containing a record of the unused accumulated sick leave of each employee if (1) all or a percentage of accumulated sick leave is used to calculate length of service and/or (2) accumulated sick leave is creditable to an employee if rehired.	The retention of any one of the following for date of separation + 75 years will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record as described in item number GR1050-52a if it also contains accumulated sick leave data.	
			2) Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) if it contains the accumulated sick leave data prescribed.	
			3) Copy of the final time summary or leave status report, as noted in (d), of each separated employee.	
GR1050-54b	LEAVE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for vacation, compensatory, sick, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and other types of authorized leave, and supporting documentation.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	By regulation – 29 CFR 825.500.
GR1050-54c	LEAVE RECORDS	Leave or hours-to-date registers.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54d	LEAVE RECORDS	Copies of periodic time summary or leave status reports furnished to each employee containing information on vacation, sick, compensatory, or other leave earned and used, including the final report of separated employees if they are not used to satisfy the retention requirement set in (a).	2 years.	
GR1050-55	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by payroll officers to create or change information in the payroll records of individual employees <b>except</b> deduction authorizations (see item number GR1050-50) and federal tax forms [see item number GR1050-53(a)].		
*GR1050-55a	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, name changes, etc.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-55b	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning adjustments to payroll and leave status.	FE + 3 years.	Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-56	TIME AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Time cards or sheets, including work schedules and documentation evidencing adherence to or deviation from normal hours for those employees working on fixed schedules.	4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-57	TIME CHANGE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for overtime, time trading, and other actions that affect normal work time <b>except</b> leave requests [see item number GR1050-54(c)].	2 years.	
GR1050-58	REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES, REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS TO ENGAGE IN	Requests and authorizations for travel; participation in educational programs, workshops, or college classes; or for other bona fide work-related activities in which the expenses of an employee are defrayed or reimbursed.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-59	WAGE AND SALARY RATE			
	TABLES			
GR1050-59a	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is expressed in dollars.	2 years after last effective date.	By regulation - 29 CFR 516.6(a)(2).
GR1050-59b	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is indicated by grade or step number only.	Date of separation + 75 years.	

## **PART 4: SUPPORT SERVICES RECORDS**

### **SECTION 4-1: PURCHASING RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** RELATIONSHIP WITH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RECORDS - In a local government in which purchasing and accounts payable records (see item number GR1025-26) are maintained by the same individual or department, duplicate copies of a record need not be created and/or retained to satisfy the retention requirements of this section if the record is used in documenting both the ordering and procurement of and payment for goods and services. In such instances, retention requirements for accounts payable records prevail over those noted in this section.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION			
GR1075-01a	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Successful bids and requests for proposals, including invitations to bid, bid bonds and affidavits, bid sheets, and similar supporting documentation.	FE of award + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If a formal written contract is the result of a successful bid or request for proposal, the successful bid or request for proposal and its supporting documentation must be retained for the same period as the contract. See item number GR1000-25.
GR1075-01b	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Unsuccessful bids.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01c	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for informal bid estimates, quotes, or responses from providers for the procurement of goods or services for which state law or local policy does not require the formal letting of bids.	1 year.	
GR1075-01d	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for information (RFI) preliminary to the procurement of goods or services by direct purchase or bid.	AV after date of direct purchase, issuance of request for bids, or decision not to proceed with the procurement, as applicable.	
*GR1075-02	PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY RECORDS	Inventories of parts and supplies.	1 year.	
GR1075-03	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS			
GR1075-03a	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchase orders, requisitions, and receiving reports.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-03b	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchasing log, register, or similar record providing a chronological record of purchase orders issued, orders received, and similar data on procurement status.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-03c	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Packing slips and order acknowledgments.	AV.	
GR1075-03d	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Vendor and commodity lists.	US.	
GR1075-04	W-9 FORM - REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) AND CERTIFICATION	W-9 IRS Form used to request a taxpayer identification number (TIN) for reporting information to IRS. This includes W-9 forms received by local governments from vendors.	Date account is opened or date instrument purchased + 3 years.	By regulation - 26 CFR 31.3406(h)-3(g).

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# SECTION 4-2: FACILITY, VEHICLE, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT RECORDS

Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number GR1075-15	ACCIDENT AND DAMAGE REPORTS (PROPERTY)	Reports of accidents or damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment <b>if</b> no personal injury is involved.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For accident reports involving personal injury see item numbers GR1000-20 and GR1050-32.
GR1075-16	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS			
*GR1075-16a	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records concerning the planning, design, construction, conversion, or modernization of local government-owned facilities, structures, infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines), and systems, including feasibility, screening, and implementation studies; topographical and soil surveys and reports; architectural and engineering drawings, elevations, profiles, blueprints, and as-builts; inspection and investigative reports; laboratory test reports; environmental impact statements; construction contracts and bonds; correspondence; and similar documentation except as described in (b), (c) or (d).	LA + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.  b) If a structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred to another person or entity, the local government must retain the original records relating to its construction to fulfill retention requirements. Copies of the records may be given to the person or entity to which the structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred.  c) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16b	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records of the types described in GR1075-16a relating to the construction of prefabricated storage sheds, bus shelters, parking lot kiosks, non-structural recreational facilities such as baseball diamonds and tennis courts, and similar structures and facilities.	Completion of the project + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Records relating to construction of some of the described structures will have historical value if they are closely associated with a major structure as described in GR1075-16a. For example, records relating to the construction of gazebos, fountains, walls, or statuary located on the grounds of a county courthouse are part of the landscape of the courthouse and its grounds and should be retained PERMANENTLY.  b) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.  c) If the construction of a structure described in GR1075-16b includes infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines, etc.), records
************			_	of the infrastructure must be maintained  Life of Asset + 10 years.
*GR1075-16c	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records relating to construction projects described in GR1075-16a and GR1075-16b, that are transitory or of ephemeral relevance, and are not required for maintaining, modifying, and repurposing the building or structure. Records may include, but are not limited to, records of architectural and engineering draft design plans and specifications that precede the signed and sealed versions, , delivery tickets for expendable products, daily work reports, etc.	5 years.	Retention Note: Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16d	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Line Locate Requests, Call Before You Dig records, or other similar records documenting requests for information regarding locations of the underground cable or utility lines.	Completion of project requiring the locate request + 2 years.	<b>Retention note:</b> If damage to utility lines becomes subject to litigation, the locate records must be retained in accordance with GR1000-31 (Litigation Case Files).
GR1075-17	LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY REPORTS		FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-18	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Records documenting the maintenance, repair, and inspection of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		Retention Note: This record group schedules records of maintenance and repair to general-purpose vehicles, office equipment, and office facilities. For retention requirements for the maintenance and repair of specialized vehicles (e.g., police cars, fire trucks, school buses), equipment (e.g., airport runway beacons, traffic lights), or facilities (e.g., wastewater treatment plants) see other commission schedules.
GR1075-18a	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Vehicles and equipment.		
		(1) Routine inspection records.	1 year.	
		(2) Maintenance and repair records.	Life of asset.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a vehicle is salvaged as the result of an accident, the maintenance and repair records for the vehicle must be retained for date of salvage + 1 year.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-18b	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Facilities.		
		(1) Routine cleaning, janitorial, and inspection work.	1 year.	
		(2) All other facility maintenance, repair and inspection records (including those relating to plumbing, electrical, fire suppression, and other infrastructural systems).	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Records of the types described relating to government-owned structures or places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained <b>PERMANENTLY</b> .
*GR1075-19	SERVICE REQUESTS/WORK ORDERS	Requests or work order for repairs or maintenance to facilities, vehicles, or equipment.	2 years.	Retention Note: If work orders serve as the only form of record documenting repairs to vehicles or equipment [see item number GR1075-18(a)] they must be retained for the life of the vehicle or equipment.
GR1075-20	USAGE REPORTS	Reports of usage of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		
*GR1075-20a	USAGE REPORTS	Any type of usage report (e.g., mileage, fuel consumption, copies run) <b>if</b> such reports are the basis for allocating costs, for determining payment under rental or lease agreements, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1075-20b	USAGE REPORTS	Reservation logs or similar records relating to the use of facilities such as meeting rooms, auditoriums, etc. by the public or other governmental agencies.	2 years.	
*GR1075-20c	USAGE REPORTS	Usage reports compiled for purposes other than those noted in (a) or (b).	1 year.	
GR1075-21	VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Assignment logs, authorizations, and similar records relating to the assignment and use of government-owned vehicles or equipment by employees.	After return or reassignment + 2 years.	
GR1075-22	VISITOR CONTROL REGISTERS	Logs, registers, or similar records documenting visitors to limited access or restricted areas.	3 years.	Retention Note: If the visitor control register is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-23	VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES	Warranties for vehicles and equipment.	Expiration of warranty + 1 year.	
GR1075-24	VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATIONS	Vehicle titles and registrations of government- owned vehicles.	LA.	
GR1075-25	SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS	Video surveillance for, but not limited to, security of property and persons.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If the surveillance video is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.
*GR1075-26	EQUIPMENT MANUALS	Equipment manuals, owner's manuals, instructional manuals, or other similar documentation for government owned equipment, <b>except</b> for equipment manuals noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	LA.	

## **SECTION 4-3: COMMUNICATIONS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-40	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS			
GR1075-40a	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Meter and permit usage records.	1 year.	
GR1075-40b	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Registered, certified, insured, and special delivery mail receipts and similar records of transmittal by express or delivery companies.	1 year.	
GR1075-41	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	Registers or logs of telephone calls and fax transmissions made and similar activity reports.		
GR1075-41a	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for cost allocation purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-41b	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for internal control purposes other than cost allocation.	1 year.	

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1075-41c	[WITHDRAWN –SEE GR1075- 43]			
*GR1075-42	E-RATE RECORDS	E-Rate is the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund that provides discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunications and Internet access. E-Rate is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).		
		All records related to the application for, receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services.	FE + 10 years.	By regulation - 47 CFR 54.516.
*GR1075-43	DIRECTORY INFORMATION	Mailing addresses, telephone or fax numbers, or email addresses, or other contact information maintained by a local government on its employees or persons it serves.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

# **SECTION 4-4: WORKPLACE SAFETY RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-01	BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees with exposure to bloodborne pathogens showing the dates of training sessions, contents or summaries of the sessions, names and job titles of those who received training, and names and qualifications of instructors.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-02	FACILITY CHEMICAL LISTS	Copies of tier two forms containing information of hazardous chemicals present in local government facilities submitted to the fire chief of the fire department having jurisdiction over the facilities and to the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 506.006.	30 years.	
GR5750-03	HAZARD COMMUNICATION PLANS	Plans describing how criteria of the Hazard Communications Act (Chapter 502, Health and Safety Code) with regard to the education and training of employees will be met.	US + 5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-04	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees in a hazard communications program showing the date of each training session, subjects covered during the session, rosters of employees who attended, and the names of instructors.	5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-05	MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS)	Material safety data sheets (MSDS) supplied to local government employers by manufacturers or distributors of hazardous chemicals.	AV after receipt of updated sheet or the hazardous chemical is no longer present in the local government, as applicable.	
GR5750-06	WORKPLACE CHEMICAL LISTS	Lists of hazardous chemicals, including superseded lists, compiled and maintained by local governments in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005.	30 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d).  Retention Note: State law (Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d)) provides that if a local government is dissolved (e.g., a municipality through disincorporation), it shall send the workplace chemical lists in its possession to the director of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
*GR5750-07	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	Disaster preparedness, continuity of	US.	
	AND RECOVERY PLANS	operations, business continuity, or other		
		plans used to prepare for or respond to		
		emergencies or disasters.		

### PART 5: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** (a) This part establishes retention periods for records essential to the creation, maintenance, and use of electronic records (information recorded in a form for computer processing including data, graphics, digital images, multi-media records, etc.) and records related to computer operations/technical support not covered elsewhere in this schedule. Records in this part may be maintained on whatever medium is appropriate including electronic (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, CD-ROM, etc.), paper, and microform.

- (b) Other types of records may be maintained electronically that are listed elsewhere in this schedule, such as administrative, fiscal, personnel, and support services records, or in other specialized schedules adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, such as Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies), Local Schedule HR (Records of Public Health Agencies), etc. The retention period for those electronic records will be as specified under the appropriate records series item number according to the function of the information. For example, if an electronic system were used to maintain encumbrance and expenditure reports, the retention period for these electronic records would be 2 years as specified in item number 1025-04(d). Retention requirements apply to records maintained on all types of electronic systems including mainframe, minicomputer, microcomputer, local-area-network based systems, etc.
- (c) Administrative rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (13 TAC 7.71-7.79) require that retention procedures for electronic records with an approved retention of 10 years or more must include provisions for scheduling the disposition of the electronic records as well as related software, documentation, and indexes; and for regular recopying, reformatting, and other necessary maintenance or conversion activities to ensure the retention and stability of electronic records until the expiration of their retention periods.
- (d) If automated information is copied to paper or microform to create the official record, the electronic files do not have to be maintained for the full retention period of the record. The added value of electronic files for facilitating retrieval, making queries, providing for automated audit trails, etc., should be carefully reviewed prior to destruction of the electronic files even though there is an official record in another medium.

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## **SECTION 5-1: RECORDS OF AUTOMATED APPLICATIONS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5800-01	AUDIT TRAIL RECORDS	Files needed for electronic data audits such as files or reports showing transactions accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed; history files/tapes; records of on-line updates to application files or security logs.	Until audit requirements met.	
GR5800-02	FINDING AIDS, INDEXES, AND TRACKING SYSTEMS	Automated indexes, lists, registers, and other finding aids used to provide access to the hard copy and electronic records.	Until the related hard copy or electronic records have been destroyed.	
GR5800-03	HARDWARE DOCUMENTATION	Records documenting operational and maintenance requirements of computer hardware such as operating manuals, hardware/operating system requirements, hardware configurations, and equipment control systems.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the hardware to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc., any hardware documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-04	INFORMATION SYSTEM/DATABASE RECORDS	Relatively long-lived computer files, including databases, containing organized and consistent sets of complete and accurate electronic records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Notes: a) The need to retain "snapshots" of some continuing information systems or databases should be carefully evaluated. For example, if a Geographic Information System has only current mapping information, historical versions of zoning changes would need to be maintained for long-term legal and historical value.  b) Records managers should ensure that snapshots which support records on this or other commission schedules are retained for the full retention period of the records they support.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-05	PROCESSING RECORDS	Electronic files used to produce or modify an information system or database, including, but not limited to, work files, maintenance and test files, print files, and intermediate input/output records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Routine or benchmark files used to test system performance and files which facilitate processing of a particular job or system run, but which do not add to, delete from, or substantially modify information in an information system or database need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
*GR5800-06	SOFTWARE PROGRAMS	Automated software applications and operating system files including job control language, etc.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new software environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the software to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc. any software program required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-08	TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION	Records adequate to specify all technical characteristics necessary for reading or processing of electronic records and their timely, authorized disposition. Includes documentation describing how a system operates and which is necessary for using the system such as user guides, system or sub-system definitions, system specifications, input and output specifications, and system flow charts; program descriptions and documentation such as program flowcharts, program maintenance logs, change notices, and other records that document modifications to computer programs; and data documentation necessary to access, retrieve, manipulate and interpret data in an automated system such as a data element dictionary, file layout, code book or table, and other records that explain the meaning, purpose, structure, logical relationships, and origin of the data elements.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware or software environment with new documentation, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the documentation to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, open records action, etc. any technical documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-09	AUTOMATED PROGRAM LISTING / SOURCE CODE	Automated program code and builds which generate the machine-language instructions used to operate software programs.	Until superseded or software program no longer used, whichever sooner.	

#### SECTION 5-2: COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT RECORDS

**Retention Note:** Not all of the following types of records will be created with all electronic systems. A local government should determine which records are needed according to the type of computer operation in use (mainframe, individual personal computers, networked personal computers, etc.). The records in this section may be maintained electronically (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, etc.) or on another medium such as paper or microform provided the approved retention period is met.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5825-01	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS			
*GR5825-01a	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records created for security purposes to control or monitor individual access to a system and its data, including but not limited to user account records, security login information, and password files.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR5825-01b	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records used to control and monitor the security of a system and its data, including vulnerability scans, intrusion tests, malicious code detection tests, threat and risk assessments, technical security reviews, patch management logs, intrusion detection logs, firewall logs, and related records. Records documenting incidents and investigations involving unauthorized attempted entry, probes and/or attacks on information systems or networks.	AV.	
GR5825-02	BATCH DATA ENTRY CONTROL RECORDS	Forms and logs used to reconcile batches submitted for processing against batches received and processed.	AV after reconciliation confirmed.	
GR5825-03	CHARGEBACK RECORDS TO DATA PROCESSING SERVICES USERS	Records used to document, calculate costs, and bill program units for computer usage and data processing services. These records are also used for cost recovery, budgeting, or administrative purposes.	FE + 5 for school districts; FE + 3 years for other local governments.	
GR5825-04	COMPUTER JOB SCHEDULES AND REPORTS	Schedules or similar records showing computer jobs to be run and other reports by computer operators or programmers of work performed.	90 days.	
GR5825-06	DATA PROCESSING PLANNING RECORDS	Reports, studies, analyses, projections, and similar records concerning the creation, development, or modification of data processing systems and services.	5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR5825-07	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR5750- 07]			

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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(1) *Effective April 17, 2016* 

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-08	ELECTRONIC MEDIA LIBRARY SYSTEM RECORDS	Records used to control the location, maintenance, and disposition of media in an electronic media library <b>except</b> for records destruction documentation that is maintained permanently (see item number GR1000-40).	Until related records or media are destroyed or withdrawn from the library.	
*GR5825-09	DATA ENTRY DOCUMENTS	Records or forms designed and used solely for data input and control <b>except</b> for data entry documents noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	Until all data has been entered into the system and, if required, verified.	
GR5825-10	NETWORK CIRCUITS INVENTORIES	Records containing information on network circuits used by the government including circuit number, vendor, type of connection, terminal series, software, contact person, and other relevant information about the circuit.	US.	
GR5825-11	NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION RECORDS	Records used to implement a computer network including reports, diagrams of network, and wiring schematics.	US.	
*GR5825-12	OPERATING SYSTEM AND HARDWARE CONVERSION PLANS	Records relating to the replacement of equipment or computer operating systems not included elsewhere in this schedule.	2 years after completion of conversion.	
GR5825-13	OUTPUT RECORDS FOR COMPUTER PRODUCTION	Reports showing transactions that were accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed.	AV.	
*GR5825-14	QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORDS	Information verifying the quality of system, hardware, or software operations including records of errors or failures and the loss of data resulting from such failures, documentation of abnormal termination and of error free processing, checks of changes put into production, transaction histories, and other records needed as an audit trail to evaluate data accuracy.	Until no longer needed as an audit trail.	

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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(1) *Effective April 17, 2016* 

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-15	PROJECT RECORDS	Records created and used in the development, redesign, or modification of automated systems or applications.		Retention Note: Does not include purchasing records for computer software or hardware such as individual personal computers, which are covered in Part 4 of this schedule.
GR5825-15a	PROJECT RECORDS	Project management records, design documentation, feasibility studies, justifications, user requirements, etc.	3 years after completion of project.	
GR5825-15b	PROJECT RECORDS	Routine status reports, memos, and correspondence.	AV.	
*GR5825-16	SYSTEM ACTIVITY MONITORING RECORDS	Records or logs that monitor and report levels and patterns of individual and organizational usage of system hardware, software application, and internet resources, including but not limited to log in files, system usage files, application usage files, data entry logs, print spool logs, and records of individual computer usage. May also include levels of storage and network/bandwidth traffic and other documentation related to activities for monitoring and ensuring optimal efficiency of system resource use.	AV.	
*GR5825-17	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1050- 28]			
GR5825-18	INTERNET COOKIES	Data resident on hard drives that make use of user-specific information transmitted by the Web server onto the user's computer so that the information might be available for later access by itself or other servers.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet cookies need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d)).
GR5825-19	HISTORY FILES – WEB SITES	A record of the documents visited during an Internet session that allows users to access previously visited pages more quickly or to generate a record of a user's progress.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet history files need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d).

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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(1) Effective April 17, 2016

Record	Record Title	<b>Record Description</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR5825-20	SOFTWARE REGISTRATIONS,		LA + 3 years.	
	WARRANTIES, AND LICENSE			
	AGREEMENTS			

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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(9)

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### LOCAL SCHEDULE TX

(Third Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF PROPERTY TAXATION

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are usually found in appraisal districts and tax offices of taxing units. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the commission.

The retention period for a record applies to the record regardless of the medium in which it is maintained. Some records listed in this schedule are maintained electronically in many offices, but electronically stored data used to create in any manner a record or the functional equivalent of a record as described in this schedule must be retained, along with the hardware and software necessary to access the data, for the retention period assigned to the record, unless backup copies of the data generated from electronic storage are retained in paper or on microfilm for the retention period.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

#### Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk (\*) in this third edition of Local Schedule TX indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or substantive amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable FE - Fiscal year end TAC - Texas Administrative Code US - Until superseded

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### PART 1: APPRAISAL RECORDS

#### **SECTION 1-1: RECORDS OF APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX2950-01	APPEAL RECORDS	Notices of appeal of a final order of an appraisal review board to a district court; and, if the appeal is being made by a chief appraiser, a taxing unit, or a county, notices of pending appeal sent to property owners whose property is involved in the appeal.	PERMANENT.	By regulation - 34 TAC 9.803(g).
*TX2950-02	HEARING RECORDS	Case papers arising from appraisal review board hearings or meetings including, but not limited to, protests and challenge petitions; oaths and affidavits; hearing notices and hearing notice waivers; subpoenas; documents submitted in evidence by taxpayers or taxing units; motions for hearing; notices of change in appraisal records that affect tax liability; orders determining protests, challenges, and accompanying notices of final order; correspondence; and similar documentation relating to the powers and duties of an appraisal review board established in law or regulation.	End of calendar year in which hearing or meeting held + 4 years.	Retention Note: For additional records of appraisal review board hearings see item number TX2975-06.
TX2950-03	MINUTES	Including those of agricultural appraisal advisory boards and governing bodies of taxing units sitting as boards of equalization under prior law.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: For audiotapes and other records associated with the creation of minutes see item number GR1000-03.
TX2950-04	OPEN MEETING NOTICES AND HEARING SCHEDULES.		2 years.	
*TX2950-05	ARBITRATION RECORDS	All records associated with a request for, the conduct of, and the result of a binding arbitration procedure under Property Tax Code, Chapter 41A.		
*TX2950-05a	ARBITRATION RECORDS	Arbitration award.	End of calendar year in which hearing held + 4 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*TX2950-05b	ARBITRATION RECORDS	All other records associated with a binding arbitration request procedure.	End of calendar year in which hearing held + 4 years, but see retention note.	Retention Note: The definition of a local government record in Local Government Code, §201.003(8)(G) specifically excludes the following from the definition: "any records, correspondence, notes, memoranda, or documents, other than a final written agreement described by Section 2009.054(c), Government Code, associated with a matter conducted under an alternative dispute resolution procedure in which personnel of a state department or institution, local government, special district, or other political subdivision of the state participated as a party, facilitated as an impartial third party, or facilitated as the administrator of a dispute resolution system or organization."  As a consequence, the retention period shown is recommended to local governments, but is not required.
*TX2950-06	ARBITRATORS, REGISTER OF	Register, created and maintained by chief appraisers, of persons qualified and willing to be arbitrators for the purposes of Property Code, Chapter 41A.	US.	

#### **SECTION 1-2: RECORDS OF PROPERTY APPRAISAL**

**Retention Note:** RECORDS OF APPRAISAL IN TAXING UNITS - The retention periods in this section also apply to records of property appraisal created and maintained by taxing units in a county prior to the preparation and release of the first appraisal roll by that county's appraisal district. If different retention periods are established for a record depending on whether it was created by a taxing unit for appraisal purposes or by an appraisal district, the different retention periods are indicated. If the required retention period for a record is less than 10 years, a differentiation is not made because the effect of the retention period is that all records of the type maintained by taxing units are now eligible for disposal under this schedule.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX2975-01	AGENTS FOR PROPERTY TAXES, APPOINTMENTS OF		US or until date authority of agent ends, as applicable.	
TX2975-02	APPRAISAL CARDS (PROPERTY RECORD CARDS)	(a) Appraisal districts.	US, but see retention note.	Retention Note: Appraisal cards are a PERMANENT record in that at any given time an appraisal district must have a complete set of current appraisal cards or a record equivalent in purpose and function to appraisal cards for all parcels of property subject to appraisal by the district. Cards or the equivalent records that are replaced or updated need be retained only as long as administratively valuable after replacement or update. However, some records of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
		(b) Taxing units.	AV.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX2975-03	APPRAISAL CORRESPONDENCE	Correspondence between an appraisal district and a property owner concerning the appraisal of the owner's property. (See item number TX2950-02 for correspondence of appraisal review boards.)	2 years, but see retention note.	Retention Notes: a) All correspondence between an appraisal district and property owners must be retained for a minimum of 2 years except as noted in (b), but care should be taken in disposing of appraisal correspondence at the expiration of the 2-year period to make certain that it does not serve as documentation for other record series with longer retention periods noted in this section or that it does not continue to have administrative value as potential documentation for the exercise of various powers of appraisal districts (e.g., back assessment of real property).  b) Routine letters of transmittal (e.g., a letter indicating that a rendition is enclosed), inquiries about sales data, and inquiries about who owns a property need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
TX2975-04	APPRAISAL FIELD NOTES	Notes created by appraisers performing appraisal in the field.	AV after preparation or updating of all appraisal cards to which the notes relate.	
TX2975-05	APPRAISAL MONITORING DOCUMENTATION	Documentation, such as vehicle ownership lists, building and construction permit lists, assumed name registrations, and aerial photographs, used by appraisal districts to discover unrendered property or to monitor the accuracy of renditions and appraisal.	AV.	
TX2975-06	APPRAISAL ROLLS AND ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACTS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX2975-06a	APPRAISAL ROLLS AND ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACTS	Appraisal districts - Final appraisal and supplemental appraisal rolls, as certified for distribution to taxing units, including orders of the appraisal review board approving or ordering correction of appraisal and supplemental appraisal rolls, orders of the appraisal review board to correct appraisal records after certification, and copies of change orders from a chief appraiser to taxing units to correct appraisal rolls after certification.	PERMANENT.	Retention Notes: 1) Preliminary drafts and proofs of appraisal or supplemental appraisal rolls need be retained only as long as administratively valuable after certification of the roll by the chief appraiser and are exempt from the destruction request requirement.  2) It is sufficient in satisfaction of the PERMANENT retention requirement for appraisal rolls that a master appraisal roll or supplemental appraisal roll of all appraised property in a county be retained PERMENENTLY.  Appraisal rolls derived from the master roll for each taxing unit need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
TX2975-06b	APPRAISAL ROLLS AND ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACTS	Taxing units - Assessor's abstracts of property, including those relating to land and city lots.	PERMANENT.	Obsolete records in the offices of county tax assessor-collectors and other taxing units. The permanent retention period applies to any office in possession of these records, whether it is the appraisal district of a county or any former taxing unit of the county.  Retention Note: Do not confuse this record with item number TX3000-02, Appraisal Rolls, Amendments, and Notices, which are supplied by appraisal districts to taxing units under Chapter 25, Tax Code.
TX2975-07	EXEMPTION AND SPECIAL APPRAISAL RECORDS	Including notices of determination of change of use, if applicable.		
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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*TX 2975-07a	EXEMPTION AND SPECIAL APPRAISAL RECORDS	Approved applications for exemption or special appraisal, including all supporting documentation required by the terms of the application.		
		(1) One-time (including written notification from taxpayer that entitlement has ended).	US or until entitlement ends + 5 years.	Retention Note: Each approved one- time exemption or special appraisal application must be retained for 5 years from date of approval even if entitlement should end during the period. If a chief appraiser requires a new one-time application be filed to confirm status, the superseded application must still be retained for 5 years from its approval date.
		(2) Annually renewed.	5 years or US + 4 years, as applicable.	
TX2975-07b	EXEMPTION AND SPECIAL APPRAISAL RECORDS	Denied applications for exemption or special appraisal.	1 year.	
TX2975-07c	EXEMPTION AND SPECIAL APPRAISAL RECORDS	Absolute exemption, partial exemption, and special appraisal lists.	PERMANENT.	
TX2975-08	INVENTORY APPRAISAL, APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER			
TX2975-08a	INVENTORY APPRAISAL, APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER	Approved applications.	Until cancellation.	
TX2975-08b	INVENTORY APPRAISAL, APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER	Denied applications.	2 years.	
TX2975-09	MAILING LISTS AND MAILING DOCUMENTATION			Retention Note: For notices to taxpayers see item number TX2975-11.
TX2975-09a	MAILING LISTS AND MAILING DOCUMENTATION	Current mailing lists.	US.	
TX2975-09b	MAILING LISTS AND MAILING DOCUMENTATION	Address changes notices and similar source documentation used to correct mailing lists.	1 year after correction made to mailing list.	
TX2975-09c	MAILING LISTS AND MAILING DOCUMENTATION	Mail returned by the postal or other mail delivery services as undeliverable.	1 year after return.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX2975-09d	MAILING LISTS AND MAILING DOCUMENTATION	Run list affidavits, certificate of mailing forms, and similar records evidencing the mailing of notices to property owners.	1 year.	
TX2975-10	MOBILE HOMES, REPORTS OF MOVEMENT OF		4 years.	
TX2975-11	NOTICES TO TAXPAYERS	Copies of notices sent to taxpayers or a record in some form of the types of notices sent and to whom (see item number TX2975-09), <b>except</b> notices noted elsewhere in this schedule.	1 year.	
TX2975-12	PROPERTY OWNERS, ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF		US.	
TX2975-13	PROPERTY TRANSFER DOCUMENTATION	Deed abstracts, death and probate abstracts, division orders, and similar data documenting transfer of ownership of property, used by appraisal districts to update appraisal records.	AV after certification of the appraisal roll for the year in which the transfer is reflected.	
TX2975-14	PROPERTY VALUE DOCUMENTATION	Cost schedules, sales reports, property rental schedules, and similar data collected and used by appraisal districts to determine cost, market, and income value of property for appraisal purposes.	AV, but see retention note.	Retention Note: Documentation of the type described used to support appraisal values in a specific year must be retained until certification of that year's appraisal roll.
TX2975-15	RATIO STUDIES	Ratio and other statistical studies that measure appraisal level and consistency.	AV.	
TX2975-16	RENDITIONS AND ALLOCATIONS	Including any supporting documentation submitted by taxpayer.		
TX2975-16a	RENDITIONS AND ALLOCATIONS	Applications for allocation of property value.  (1) Approved.  (2) Denied.	3 years. 1 year.	By regulation – 34 TAC 9.4033(g)(2).
TX2975-16b	RENDITIONS AND ALLOCATIONS	Renditions (except those constituting an application for the allocation of property value).	5 years.	
TX2975-16c	RENDITIONS AND ALLOCATIONS	Reports of decreased value.	5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX2975-16d	RENDITIONS AND ALLOCATIONS	Inventories of property.	AV, but see retention notes.	Obsolete records of county tax assessor-collectors.
				Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention period given by this schedule that any inventories of property which list, in addition to the name of the property owner, the names of other persons resident in a household must be retained PERMANENTLY for historical reasons. Such inventories of property served as a type of census detailed under item number TX4000-01.  Renditions that do not contain the names of family members should be appraised for historical value before disposal. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission recommends that every effort be made to maintain PERMANENTLY all renditions of the type described.
TX2975-17	REPORTS TO STATE PROPERTY TAX BOARD	Annual or other periodic reports or surveys submitted to the State Property Tax Board or its successor.	PERMANENT.	
TX2975-18	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Including any accompanying documentation.		
TX2975-18a	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Standing timber.	1 year.	
TX2975-18b	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Undivided interests.	Until change in ownership or request for cancellation filed.	
TX2975-18c	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Mineral interests.	Until request for cancellation filed.	
TX2975-18d	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Interest in cooperative housing (including any lists of stockholders or verification documents filed after the original request).	Until request for cancellation filed.	
TX2975-18e	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Requests for cancellation of separate taxation of undivided interests or interest in cooperative housing or joint taxation of mineral interests.	1 year.	

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TX2975-18f	SEPARATE/JOINT TAXATION REQUESTS	Denied requests.	1 year.	Retention Note: This record group also includes requests of the types listed that are permitted by law or regulation to be filed with taxing units.
TX2975-19	TAX DEFERRAL AFFIDAVITS	Including copies of the affidavits or notices of the filing of affidavits maintained by taxing units.	Until all delinquent taxes have been paid after a change of ownership.	V
*TX2975-20	TAX MAPS AND PLATS			
*TX2975-20a	TAX MAPS AND PLATS	Appraisal districts  (1) Final set of maps or plats for each year reflecting all property appraised in a county that appears on the final certified appraisal roll for the county.	PERMANENT.	
		(2) Any preliminary maps or plats used to create the maps or plats described in (1).	AV.	
*TX2975-20b	TAX MAPS AND PLATS	Taxing units in a county prior to the creation of the county's tax appraisal district.  (1) Final set of maps or plats for each year reflecting all property appraised and assessed in the taxing unit that appears on the final certified assessment roll for the taxing unit.  (2) Any preliminary maps or plats used to create the maps or plats described in (1).	PERMANENT.  AV.	
*TX2975-21	CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS	Requests from eligible persons that their names not appear in appraisal district records.	US, or until the name of the requestor no longer appears on the property records of the appraisal district.	

### **PART 2: PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION - For accounting and banking records relating to property tax collection, other than the tax receipts, reports, and statements noted in this part, use Part 2 of Local Schedule GR.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3000-01	APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGETS	Including amendments.	3 years.	Retention Note: Do not confuse this record with annual budgets and budget amendments maintained PERMANENTLY by appraisal districts as required by item number GR1025-04(a).
TX3000-02	APPRAISAL ROLLS, AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICES	Appraisal rolls, supplemental appraisal rolls, orders to correct appraisal rolls after certification, lists of pending protests, lists of late-filed homestead exemptions, reports of apportioned value of transportation business intangibles, and any accompanying certifications submitted by chief appraisers or the State Property Tax Board or its successor to taxing units.	3 years.	Retention Notes: a) Preliminary appraisal rolls furnished to taxing units prior to receipt of the certified appraisal or supplemental appraisal roll need be retained only as long as administratively valuable and are exempt from the destruction request requirement.  b) Do not confuse the appraisal roll in this record group with appraisal rolls maintained by appraisal districts (see item number TX2975-06).
TX3000-03	BANKRUPTCY RECORDS	Records relating to the collection of taxes on property involved in bankruptcy cases.	AV after settlement of claim.	Retention Note: Any record that is customarily maintained in bankruptcy files in a taxing unit that is of a type noted elsewhere in this schedule must be retained for the retention period of that type; e.g., a tax receipt issued for the payment of taxes on property involved in bankruptcy proceedings must be retained for FE + 3 years as required under item number TX3000-16.
TX3000-04	CHALLENGE RECORDS	Records, maintained by a taxing unit, of challenges made to the appraisal review board (ARB) by the taxing unit.	AV after decision of ARB.	
TX3000-05	DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS	Both current and cumulative.		
TX3000-05a	DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS	If record of payment <b>is</b> entered in the tax roll or a register of taxes collected (see item number TX3000-18) for the tax year for which the tax was delinquent.	AV after preparation of cumulative tax roll for the following tax year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
ТХ3000-05Ь	DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS	If a record of payment is entered in this record, but <b>is not</b> entered in the tax roll or a register of taxes collected (see item number TX3000-18) for the tax year for which the tax was delinquent.	Real property rolls - 20 years; personal property rolls - 10 years.	
TX3000-05c	DELINQUENT TAX ROLLS	Lists of delinquent or insolvent taxpayers (State Comptroller of Public Accounts Form 16 or its equivalent).	AV.	Obsolete record.
TX3000-06	ERRORS IN ASSESSMENT, LISTS OF		AV.	Obsolete record of county tax assessor-collectors.
TX3000-07	PAYMENT OPTIONS OR POSTPONEMENT, REQUESTS FOR	Requests or applications from taxpayers to be allowed to pay taxes by installment or in other manners permitted by law or for the postponement of tax bills.	AV.	
*TX3000-08	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS	Rolls, schedules, ledgers, or similar records listing property owners and amount of assessment for streets, sidewalks, or other special assessment projects.	Expiration of the assessment + 10 years.	
TX3000-09	TAX BILLS OR STATEMENTS	Current, delinquent, special valuation rollback, and special assessment levy tax bills or notices.	AV.	Retention Note: Tax bills or statements returned by the post office or other mail delivery service must be retained for 1 year after return.
TX3000-10	TAX CERTIFICATE RECORDS			
TX3000-10a	TAX CERTIFICATE RECORDS	Tax certificates.	2 years.	
TX3000-10b	TAX CERTIFICATE RECORDS	Requests for tax certificates.	AV.	
TX3000-11	TAX COLLECTION, DELINQUENCY, AND PROPERTY VALUE REPORTS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3000-11a	TAX COLLECTION, DELINQUENCY, AND PROPERTY VALUE REPORTS	Reports to governing body of taxing unit.		Retention Notes: A monthly or annual tax collection report need be retained only as long as administratively valuable by a tax collector if the record copy of the report is maintained by the clerk or secretary to the governing body of the taxing unit for the retention period indicated.
		(1)Monthly.	FE + 3 years.	Review before disposal; some monthly reports of county tax assessor-collectors, especially from the early to mid 20th century, contain lists of persons paying poll or occupation taxes and, consequently, may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(2)Quarterly.	AV.	Obsolete record.
		(3)Annual.	PERMANENT.	
TX3000-11b	TAX COLLECTION,	Reports to state agencies.		
	DELINQUENCY, AND PROPERTY VALUE REPORTS	(1) Annual reports to the State Property Tax Board or its successor.	PERMANENT.	
		(2) Quarterly reports to the State Property Tax Board and annual, quarterly, and monthly reports to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts on state and county taxes collected.	AV.	Obsolete record.  Retention Note: Many county tax assessor-collectors customarily presented the same annual reports submitted to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts to their commissioners courts. In such instances, the reports must be retained PERMANENTLY as provided in TX3000-11a(3).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3000-12	TAX CORRESPONDENCE	Correspondence between a taxing unit and a taxpayer concerning payment problems and similar subjects relating to the assessment and collection of property taxes and special assessments.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) All correspondence between a taxing unit and taxpayers must be retained for a minimum of 2 years except as noted in (b), but care should be taken in disposing of tax correspondence at the expiration of the 2-year period to make certain that it does not serve as documentation for other record series with longer retention periods noted in this section.  b) Routine letters of transmittal (e.g., a letter indicating that payment is enclosed) need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
TX3000-13	TAX LIEN TRANSFER RECORD		AV.	
TX3000-14	TAX LIENS AND LIEN RELEASES ON MANUFACTURED HOMES		Until release of lien.	
TX3000-15	TAX RATE CALCULATION WORKSHEETS AND NOTICES	Including both effective and rollback tax rates.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3000-16	TAX RECEIPTS	Copies or stubs of receipts issued for the payment of current or delinquent property taxes, special assessments, or for redemption of real property sold at a tax sale, including those for split, partial, installment, and conditional payments and for payments under protest.	FE + 3 years.	Retention Notes: a) Retrospective tax receipts issued under Texas Tax Code, Section 31.075 showing that taxes have been paid for one or more previous tax years need be retained only as long as administratively valuable unless the retrospective information is included on a receipt for the payment of current taxes, in which case the receipt must be retained for 3 years.  b) This record group includes the following receipts or certificates, once widely used by county tax offices: insolvent receipts (Form 2P40-2.24), judgment receipts (Form 2P40-7.29), supplemental receipts (Form 2P40-2.25), redemption receipts (Form V-2.333 and 2P40-7.333), corrections receipts (Form 2P40-2.112 and 2P40-2.116), and cancellation receipts (Form 2P40-7.99) or their equivalent.  c) In tax offices in which multi-copy tax receipts are used and more than one copy is kept by the collector for administrative purposes, only one copy must be retained for the 3-year retention period. The other copy or copies need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
TX3000-17	TAX REFUND, APPLICATIONS FOR		FE + 3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3000-18	TAX ROLLS	Consolidated tax roll and any supplemental tax roll for both rendered and unrendered property for each tax year or, if a consolidated tax roll is not maintained, all component tax rolls for each tax year, including summaries and recapitulations.	Real property rolls - 20 years; personal property rolls - 10 years, subject to the exceptions noted in the Appendix on page 25.	Retention Notes: a) In any taxing unit, if a record of the payment of property taxes is not posted in the tax roll, but in a separate register of taxes collected, the register must be retained for the same period as the tax roll.
		(See item number TX3000-05 for delinquent tax rolls; item number TX3000-08 for special assessment rolls.)		b) Consolidated rolls detailing both real and personal property taxes due must be retained for 20 years.
				c) Preliminary drafts and proofs of a tax roll need be retained only as long as administratively valuable after approval of the final roll by the governing body.
TX3000-19	TAX SEIZURE AND FORECLOSURE RECORDS	Records relating to the seizure of personal property or the institution of delinquent tax suits.		
TX3000-19a	TAX SEIZURE AND FORECLOSURE RECORDS	Tax warrants, petitions, citations, surety bonds, notices of sale, pertinent correspondence, and similar documentation.	AV from, as applicable, 1) date of sale. 2) date of resale if property purchased by taxing unit. 3) date of final court judgment if no sale ordered. 4) from date of dismissal if suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff.	Retention Note: Any record that is customarily maintained in tax seizure and foreclosure files in a taxing unit that is of a type noted elsewhere in this schedule must be retained for the retention period of that type; e.g., a tax receipt issued for the payment of taxes on property involved in a seizure or foreclosure action must be retained for FE + 3 years as required under item number TX3000-16.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3000-19b	TAX SEIZURE AND FORECLOSURE RECORDS	A record in some form listing property sold at tax sale and its purchaser or purchasers; or, if purchased by a taxing unit, at resale.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: Records of sale under this subgroup include obsolete State Comptroller of Public Accounts Form 93 (Report of Land Sold Under Judgment and Redeemed) or its equivalent and Form 20 (Report of Land Sold Under Judgment) or its equivalent, formerly required of county tax assessor-collectors.

#### PART 3: MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION - For accounting and banking records relating to motor vehicle licensing not noted in this part, use Part 2 of Local Schedule GR.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3025-01	BOAT AND OUTBOARD			
	MOTOR REGISTRATION			
	RECORDS			
TX3025-01a	BOAT AND OUTBOARD	Registration receipts (including any refund	FE + 3 years.	
	MOTOR REGISTRATION	documentation).		
	RECORDS			
TX3025-01b	BOAT AND OUTBOARD	Reports to the Texas Parks and Wildlife	FE + 3 years.	
	MOTOR REGISTRATION	Department.		
	RECORDS			
TX3025-02	DRIVERS LICENSING	All records, including reports to the Texas	AV.	Obsolete record.
	RECORDS	Department of Public Safety and duplicate		
		licenses, relating to the licensing of operators		
		and chauffeurs.		
TX3025-03	MOTOR VEHICLE			
	AFFIDAVITS AND			
	APPLICATIONS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3025-03a	MOTOR VEHICLE AFFIDAVITS AND APPLICATIONS	Seller, Donor, or Trader's Affidavit; Seller, Donor, or Trader's Affidavit for Dealers or Lessors; and Motor Vehicle Rental Certificates.	See retention note.	Retention Note: County tax assessor- collectors are not required to retain copies of these affidavits after the transmittal of the originals to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Any affidavits dated April 30, 1976, or earlier, prior to the institution of the transmittal procedure, need be retained
ТХ3025-03Ь	MOTOR VEHICLE AFFIDAVITS AND APPLICATIONS	All other affidavits or applications relating to motor vehicle registration, permitting, or licensing in those instances in which the county tax assessor-collector retains a copy of the affidavit or application by law or regulation.	2 years.	only as long as administratively valuable.
TX3025-04	MOTOR VEHICLE COLLECTION AND DATA REPORTS	Daily, weekly, or monthly reports on the collection of motor vehicle registration fees and sales taxes and other data concerning motor vehicle registration and sale as may be required by law or regulation.		
*TX3025-04a	MOTOR VEHICLE COLLECTION AND DATA REPORTS	Reports to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.	AV.	
*TX3025-04b	MOTOR VEHICLE COLLECTION AND DATA REPORTS	Reports to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.	AV.	
TX3025-05	MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIPTS	Including voided receipts and letters of protest accompanying payment.		
*TX3025-05a *TX3025-05b	MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIPTS  MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIPTS	Registration receipts.  Tax receipts for the sale of motor vehicles or boats or any other type of receipt involving monies remittable to and subject to audit by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.	AV. AV.	
TX3025-06 *TX3025-06a	MOTOR VEHICLE REFUND DOCUMENTATION MOTOR VEHICLE REFUND	Documentation concerning the refund of motor vehicle taxes or registration fees.  Refunds of registration fees.	AV.	
*TX3025-06b	DOCUMENTATION  MOTOR VEHICLE REFUND DOCUMENTATION	Refund of taxes.	AV.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3025-07	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION LISTS			
TX3025-07a	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION LISTS	Any list or register of motor vehicles licensed in a county showing name and address of owner, license number, and date registered from the period 1907 to 1917, prior to the creation of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.	PERMANENT.	
TX3025-07b	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION LISTS	Lists of motor vehicles registered in a county other than those noted in (a).	US.	
TX3025-08	MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE HEARING DOCUMENTATION	Administrative and evidentiary records of motor vehicle title hearings held before a tax assessor-collector or authorized deputy.	5 years from date judgment rendered in hearing.	
TX3025-09	VALIDATION STICKER BOOKS		2 years.	
*TX3025-10	DISABLED LICENSES OR PLACARDS, APPLICATIONS FOR	Applications for disabled licenses or placards, including all associated documentation required by the terms of the application.		
*TX3025-10a	DISABLED LICENSES OR PLACARDS, APPLICATIONS FOR	Applications for permanent disability.	4 years.	
*TX3025-10b	DISABLED LICENSES OR PLACARDS, APPLICATIONS FOR	Applications for temporary disability.	6 months.	
*TX3025-11	PRIVATE PARTY MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, APPRAISAL OF	Certified appraisals of the value of a motor vehicle provided by a motor vehicle dealer subject to Transportation Code Chapter 503, Subchapter B or by a licensed insurance adjuster relating to the private sale of a motor vehicle.	FE + 4 years.	By regulation – 34 TAC 3.79(d)(5).

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#### **PART 4: LIQUOR LICENSING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF LIQUOR LICENSING - For accounting and banking records relating to liquor licensing, other than the receipts noted in this part, use Part 2 of Local Schedule GR.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX3050-01	LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION RECORDS	Liquor license applications, court orders and judgments, license copies, and similar documentation relating to the approval and issuance of liquor licenses.	1 year after expiration, cancellation, or denial of license.	
TX3050-02	LIQUOR LICENSING RECEIPTS	Receipts issued for the payment of liquor licensing fees.	FE + 3 years.	
TX3050-03	LIQUOR LICENSE REGISTER	Record or register of liquor licenses issued.	AV.	Retention Note: This record includes only that of the type described maintained by county tax assessor-collectors or other tax collectors. For liquor licensing dockets and other records maintained by county clerks see Section 3-9 of Local Schedule CC (Records of County Clerks).

#### **PART 5: OCCUPATION TAX RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** Occupation tax records are obsolete and were maintained principally by county tax assessor-collectors. **Do not confuse** records listed in this part with records of licenses and permits issued in local governments, which involve the payment of **fees**, not **taxes**. For accounting and other records arising from the issuance of permits or licenses by local governments see Local Schedule GR and other commission schedules.

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention	Remarks
Number			Period	
TX3075-01	OCCUPATION TAX RECEIPTS		AV.	
TX3075-02	OCCUPATION TAX RECORD	Record or register of payment of occupation	PERMANENT.	
		taxes.		

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#### PART 6: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS

Retention Note: For voter registration and poll tax records see Local Schedule EL.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
TX4000-01	CENSUS RECORDS		PERMANENT.	Obsolete record.  Retention Note: County tax assessor-collectors were responsible for conducting censuses of school-age children from 1854 to 1885. They also, on an irregular basis, conducted agricultural censuses and censuses of all persons within households from the mid to late 19th century. All census records must be retained PERMANENTLY for historical reasons.
TX4000-02	MILITIA ENROLLMENT RECORDS		PERMANENT.	Obsolete record.

#### **APPENDIX**

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has microfilm copies of the county tax rolls for each county from the year of the county's creation through the production of the first countywide appraisal roll by its appraisal district, except as noted in Parts 1 and 2 of this appendix. The tax rolls in the holdings of the Commission will be retained **PERMANENTLY**. In order to preserve a complete run of tax rolls for each county until the county's first countywide appraisal roll, tax rolls for the tax years noted in this appendix must be retained **PERMANENTLY** by the county indicated. Tax rolls for tax years after the last date indicated for each county, and after 1981 in those counties marked "none," may be destroyed in accordance with the retention period detailed in item number 3000-18 (Tax Rolls). Appraisal rolls must be retained **PERMANENTLY** by appraisal districts.

**Part 1:** It is an exception to the retention period for Tax Rolls (see item number 3000-18) that any county, municipal, school district, or special purpose district tax rolls in the following county for the tax years indicated must be retained **PERMANENTLY**.

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Bowie 1841-1845; 1874; 1880

**Part 2:** It is an exception to the retention period for Tax Rolls (see item number 3000-18) that county tax rolls in the following counties for the tax year or years indicated must be retained **PERMANENTLY**.

Anderson	1981	Briscoe	1980-1981	Colorado	1981	Eastland	1981
Andrews	1980-1981	Brooks	1981	Comal	1981	Ector	1980-1981
Angelina	1980-1981	Brown	1980-1981	Comanche	1980-1981	Edwards	1981
Aransas	1981	Burleson	1980-1981	Concho	1981	Ellis	1981
Archer	1981	Burnet	1981	Cooke	1981	El Paso	1980-1981
Armstrong	1981	Caldwell	1980-1981	Coryell	1980-1981	Erath	1980-1981
Atascosa	1981	Calhoun	1980-1981	Cottle	1980-1981	Falls	1980-1981
Austin	None	Callahan	1981	Crane	1981	Fannin	None
Bailey	1980-1981	Cameron	None	Crockett	1981-1983	Fayette	None
Bandera	1980-1981	Camp	1981	Crosby	1980-1981	Fisher	1980-1981
Bastrop	1980-1981	Carson	1981	Culberson	1980-1981	Floyd	1980-1981
Baylor	1981	Cass	1980-1981	Dallam	None	Foard	1981
Bee	1981	Castro	1981	Dallas	1980-1981	Fort Bend	1980-1981
Bell	1980-1981	Chambers	1980-1981	Dawson	1980-1981	Franklin	1980-1981
Bexar	1980-1982	Cherokee	1981	Deaf Smith	1980-1981	Freestone	1981
Blanco	1981	Childress	1980-1981	Delta	None	Frio	1981
Borden	1980-1981	Clay	1981	Denton	1981	Gaines	1980-1981
Bosque	1981	Cochran	1980-1981	DeWitt	1980-1981	Galveston	1981
Bowie	1981-1983	Coke	1981	Dickens	1980-1981	Garza	1981
Brazoria	1980-1981	Coleman	1981	Dimmit	1980-1981	Gillespie	None
Brazos	1981	Collin	1981	Donley	None	Glasscock	1981-1982
Brewster	1980-1981	Collingsworth	1981	Duval	1980-1981	Goliad	1981

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Gonzales	1981	Hunt	1981	Lavaca	1980-1981	Montgomery	1980-1981
Gray	1982	Hutchinson	1980-1981	Lee	1980-1981	Moore	1980-1982
Grayson	1981	Irion	1981	Leon	1980-1982	Morris	1980-1981
Gregg	1981	Jack	1980-1981	Liberty	1981	Motley	1981
Grimes	1981	Jackson	1981	Limestone	1980-1981	Nacogdoches	1981
Guadalupe	1981	Jasper	1981-1982	Lipscomb	1981	Navarro	1981
Hale	1981	Jeff Davis	1982	Live Oak	1981	Newton	1980-1981
Hall	1981	Jefferson	1981	Llano	None	Nolan	1980-1981
Hamilton	None	Jim Hogg	1981	Loving	1981	Nueces	1980-1981
Hansford	1981	Jim Wells	None	Lubbock	1980-1981	Ochiltree	1980-1981
Hardeman	1981	Johnson	1980-1981	Lynn	1980-1981	Oldham	1981-1982
Hardin	1980-1981	Jones	1981	Madison	1981	Orange	1980-1981
Harris	1981-1983	Karnes	1980-1981	Marion	1981	Palo Pinto	1981
Harrison	1980-1981	Kaufman	1981	Martin	1981	Panola	1981
Hartley	1981-1982	Kendall	1980-1981	Mason	1981	Parker	1980-1981
Haskell	1981	Kenedy	1980-1981	Matagorda	1981	Parmer	1981
Hays	1980-1981	Kent	1981	Maverick	1980-1981	Pecos	1981
Hemphill	1981	Kerr	1981	McCulloch	1981-1983	Polk	1980-1981
Henderson	1980-1981	Kimble	1980-1981	McLennan	1980-1981	Potter	1980-1981
Hidalgo	1980-1981	King	1981-1982	McMullen	1981	Presidio	1980
Hill	1980-1981	Kinney	1981	Medina	1980-1981	Rains	1981
Hockley	1981	Kleberg	1980-1981	Menard	1981	Randall	1980-1981
Hood	1980-1981	Knox	1980-1981	Midland	1981	Reagan	1980-1981
Hopkins	1980-1981	Lamar	1980-1981	Milam	1981	Real	1980-1981
Houston	1981	Lamb	1981	Mills	1981	Red River	1981
Howard	1981	Lampasas	None	Mitchell	1981	Reeves	1981
Hudspeth	1980-1981	La Salle	1981	Montague	1980-1981	Refugio	1980-1981

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Roberts	1981	Smith	1981	Travis	1980-1981	Wheeler	1981
Robertson	1981	Somervell	1980-1981	Trinity	1980-1981	Wichita	1981
Rockwall	1982	Starr	1981	Tyler	1980-1981	Wilbarger	1980-1981
Runnels	None	Stephens	1980-1981	Upshur	1981	Willacy	1980-1981
Rusk	1981	Sterling	1980-1981	Upton	1981	Williamson	1981
Sabine	1980-1981	Stonewall	1980-1982	Uvalde	1980-1981	Wilson	1980-1981
San Augustine	1981	Sutton	1981	Val Verde	1980-1981	Winkler	1980-1981
San Jacinto	1981	Swisher	1981	Van Zandt	1981	Wise	1981
San Patricio	1981	Tarrant	None	Victoria	1980-1981	Wood	1980-1981
San Saba	1981	Taylor	1981	Walker	1980-1981	Yoakum	1979; 1981
Schleicher	1981	Terrell	1980-1981	Waller	1980-1981	Young	1981
Scurry	1980-1981	Terry	1981	Ward	1980-1981	Zapata	1981-1982
Shackelford	1981	Throckmorton	1981	Washington	1981	Zavala	1981
Shelby	1981	Titus	1980-1981	Webb	1980-1981		
Sherman	1980-1981	Tom Green	1981	Wharton	1981		

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# Appendix A



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Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(11)



# TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

# LOCAL SCHEDULE HR (Second Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records of public health agencies. The term "local public health agency" means any local health department or unit owned, operated, or leased by a local government, including: public health districts, public hospitals, hospital districts, hospital authorities, animal control departments, animal shelters, and the abolished office of county inspector of hides and animals. Public health agencies owned, operated, or leased by a state agency, including state universities, should follow the retention periods set forth in that state agency's records retention schedule. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission.

The retention period for a record applies to the record regardless of the medium in which it is maintained. Some records listed in this schedule are maintained electronically in many offices, but electronically stored data used to create in any manner a record or the functional equivalent of a record as described in this schedule must be retained, along with the hardware and software necessary to access the data, for the retention period assigned to the record, unless backup copies of the data generated from electronic storage are retained in paper or on microfilm for the retention period.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated prior to the destruction of the record until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it or until the expiration of the retention period of the record, whichever is later.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention

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period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described. Although AV may be used as a retention period on a records control schedule of a local government, it is in the best interests of any records management program that fixed retention periods are assigned for records. AV records tend to accumulate and go unmanaged.

#### Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this second edition of Local Schedule HR indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or substantive amendments have been made to the description or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable CFR - Code of Federal Regulations FE - Fiscal year end TAC - Texas Administrative Code US - Until superseded

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### **RECORDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES**

**Retention Notes:** a) For records of county medical examiners and emergency medical services agencies, and for emergency communications records, see Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies).

b) For administrative, financial, personnel, and support services records not included in this schedule, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to all Governments).

### PART 1: RECORDS COMMON TO PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

Retention Note: This part provides retention periods for records common to two or more of the public health agencies included in this schedule.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4750-01	APPOINTMENT RECORDS		AV.	
HR4750-02	GRANT RECORDS	All records and supporting documentation necessary to disclose the services provided and financial management of the grant.		
HR4750-02a	GRANT RECORDS	Women, infants, children (WIC).	3 years following the date of the submission of the final expenditure report for the period to which the report pertains.	By regulation - 7 CFR 246.25(a)(2).  Retention Notes: a) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started before the end of the three-year period, the records must be kept until all issues are resolved, or until the end of the regular three-year period, whichever later.  b) Records of non-expendable property acquired in whole or in part with WIC program funds must be retained for 3 years after its final disposition.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4750-02b	GRANT RECORDS	Title XX family planning.	5 years from the date of the service, or until all audit questions are resolved, whichever later.	By regulation - 1 TAC 354.1004.
HR4750-02c	GRANT RECORDS	Early childhood intervention (ECI).		
		(1) All necessary records and claims to fully document the services and supplies provided.	5 years from the date of service or until all audit questions, appeal hearings, investigations, or court cases are resolved, as applicable.	By regulation - 40 TAC 108.709.
		(2) All records pertaining to the financial management of the grant.	5 years from the date of submission of the annual or final report or until all audit questions are resolved, whichever later.	By regulation - 40 TAC 108.709.
HR4750-02d	GRANT RECORDS	Other grants funded through Medicaid.	5 years from the date of the service or until all audit questions are resolved, whichever later.	By regulation - 1 TAC 354.1004.
HR4750-02e	GRANT RECORDS	Other federal grants and cooperative agreements such as community health services projects, project grants for genetic diseases testing and counseling programs, hemophilia treatment centers, etc.	3 to 7 years or until resolution of all issues arising from claim, negotiation, audit, or other actions. See retention note.	Retention Note: To determine the retention period, see Retention Note (b) to Part 2: Financial Records in Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).
HR4750-03	MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4750-03a	MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records of on-site treatment by generator of medical waste (animal waste, bulk human blood and blood products, microbiological waste, pathological waste, and sharps), including date of treatment, amount of waste treated, method/conditions of treatment, person performing treatment, and written procedures. For incinerators the hours of operation and all monitoring and testing results are also required.	2 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 111.127(b) for operators of on-site medical waste incinerators, and by authority of this schedule for all other types of treatment.
HR4750-03b	MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Waste shipment records maintained by the generator of medical waste such as waste shipping control tickets, tracking forms, exception reports, shipment logs, and receipts from the transporter documenting the weight of waste collected and date of collection.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.1207(b)(3).
*HR4750-04	MEDICARE RECORDS	Billing and cost report materials.	5 years after the month the cost report is settled.	By regulation - Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 1, Sec. 110.3.
HR4750-05	OPERATIONAL PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATIONS	Permits, licenses, and certifications from the Texas Department of State Health Services or other government agencies as required by law or regulation for the operation of local government owned laboratories, clinics, or other health-related facilities; and any reports, correspondence, or other documentation bearing directly on the application for, the issuance of, or the renewal of the permit, license, or certificate.	Expiration or cancellation + 3 years.	
HR4750-06	PLANNING RECORDS	Reports, studies, analyses, projections, and other planning documents relating to the development of local health, sanitary inspection, and environmental quality programs and public hospitals.	5 years.	Retention Note: Before disposal, appraise for continuing administrative usefulness and historical value. Those records relating to major development projects and other records considered of historical value should be retained PERMANENTLY.
HR4750-07	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS			
*HR4750-07a	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records showing the receipt, transfer, and disposal of all licensed or registered sources of radiation. Documentation of disposal should include waste shipping records, such as manifests and receipts.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation – 25 TAC 289.202(tt)(2).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4750-07b	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records of radiation protection programs.		
		(1) Documentation of the provisions of the program.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(mm).
		(2) Audits and other reviews of program content and implementation.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(mm)(2).
		(3) Records at additional sites authorized by a licensee or certificate of registration.	Period specified for the authorized activity.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(ll)(5).
*HR4750-07c	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Routine surveys, instrument calibrations, and package surveys.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(nn)(1).
HR4750-07d	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Surveys used for dose determination; results of air sampling, surveys, and bioassays; and results of measurements and calculations used to evaluate the release of radioactive effluents to the environment.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(nn)(2).
HR4750-07e	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Tests for leakage or contamination of sealed sources of radioactive material.	5 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(00).
HR4750-07f	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Cumulative occupational exposure history.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(pp).
HR4750-07g	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records used to prepare BRC Form 202-2 or equivalent for the Texas Department of State Health Services.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(pp).
HR4750-07h	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records of planned special exposures.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(qq)(2).
HR4750-07i	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records of individual dose monitoring results, including at least annual updates of BRC Form 202-3 or records containing all the information required by BRC Form 202-3.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(rr)(5).
HR4750-07j	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records documenting compliance with the dose limit for individual members of the public.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(ss).
HR4750-07k	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records of the disposal of licensed materials by discharge into sanitary sewage or treatment by incineration.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(tt).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4750-071	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records of testing entry control devices for very high radiation areas.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(uu).
*HR4750-07m	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Tests of protective equipment including aprons, gloves, and shields.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.227(s)(1)(I).
*HR4750-07n	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records of receipt, transfer, and disposal of radiation machines; correspondence to and from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding radiation machines' records of surveys, calibrations, spot checks, maintenance, and modifications performed on radiation machines after April 1, 1989.	Until termination of certificate of registration or until inspection by the Texas Department of State Health Services, whichever occurs first.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.226; 289.227(s)(1)(R); 289.229(k); 289.232(k)(1)(X)( <i>i</i> ); 289.233(j)(2)(N); or 289.253(dd)(5), depending on type of machine.
*HR4750-07o	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Documentation of test calibrations to determine compliance with the standards for human diagnostic x-ray systems (radiographic, radiographic/fluoroscopic, dental, and computed tomography), including any numerical readings and any corrections or repairs.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.226; 289.227(s)(1)(S); 289.229(k); or 289.253(dd)(5), depending on type of system.
*HR4750-07p	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Images of spot checks for computed tomography (CT) x-ray systems.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.227(s)(1)(M).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4750-07q	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records for mammography x-ray systems.		
		(1) Quality assurance (QA) records for mammography systems including annual review of quality assurance program, documentation of equipment monitoring, checks of quality control items, and any necessary corrections.	Until the next annual inspection has been completed and the agency has determined that the facility is in compliance with the QA requirements or until the test has been performed two additional times at the required frequency, whichever is longer.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.230(ff)(3).
		(2) Mammography equipment evaluations performed by a licensed medical physicist.	2 years.	By regulation – 25 TAC 289.230(ff)(3).
		(3) Annual Mammography Survey Report performed by a licensed medical physicist.	7 years.	By regulation – 25 TAC 230(ff)(3).
		(4) Original mammograms.	Until the earlier of a) 5 years; b) if additional mammography of the same patient is not performed by the facility, 10 years; or c) at the request of the patient or physician, the original mammogram may be forwarded to another medical institution.	By regulation – 25 TAC 230(i)(4).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4750-07r	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records for therapeutic x-ray systems of <b>less</b> than 1 MeV.		
		(1) Calibrations of the therapy system.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.229(k).
		(2) Spot check measurements and records of any necessary corrective actions.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.229(k).
*HR4750-07s	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records for therapeutic x-ray systems of <b>more</b> than 1 MeV.		
		(1) Calibrations of the therapy system and of the dosimetry system.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.229(k).
		(2) Spot check measurements and records of any necessary corrective actions.	3 years.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.229(k).
*HR4750-07t	RADIATION CONTROL RECORDS	Records and reports of misadministration of radionuclides.	Until termination of license or certificate of registration.	By regulation - 25 TAC 289.202(nn)(2).
HR4750-08	REPORTS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	Reports to local, state, or federal agencies regarding any aspect of local public health activities and programs <b>except</b> for those reports specified elsewhere in this schedule.		
HR4750-08a	REPORTS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
HR4750-08b	REPORTS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	Special reports that <b>are not</b> recapitulated in annual reports.	AV unless otherwise required by requesting government.	
HR4750-08c	REPORTS TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	Interim or periodic reports on a less than annual basis that <b>are</b> recapitulated in an annual report or in a special report under (b).	1 year.	
HR4750-09	SPECIAL PROJECTS AND RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION		10 years after completion of research or project.	Retention Note: Review before disposal, records may have PERMANENT retention for historical and/or future research value.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4750-10	SURVEY AND INSPECTION REPORTS	Includes building and fire inspections, and Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) surveys. <b>Does not</b> include surveys for monitoring radiation (see item number HR4750-07).	3 years.	
*HR4750-11	VOLUNTEER SERVICE FILES	Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform.	US or date of separation+ 3 years.	
*HR4750-12	MEDICAID PROVIDER RECORDS	Records documenting services rendered.		
*HR4750-12a	MEDICAID PROVIDER RECORDS	All records necessary to fully disclose the services provided, including financial records relating to program services.	5 years from date of service or until all audit questions, appeal hearings, investigations, or court cases are resolved.	By regulation – 1 TAC 354.1004 and <i>Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual,</i> Chapter  1.
*HR4750-12b	MEDICAID PROVIDER RECORDS	Freestanding Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).	6 years.	By regulation – Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Chapter 1.
*HR4750-12c	MEDICAID PROVIDER RECORDS	Hospital-based Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).	10 years.	By regulation – Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Chapter 1.

### PART 2: RECORDS OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES

**Retention Notes:** a) In this part the term "local health authority" means local health units, local health departments, public health districts, and health personnel appointed by municipalities and counties without organized local public health departments or districts.

b) This part should **not** be used for the records of a hospital owned, operated, or leased by a local government (see Part 3: Records of Local Public Hospitals).

### **SECTION 2-1: MEDICAL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** Records in this section have retention periods based on recommendations of the Texas Department of State Health Services and must be destroyed by shredding, pulping, or burning (if allowed by local ordinance).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4775-01	COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE FORMS	Copies of surveillance forms completed by Texas Department of State Health Services personnel and maintained by local health authorities.	7 years past date last encounter occurred or until patient reaches 21st birthday, whichever later.	
*HR4775-02	DENTAL RECORDS AND REFERRALS		5 years.	By regulation - 22 TAC 108.8(b) for minimum retention required for dental records maintained by dentist.  Retention Note: Because of the use of these records for identification purposes, the Texas Department of Public Safety recommends dental records be maintained a minimum of 10 years.
HR4775-03	IMMUNIZATION RECORD AND CONSENT FORMS			,
HR4775-03a	IMMUNIZATION RECORD AND CONSENT FORMS	Adults.	10 years following end of calendar year in which consent form was signed.	
*HR4775-03b	IMMUNIZATION RECORD AND CONSENT FORMS	Persons under the age of 18.	21st birthday or 10 years following end of calendar year in which consent form was signed, whichever later.	
HR4775-04	PATIENT RECORDS	Medical records, including laboratory reports and master index to records, of persons treated in local health programs and similar records created as the result of control or surveillance measures instituted by a local health authority.		
*HR4775-04a	PATIENT RECORDS	Adult health, child health, chronically ill and disabled children, and communicable diseases.	7 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).
*HR4775-04b	PATIENT RECORDS	Family health.	7 years past the last date on which service was given or	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
			until the patient's 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday, whichever later.	
*HR4775-04c	PATIENT RECORDS	Family planning, including Title XX medical records.	7 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).  Retention Notes: a) The retention period of records that document the use of an I.U.D. will begin at the end of the effective life of the I.U.D.  b) The retention period of records that document the surgical implantation of contraceptives will begin when the contraceptive is exhausted.
*HR4775-04d	PATIENT RECORDS	Maternal health.	7 years past the last date on which service was given, mother's 21st birthday, or until the infant's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).
*HR4775-04e	PATIENT RECORDS	Sexually transmitted diseases <b>except</b> syphilis and HIV/AIDS.	7 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).
*HR4775-04f	PATIENT RECORDS	Syphilis.		
		(1) Positive test results.	7 years past the date of patient's death, if known; or 18 years from last date of service, if not known.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.
		(2) Negative test results.	7 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday,	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
			whichever later.	
*HR4775-04g	PATIENT RECORDS	HIV/AIDS.	7 years past the date of patient's death, if known; or 18 years from last date of service, if not known.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.
*HR4775-04h	PATIENT RECORDS	Tuberculosis (including, but not limited to, x-rays and/or digital images).	7 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation - 22 TAC 165.1(b).
*HR4775-04i	PATIENT RECORDS	Leprosy (Hansen's disease).	PERMANENT.	
*HR4775-04j	PATIENT RECORDS	Disease intervention records involving sexually transmitted diseases, including investigations, interviews, and disease intervention case management notes.	3 years past last date of service or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever comes later.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.
HR4775-05	SCREENING PROCEDURES	Microscopical, cultural, serological, and other screenings and tests, performed in local government-owned laboratories or clinics that <b>do not</b> become part of the patient records of a local health program. If such tests or screenings <b>do</b> become part of the patient records of a local health program, they should be retained for the period listed for that program under item number HR4775-04.		
*HR4775-05a	SCREENING PROCEDURES	Health risk appraisal; blood pressure screening; blood pressure referral; vision, hearing, and speech; diabetics screening; syphilis serology; gonorrhea; other laboratory screenings and tests.	7 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation – 22 TAC 165.1(b).
*HR4775-05b	SCREENING PROCEDURES	HIV. (1) Anonymous test results.		
		(1) Thionymous test results.		
		(A) Positive test results, including serology,	1 year past test date	Recommendation of the Texas Department

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
		counseling notes, risk reduction plan, and prevention case management records.	or last date of service, whichever comes later.	of State Health Services.
		(B) Negative test results, including serology, counseling notes, and risk reduction plan.	90 days from test date or results given to client, whichever comes first.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.  Retention Note: The Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library, by authority of the Local Government Code, Section 202.004(a), hereby consents to the return of these test results to clients as a permitted exception to the statutory prohibition against the alienation of local government records.
		(2) Seropositive confidential test results, including serology and medical records.	7 years after the patient's death, if known; or 18 years after seropositive results, if not known.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.
		(3) Seronegative confidential test results, including serology, counseling notes, and risk reduction plan.	7 years past the last date of services or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By regulation – 22 TAC 165.1(b).
		(4) Prevention counseling notes, risk reduction plans, and case management records compiled on HIV positive clients.		
		(A) Adults.	7 years after last date of service or patient's death if known.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
		(B) Children.	3 years after 21st birthday, even in death, or 7 years; whichever comes later.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.
*HR4775-05c	SCREENING PROCEDURES	Infant screening for genetic or metabolic disorders.	Until the patient's 21st birthday.	By regulation – implicit in requirements of 22 TAC 165.1(b).
*HR4775-06	SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE (STD) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) INTERVENTION RECORDS	STD and HIV intervention records including investigations, interviews, and disease intervention case management notes.	Last date of service or patient's 21st birthday, whichever comes later.	Recommendation of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

# **SECTION 2-2: INSPECTION AND PERMIT RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4775-21	CITATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS OF VIOLATIONS, AND WARNING NOTICES	Copies of notifications or orders sent or given to owner, agent, or occupant of a business or property or to person holding a health permit to correct violations of state or local health laws, including documents verifying that the violations have been corrected.	Verification of correction + 3 years.	
HR4775-22	ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CONTROL TESTS	Pollutant measurements for air, soil, water, etc. and similar records of environmental quality testing <b>except</b> monitoring of the release of radioactive effluents (see item number HR4750-07).	3 years.	
HR4775-23	FOOD QUALITY TEST REPORTS	Food tests, milk analyses, swab tests, and similar laboratory test reports relating to the testing and screening of food and food handling and processing equipment.	3 years.	
HR4775-24	INSPECTION LOGS	Logs, registers, or similar records providing a chronological listing of sanitary evaluations performed.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4775-25	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Permits and licenses issued by local health authorities relating to restaurants, taverns, food handling, dairy products, frozen dessert products, meat, vending machines, day care centers, home healthcare, nursing homes, environmental health, and all other situations, activities, or persons required to have local health permits pursuant to state or local laws or regulations.		
HR4775-25a	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Applications for and copies of permits or licenses.	Expiration or revocation + 3 years for granted permits or licenses; date of denial + 1 year for denied applications.	
HR4775-25b	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Applications and authorizations for variances or exemptions from licensing regulations.	Expiration or revocation + 3 years for approved variances or exemptions; date of denial + 1 year for denied applications.	
HR4775-25c	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Logs or reports of permits or licenses and variances or exemptions issued.	1 year.	
HR4775-26	QUARANTINE RECORDS	Orders, notifications, warrant copies, and similar records relating to the isolation, quarantine, disinfection, or other control measures applied to persons, animals, objects, structures, and land to halt the introduction, transmission, and spread of communicable disease.	3 years after quarantine lifted.	Retention Note: If records include livestock quarantines, see CC1475-11 Livestock Quarantine Records.
HR4775-27	SANITARY EVALUATION REPORTS	Reports of sanitary inspections carried out by local health authority personnel on restaurants, taverns, dairies, food markets, hotels, motels, nursing homes, day care centers, campgrounds, vending machines, and other facilities or equipment as required by state law or regulation or by local ordinance.	3 years.	
HR4775-28	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RECORDS	Field test reports, follow-up reports, logs or reports of seals issued, and similar records relating to the certification of weights and measures in a local government.	3 years.	

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# **SECTION 2-3: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention	Remarks
Number		-	Period	
HR4775-41	COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS (TO HEALTH AUTHORITY)	Reports and supporting documentation of communicable diseases received by local health authorities from physicians, dentists, hospitals, school districts, or others as prescribed by law.	3 years.	Retention Note: If, pursuant to law or regulation, a health authority institutes control procedures and a patient file is established as the result of a communicable disease report use retention periods for Patient Records (see item number HR4775-04).
HR4775-42	COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS (TO STATE)	Copies of periodic or emergency communicable disease reports from local health authorities to the Texas Department of State Health Services.	3 years.	
HR4775-43	COMPLAINTS	Reports of complaints received by local health authorities from the public or from other local departments or agencies regarding possible violations of local or state health laws or regulations.	Resolution of the complaint + 3 years.	
HR4775-44	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS			
*HR4775-44a	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Controlled substance logs and inventories, including suppliers' invoices and credit memos; biennial inventory of controlled substances required by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); reports of theft or significant loss of controlled substances; reports of surrender or destruction of controlled substances; Schedule V nonprescription register book; DEA order form, and all copies of each unaccepted or defective order form and any attached statements or other documents.	2 years.	By regulation and by law - 21 CFR 1304.04(a); Health and Safety Code, Section 481.067(c); 37 TAC 13.207.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4775-44b	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Prescriptions records, including copy 2 of the triplicate prescription form required to prescribe a controlled substance.	2 years after the date of the initial dispensing or the last refilling of the prescription, whichever later.	By regulation and by law - Health and Safety Code, Section 481.075(f)(2); Health and Safety Code, Section 483.023; Health and Safety Code 481.075(l)(2); 37 TAC 13.207).  Retention Note: For prescription records maintained in a data processing system, see 37 TAC 13.207 for specific requirements related to records medium.
HR4775-44c	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Records of each acquisition and each disposal of a dangerous drug.	2 years after the date of the acquisition or disposal.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 483.024.
*HR4775-45	RURAL HEALTH CARE CLINICS CERTIFIED FOR PARTICIPATION IN MEDICARE	Patient health records including identification and social data, evidence of consent forms, medical history, health assessment; reports of physical examinations, diagnostic and laboratory test results; physician's orders, reports of treatments and medications; and signatures of the physician or other health care professionals.	7 years from date of last entry.	By regulation - 42 CFR 491.10(c).

# PART 3: RECORDS OF LOCAL PUBLIC HOSPITALS

**SECTION 3-1: MEDICAL RECORDS** 

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention	Remarks
Number			Period	
HR4800-01	BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS	Copies of birth and death certificates sent to local	AV.	
		registrars of vital statistics.		
HR4800-02	INDEX TO PATIENT MEDICAL		PERMANENT.	
	RECORDS			
*HR4800-03	LOGS AND REGISTERS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4800-03a	LOGS AND REGISTERS	Tumor registry files.	50 years or until patient's death, if known, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Review before disposal. Some records of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for future medical research.
*HR4800-03b	LOGS AND REGISTERS	Includes logs (e.g., delivery room, emergency room, surgery) and registries (e.g., trauma registers).	5 years.	
*HR4800-04	PATIENT RECORDS	Medical records that include patient identification data; medical history; reports of relevant physical examinations; diagnostic and therapeutic orders; documentation of appropriate informed consent; clinical observations, including the results of therapy; reports of procedures, tests, and their results, including laboratory, pathology, and radiology reports; and conclusions at termination of hospitalization or evaluation/treatment. Includes treatment records for emergency room.	10 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 241.103.  Retention Note: The Health and Safety Code specifies that the hospital may not destroy medical records that relate to any matter that is involved in litigation if the hospital knows the litigation has not been finally resolved.
HR4800-05	PATIENT TRANSFER MEMORANDA	A copy of each memorandum of transfer, retained by both the sending and receiving hospitals and filed separately from the patient's medical record in a manner that will facilitate its inspection by the Texas Department of State Health Services or other regulatory agencies.	5 years.	

# **SECTION 3-2: LABORATORY AND THERAPY RECORDS**

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**Retention Note:** This section is for laboratory, therapy, and x-ray records that do not become a part of the patient records of the hospital. If such tests, reports, screening, etc., do become a part of the patient records, they must be retained for the period listed under Patient Records (see item number HR4800-04).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4800-21	BLOOD BANK RECORDS	Documentation of all significant steps in the collection, processing, compatibility testing, storage and distribution of each unit of blood and blood components.	10 years after the records of processing have been completed or 6 months after the latest expiration date for the individual product, whichever later.	By regulation - 21 CFR 606.160(d).  Retention Note: When there is no expiration date, records must be retained PERMANENTLY.
HR4800-22	ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS (EKG)		10 years.	
HR4800-23	ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAMS (EEG)		5 years for normal tracings; 10 years for abnormal tracings.	
HR4800-24	PATHOLOGY REPORTS AND SLIDES		10 years.	By regulation – 42 CFR 493.1105(6)(ii).
HR4800-25	RADIOLOGICAL SERVICES	Copies of reports and printouts; films; scans, and other image records, as appropriate.	5 years.	By regulation - 42 CFR 482.26(d)(2).
HR4800-26	REGISTERS OF TESTS		5 years.	
HR4800-27	REQUESTS FOR TESTS		5 years.	
HR4800-28	TEST RESULTS	Test results that do not become part of the patient records <b>excluding</b> those specified elsewhere in this section.	3 months.	
HR4800-29	THERAPY TREATMENT RECORDS	Including consent forms.	5 years.	

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# **SECTION 3-3: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4800-41	ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE REPORTS		3 years.	
HR4800-42	CENSUS RECORD OF PATIENTS		10 years.	
HR4800-43	COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS TO STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES		3 years.	
HR4800-44	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS			
HR4800-44a	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Controlled substance logs and inventories, including suppliers' invoices and credit memos; biennial inventory of controlled substances required by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); reports of theft or significant loss of controlled substances; reports of surrender or destruction of controlled substances; Schedule V nonprescription register book; DEA order form, and all copies of each unaccepted or defective order form and any attached statements or other documents.	2 years.	By regulation and by law - 21 CFR 1304.04(a); Health and Safety Code, Section 481.067(c); 37 TAC 13.207.
HR4800-44b	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Records of each acquisition and each disposal of a dangerous drug.	2 years after the date of the acquisition or disposal.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 483.024.
HR4800-44c	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Inpatient records - Original medication orders shall be maintained with the medication administration record in the medical records of the patient (see item number HR4800-04).	10 years past the last date on which service was given or until the patient's 21st birthday, whichever later.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 241.103.
*HR4800-44d	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Outpatient records - Prescriptions records, including copy 2 of the triplicate prescription form required to prescribe a controlled substance.	2 years from the date of filling or the date of the last refill dispensed, whichever later.	By regulation and by law - Health and Safety Code, Section 481.075(i)(2); Health and Safety Code, Section 483.023; 37 TAC 13.207.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4800-45	DIETARY AND FOOD SERVICE	Food service records, menus, meal counts, dietary services studies, and rosters of patient diet orders.	AV.	
*HR4800-46	HOUSEKEEPING ROOM RECORDS		AV.	
HR4800-47	INFECTION CONTROL AND MONITORING RECORDS		10 years.	
HR4800-48	NUCLEAR MEDICINE SERVICES	Copies of nuclear medicine reports and records of the receipt and disposition of radiopharmaceuticals.	5 years.	By regulation - 42 CFR 482.53(d)(1).
HR4800-50	SECURITY RECORDS			
*HR4800-50a	SECURITY RECORDS	Incident reports.	2 years.	
*HR4800-50b	SECURITY RECORDS	Daily watch logs.	2 years.	
*HR4800-50c	SECURITY RECORDS	Lost and found logs.	After disposal of all items listed in the log + 1 year.	
*HR4800-51	SOCIAL SERVICES CASE RECORDS	Documentation of social services provided, other than what is filed in the medical record.	5 years from the last date of service for adult clients, or 5 years beyond the age of 18 for minor clients.	By regulation - 22 TAC 781.409(4).
*HR4800-52	LABORATORY RECORDS	Test requisitions and authorizations (including patient's chart or medical record if used as the test requisition or authorization); test procedures; analytic systems records; test system performance specifications; immunohematology records; blood and blood product records; transfusion records; proficiency testing records; quality system assessment records; and test reports. This includes both Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and non-CLIA records.	2 years.	By regulation - 42 CFR 493.1105.

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# PART 4: COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4825-01	[WITHDRAWN – see Local			
	Schedule GR, Section 2-2			
	Accounting Records]			
HR4825-02	CASE RECORDS			
HR4825-02a	CASE RECORDS	Denied applicant - Application, written statement	FE + 3 years.	
		of truth of information signed by applicant,		
		eligibility worksheet, assistance form, written		
		notice of eligibility decision, reason for denial, and		
		explanation of the county's appeal process.		
HR4825-02b	CASE RECORDS	Eligible applicant - Application, documentation	3 years past the last	
		and verification of eligibility, monthly financial	date on which	
		and activity reports, and eligibility reviews.	service was given.	
*HR4825-03	STATE LEGALIZATION	This grant is no longer issued to Texas public		
	IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT	health entities. However, any remaining records		
	RECORDS (SLIAG) (OBSOLETE	should be maintained for the full retention periods		
	RECORD)	listed.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4825-03a	STATE LEGALIZATION IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT RECORDS (SLIAG) (OBSOLETE RECORD)	Accounting records - Financial and supporting documents, statistical records, and any other records pertinent to the services for which a claim or cost report was submitted.	3 years and 90 days after the end of the contract period or for 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year in which services were provided, if a provider agreement/contract has no specific termination date in effect.	Retention Notes: a) The contract period means the beginning date through the ending date specified in the original agreement/contract; extensions are considered separate contract periods.  b) If any litigation, claim, or audit involving these records begins before the three-year period expires, the provider must keep the records and documents for not less than three years and 90 days or until all litigation, claims, or audit findings are resolved.  c) The case is considered resolved when a final order is issued in litigation, or the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the contractor enter into a written agreement.  d) Records of non-expendable property acquired under the contract must be maintained for three years after the final disposition of the property.
*HR4825-03b	STATE LEGALIZATION IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT RECORDS (SLIAG) (OBSOLETE RECORD)	Medical records - Case documentation of health services provided to eligible legalized aliens.	5 years after medical services end.	

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## PART 5: ANIMAL CONTROL AND HEALTH RECORDS

**Retention Note:** The retention periods in this part are applicable to the records of any animal shelter owned and/or operated by a local government and of the local health authority designated by a commissioners' court or the governing body of a municipality for the purposes of rabies control, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 826.017.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4850-01	ACTIVITY REPORTS AND LOGS	Daily or weekly activity reports or logs on animal shelter or animal control operations, including field officer reports, kennel log sheets, statistical summaries, logs of response to animal-related incidents, etc.	1 year.	
*HR4850-02	ANIMAL BITE RECORDS	Records of investigation of bites by animals (for both dog-on-person incidents and dog-on-dog incidents), including reports or copies of reports by or to physicians, veterinarians, health officers, animal shelter personnel, law enforcement officers, or the Texas Department of State Health Services; quarantine reports relating to the observation and testing of the animal; and similar records pertinent to the disposition of animal bite incidents.	3 years; or, if the person bitten is a minor, until the person's 21st birthday, whichever later.	
HR4850-03	ANIMAL PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORDS	Includes those issued to pet owners, kennel or wildlife exhibit operators, and other persons pursuant to local ordinance or order.		
HR4850-03a	ANIMAL PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORDS	Applications for and copies of permits or licenses.	Expiration or revocation + 3 years for granted permits or licenses; date of denial + 1 year for denied applications.	
HR4850-03b	ANIMAL PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORDS	Applications and authorizations for variances or exemptions from animal control licensing regulations.	Expiration or revocation + 3 years for approved variances or exemptions; date of denial + 1 year for denied applications.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4850-03c	ANIMAL PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORDS	Logs or reports of permits or licenses and variances or exemptions issued.	2 years.	
HR4850-04	ANIMAL SHELTER CONTROL RECORDS	Records of each animal received at an animal shelter, including data relating to its admission and condition and its reclamation, adoption, sale, or destruction.	1 year.	
HR4850-05	CITATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS OF VIOLATIONS, AND WARNING NOTICES	Animal control officer's copies of these instruments issued to members of the public or businesses subject to state and local animal control regulations, including documents verifying that the violations have been corrected.	Verification of correction + 3 years.	
*HR4850-06	COMPLAINTS	Complaints received from the public or from other agencies regarding animal control issues, including possible violations of animal control regulations.	Resolution of the complaint + 3 years.	Retention Note: If investigation conducted due to complaint, see HR4850-15.
HR4850-07	COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTS	Copies of reports of actual or suspected rabies, anthrax, brucellosis, or other reportable communicable diseases of animals or humans submitted by veterinarians or other personnel employed by an animal shelter to a local health authority.	3 years.	Retention Note: A communicable disease report, except one associated with an animal bite case as described in item number HR4850-02, need be retained among the records of an animal shelter only as long as administratively valuable if the health authority to which the report is submitted is part of the same government that operates the shelter.
HR4850-08	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS			
HR4850-08a	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Veterinary controlled substances logs and inventories.	2 years.	By regulation and by law - 21 CFR 1304.04(a); Health and Safety Code, Section 481.067; and 37 TAC 13.207.
HR4850-08b	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Record of each acquisition and each disposal of a dangerous drug.	2 years from date of acquisition or disposal.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 483.024.
HR4850-08c	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND DANGEROUS DRUG RECORDS	Copy 3 of triplicate prescription form used to prescribe a controlled substance.	2 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 481.075(i)(2).
HR4850-09	LOST ANIMALS, REPORTS OF	Logs, registers, or reports of lost, strayed, or stolen animals.	1 year.	
*HR4850-10	RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATES	Copies of certificates of rabies vaccinations performed by veterinarians.	Date of issuance + 5 years.	By regulation - 22 TAC 573.51(c).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4850-11	SHELTER AND QUARANTINE FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS			
HR4850-11a	SHELTER AND QUARANTINE FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS	Annual inspection reports of publicly-owned animal shelters by a licensed veterinarian as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 823.003(d) in counties with a population of 75,000 or more, or any similar annual inspection reports of such shelters as may be required by municipal or county regulation.	3 years.	
HR4850-11b	SHELTER AND QUARANTINE FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS	Annual or other periodic inspection reports by personnel of the Texas Department of State Health Services of a shelter as an animal quarantine facility, including any documentation relating to the correction of deficiencies or to an appeal of report findings.	3 years.	
HR4850-12	STERILIZATION DOCUMENTATION	Sterilization agreements, veterinary reports that sterilization would jeopardize animal's life, confirmation of sterilization, letters stating animal has died or was lost or stolen before sterilization, notices of failure to receive letters of confirmation, and records of reclamation from owners.	1 year.	
*HR4850-13	MICROCHIP IMPLANT DOCUMENTATION	Applications, forms, or other information recorded to list the animal owner contact information, animal identification information, and microchip implant chip number.	15 years or until microchip is replaced, removed, or animal is no longer alive, whichever earlier.	
*HR4850-14	DANGEROUS ANIMAL LIST	List of animals (usually dogs) that reside within the city or county limits that have been deemed vicious or dangerous by city or county officials. List might contain owner name and contact information, animal name, animal breed and color, picture of the animal, prior attack or offense, relocation information, or any other documentation to identify dangerous animal.	15 years, until the animal no longer resides inside the city or county limits, or the animal is no longer alive, whichever earlier.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*HR4850-15	ANIMAL RELATED INVESTIGATION RECORDS	All records that document investigations of animal cruelty, animal abandonment, tethering, dangerous/vicious animal reports, safety of animals in vehicles, and any other similar record that investigates animal related issues.	3 years.	Retention Note: 1) If records include investigations of bites by animals, see HR4850-02. 2) If investigation results in a civil case, refer to applicable civil case file records in Local Schedule CC, DC, LC, or PS4125-05.
*HR4850-16	DECEASED ANIMAL	Records that document the removal of deceased	1 year.	
	REMOVAL RECORDS	animals from public areas.		
*HR4850-17	WILDLIFE OR LIVESTOCK	Records that document the trapping of wildlife or	1 year.	
	CONTROL RECORDS	controlling of livestock on roadways or other		
		public areas. Might include date, time, location, and details.		
*HR4850-18	SMALL ANIMAL QUARANTINE	Records that document the agreement of terms	Release from	Retention Note: If records include
	AGREEMENT FORMS	from animal owners of their responsibility to pay	quarantine or	livestock quarantines, see CC1475-11
		for the quarantine services provided to their	euthanization of	Livestock Quarantine Records.
		animal and acknowledgement of other services	animal + 2 years.	Ì
		provided.	,	

### PART 6: RECORDS OF THE COUNTY INSPECTOR OF HIDES AND ANIMALS

**Retention Note:** Proposition 10, as submitted by House Joint Resolution No. 69 (effective December 4, 2007) and House Bill 328 of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session (effective May 19, 2009) officially abolished the constitutional authority for the office of county inspector of hides and animals. The retention periods in this part are now binding on the county clerk or any other current custodian of the records of a defunct office of the inspector of hides and animals. This part should also be used in determining the disposition of any extant records of the office of the county inspector of sheep, which was abolished in 1915.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4875-01	AUCTION RECORD	Record and account of proceeds from the sale at	1 year after deposit	
		public auction of hides and animals seized and	of sale funds.	
		condemned by court order.		
HR4875-02	EXPENSE AND COLLECTIONS	Annual, monthly, or other periodic reports to the	AV.	
	REPORTS	commissioners court or the county auditor of		
		office expenses incurred or of fines, costs,		
		judgments, claims, and commissions collected for		
		the county.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
HR4875-03	FEE BOOK	Account of fees received for the inspection of hides and animals and for the authentication and acknowledgment of bills of sale.	FE + 5 years.	
*HR4875-04	INSPECTION RECORD	Record of inspection of each animal or hide sold in the county, leaving the county for sale or shipment, driven in the county for slaughter, slaughtered, or for other reasons as provided by law.	PERMANENT.	
HR4875-05	MARKS AND BRANDS RECORD	Certified copies provided by the county clerk of recorded marks and brands in the county and persons authorized to gather, drive, or handle stock bearing each brand or mark, including subsequent notations of the sale of animals bearing the recorded brands.	PERMANENT.	

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# Appendix A



Information Technology



### **LOCAL SCHEDULE GR**

(Revised Fifth Edition)

### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS COMMON TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are usually found in all local governments, regardless of type. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission. If applicable, the wording of the records series will match that of any federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation, and citation to law, rule, or regulation will be provided in the Remarks section.

Retention periods listed in this schedule apply to records in any medium. If records are stored electronically, they must remain available and accessible until the retention period assigned by this schedule, along with any hardware or software required to access or read them. Electronic records may include electronic mail (e-mail), websites, electronic publications, or any other machine-readable format. Paper or microfilm copies may be retained in lieu of electronic records.

The use of social media applications may create public records. Any content (messages, posts, photographs, videos, etc.) created or received using a social media application may be considered records and should be managed appropriately. The retention of social media records is based on content and function. Local governments will need to consult the relevant records retention schedule for the minimum retention periods.

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Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period, applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

## Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this edition of Local Schedule GR indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable
FE - Fiscal year end
TAC - Texas Administrative Code
US - Until superseded
LA - Life of asset
CE - Calendar year end

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### **PART 1: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS**

### **SECTION 1-1: RECORDS OF GOVERNING BODIES**

**Retention Note:** SCOPE OF SECTION - The retention periods established in this section also apply to the records of subsidiary boards, bureaus, commissions, or committees established by the governing body of a local government that have rulemaking or quasi-judicial authority over any activity or program of the government or that were established by ordinance, order, or resolution for the purposes of advising the governing body or a subsidiary body on policy. Consequently, the use of the term "governing body" in a records description includes the corresponding records of those subsidiary bodies.

Record	<b>Record Title</b>	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1000-01	AGENDAS			
GR1000-01a	AGENDAS	Open meetings.		
		<ol> <li>If the minutes describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is not required.</li> </ol>	2 years.	
		<ol> <li>If the minutes do not describe each matter considered by the governing body and reference to an agenda is required.</li> </ol>	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-01b	AGENDAS	Certified agendas of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).
GR1000-02	DEDICATIONS		PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-03	MINUTES			Retention Note: The use of the term "audiovisual recordings" in (c)-(f) means any medium on which audio or a combination of audio and video is recorded.
GR1000-03a	MINUTES	Written minutes.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-03b	MINUTES	Notes taken during meetings from which written minutes are prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03c	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings, except as described in (d), for which written minutes <b>are not</b> prepared.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-03d	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of workshop sessions of governing bodies in which votes are not made and written minutes are not required by law to be taken.	2 years.	
*GR1000-03e	MINUTES	Audiovisual recordings of open meetings for which written minutes <b>are</b> prepared.	90 days after approval of minutes by the governing body.	
*GR1000-03f	MINUTES	Certified audiovisual recordings of closed meetings.	2 years.	By law - Government Code, Section 551.104(a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-03g	MINUTES	Supporting documentation - One copy of each document of any type submitted to a meeting of a governing body for consideration, approval, or other action; if such action is reflected in the minutes of the meeting.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The retention periods for many of the documents submitted to a governing body for action are established elsewhere in this or other commission schedules and are often longer than the 2-year retention period for supporting documentation set here. The 2-year retention requirement does not override a longer retention requirement set elsewhere, but rather is meant to ensure that all documents presented for action by a governing body are retained at least two years. This schedule does not require that supporting documentation be maintained together, but the retention by the clerk or secretary to the governing body of one set of the documents submitted at each meeting (often called "council packets" in municipalities) for two years would ensure satisfaction of the minimum retention requirement. Clerks or secretaries to governing bodies should exercise caution in disposing of supporting documentation to avoid destruction of the record copy of a document for which they are custodian before the expiration of its retention period.
				b) Review before disposal; some supporting documentation, not already required to be maintained PERMANENTLY elsewhere in this or other commission schedules, may merit PERMANENT retention for historical
				reasons.
GR1000-04	OPEN MEETING NOTICES		2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-05	ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS		PERMANENT.	Retention Note: Includes ordinances, orders, or resolutions that have been repealed, revoked, or amended.
GR1000-06	PETITIONS	Petitions from the public to the governing body or subsidiary boards or commissions of a local government.	Final action on the petition + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) Does not include petitions noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules or any petition presented to a commissioners court that state law requires a county clerk to record. See Local Schedule CC (Records of County Clerks).
				b) "Final action" includes a decision to take no further action on a petition.
GR1000-07	PROCLAMATIONS		2 years.	
*GR1000-08	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS— ELECTED OFFICIALS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by elected officials.	End of term in office or termination of service in that position.	<b>Retention Notes</b> : a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of other local government staff see GR1000-51.
				b) Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-09	PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS	Public comment forms, citizen comment forms, registration cards, or other similar documents filled out by members of the public wishing to speak at an open meeting.	2 years.	Retention Note: If all information from the public comment form is documented in written minutes of the meeting, the public comment form need only be retained for the retention period listed in GR1000-03b.

### **SECTION 1-2: GENERAL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-20	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to persons on local government property or in any other situation in which a local government could be party to a lawsuit.		<b>Retention Note:</b> For reports of work-related injuries and illnesses to employees see GR1050-32.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-20a	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to adults.	3 years from date of report if no claim is filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of the claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
GR1000-20b	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of accidents to minors.	Date minor reaches majority age + 3 years, if no claim filed; 3 years after settlement or denial of claim if a claim is filed, whichever applicable.	
*GR1000-21	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Affidavits of Publication, including any accompanying clipping proofs or tear sheets.		
*GR1000-21a	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Publication of municipal ordinances.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the permanent retention period that affidavits of publication and associated documentation for ordinances that are codified or re-codified may be disposed of after the effective date of the new code.
*GR1000-21b	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	Election notices.		By law – Election Code, Sections 4.005(d) and 66.058(a).
		1) In an election involving a federal office.	Election day + 22 months.	
		2) In an election <b>not</b> involving a federal office.	Election day + 6 months.	
GR1000-21c	AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION	All other published legal notices.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-22	ANNEXATION, DISANNEXATION, ABOLITION, AND OTHER JURISDICTIONAL RECORDS	Records relating to the annexation or disannexation of territory to or from a local government, to its abolition, or to other actions which affect its territorial jurisdiction or service area, including reports, correspondence, records of public hearings, agreements, and similar records.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: A contract or agreement relating to territorial jurisdiction or the delivery of services between two or more governments (e.g., between a city and a county for fire services in an unincorporated area) must be kept for the retention period in item number GR1000-25.
*GR1000-23	CHARTERS	Charters, Articles of Incorporation, Orders of Incorporation, Orders of Change, or other similar documents used to establish or modify the administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-24	COMPLAINTS	Complaints received from the public by a governing body or any officer or employee of a local government relating to government employees, policies, etc.	Resolution or dismissal of complaint + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) The 2-year retention period applies only to complaints of a general nature that do not fall into a different category of complaint noted in this or other commission schedules. For example, complaints from the public about potential fire hazards are scheduled in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) and have a longer retention period.
*GR1000-25	CONTRACTS, LEASES, AND AGREEMENTS	Contracts, leases, and agreements, including reports, correspondence, performance	4 years after the expiration or	b) For complaints received from local government employees see GR1050-20.  Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records of this type may merit
		bonds, certificates of liability, and similar records relating to their negotiation, administration, renewal, or termination, except construction contracts (see item number GR1075-16).	termination of the instrument according to its terms.	<b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES			Retention Note: The minimum retention period for correspondence or internal memoranda in categories (a) and (b) directly linked to another record series or group listed in this or other commission schedules is that assigned to the other group or series. For example, a letter from an external auditor regarding an audit of a local government's financial records should be retained for the retention period given under item number GR1025-01(e); a letter concerning a workers compensation claim should be retained for the period given under item number GR1050-32, etc. The retention periods that follow are for correspondence and internal memoranda that do not readily fall within other record groups.
GR1000-26a	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Administrative – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the formulation, planning, implementation, modification, or redefinition of the programs, services, or projects of a local government and the administrative regulations, policies, and procedures that govern them. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	4 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some correspondence of this type may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-26b	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	General – Incoming/outgoing and internal correspondence pertaining to the regular operation of the policies, programs, services, or projects of a local government. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	2 years.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution before disposal of these records to ensure the records should not be classified under administrative correspondence (GR100-26a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-26c	CORRESPONDENCE, INTERNAL MEMORANDA, AND SUBJECT FILES	Routine - Correspondence and internal memoranda such as letters of transmittal, requests for publications, internal meeting notices, and similar routine matters. May also include subject files, which are collections of correspondence, memos and printed materials on various individuals, activities, and topics.	AV.	
*GR1000-27	DEEDS	Deeds, title opinions, abstracts and certificates of title, title insurance, documentation concerning alteration or transfer of title, and similar records evidencing public ownership of real property.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-28	EASEMENTS	Documentation relating to easements and rights-of-way for public works or other local government purposes, including releases.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1000-29	INSURANCE POLICIES	Liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other policies for local government property and personnel including supporting documentation relevant to the implementation, modification, renewal, or replacement of policies.	4 years after expiration or termination of the policy according to its terms and all rights granted under it.	
GR1000-30	LEGAL OPINIONS	Formal legal opinions rendered by counsel or the Attorney General for a local government, including any written requests for opinions, concerning the governance and administration of a local government.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: For retention of opinions rendered for a Public Information Act Request see GR1000-34.  For retention of informal legal opinions and other correspondence provided by counsel see GR1000-26a.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-31	LITIGATION CASE FILES		AV after decision of a local government not to file a lawsuit or decision that a lawsuit will not be filed against it; dismissal of a lawsuit for want of prosecution or on motion of the plaintiff; or final decision of a court (or of a court on appeal, if applicable) in a lawsuit.	Retention Notes: a) Includes all cases to which a local government is a party unless the case file is of a type noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.  b) Review before disposal; some case files may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-32	MINUTES (STAFF)	Minutes of internal staff meetings.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For minutes of governing bodies of local governments see GR1000-03.
GR1000-33	PUBLIC RELATIONS RECORDS	News, press releases, or any public relations files maintained or issued by an agency. Includes print, electronic, audio, and audiovisual records.	2 years.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1000-34	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Includes all correspondence and documentation relating to requests for records under the Public Information Act (Chapter 552, Government Code).		
*GR1000-34a	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Non-exempted records and withdrawn requests.	Date request for records fulfilled or withdrawn + 1 year.	
*GR1000-34b	PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS	Exempted records.	Date of notification that records requested are exempt from disclosure + 2 years.	
*GR1000-35	ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS		US.	<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-36	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Records documenting the application for and the issuance of permits and licenses (including certificates of liability and other required documentation) by a local government for sales, solicitation, facility usage, and similar activities. <b>Does not include</b> permits and licenses issued for the construction of or alterations to real property, for those relating to health and sanitation, or for those issued by police or fire departments listed in other commission schedules.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
GR1000-37	PHOTOGRAPHS, IMAGES, RECORDINGS, AND OTHER NON-TEXTUAL MEDIA	Photographs, photographic scrapbooks, slides, sound recordings, videotapes, posters, and other non-textual media that document the history and activities of a local government or any of its departments, programs, or projects <b>except</b> such records noted elsewhere in this or other commission schedules.	AV.	Retention Note: Review before disposal, some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Local governments should consult with local historical or genealogical societies to assist with the appraisal. Be certain that photographs and other non-textual media do not fall within other records series. For example, mug shots and photographs of fire damage are listed in Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) under police and fire department records respectively.
GR1000-38	POLICY AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION	Executive orders, directives, manuals, and similar documents that establish and define the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations governing the operations or activities of a local government as a whole or any of its departments, programs, services, or projects.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-39	PUBLICATIONS	Pamphlets, reports, studies, proposals, and similar material printed by or for a local government or any of its departments, subdivisions, or programs and distributed to or intended for distribution to the public on request and departmental or program newsletters designed for internal distribution.	One copy of each PERMANENT.	Retention Note: The following categories of printed material, whether distributed publicly or internally, are exempted from the retention period and may be disposed of at option; (a) educational matter provided by charitable or public awareness organizations (e.g., United Way, American Heart Association); and (b) public service leaflets or flyers whose contents are of a general nature and not specific to the government distributing them, beyond the inclusion of an address, telephone number, office hours, and similar information (e.g., a flyer detailing water conservation tips sent to customers of a municipal water utility; a pamphlet explaining the appraisal review board process sent to taxpayers by an appraisal district).
GR1000-40	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS			
GR1000-40a	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records control schedules (including all successive versions of and amendments to schedules).	US.	Retention Note: Original is retained by the State and Local Records Management Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
*GR1000-40b	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the disposition of records under records control schedules, including requests submitted to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for authorization to destroy unscheduled records or the originals of permanent records that have been microfilmed.	PERMANENT.	
GR1000-40c	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Lists or inventories of the active and inactive records created or received by a local government.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-40d	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Plans and similar documents establishing the policies and procedures under which a records management program operates.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
*GR1000-40e	RECORDS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records transmittal forms or similar records documenting transfer of records to or from a records storage facility.	Date of disposition or return of records from storage, whichever sooner, +2 years.	
GR1000-41	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-41a	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared reports, performance audits, or planning studies submitted to the governing body or chief administrative officer of a local government or by the local government to a state agency, as may be required by law or regulation, on the non-fiscal performance of a department, program, or project or for planning purposes, including those prepared by consultants under contract with a local government, except documents of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
		(1) Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
		(2) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the governing body or considered by the governing body (as reflected in its minutes) or ordered or requested by a state agency or a court.	PERMANENT.	
		(3) Special reports or studies prepared by order or request of the chief administrative officer.	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(4) Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	3 years.	
		(5) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (1) and (2) above.	3 years.	
		(6) Working papers and raw data used to create any report for (3) and (4) above.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1000-41b	REPORTS AND STUDIES (NON-FISCAL)	Activity reports compiled on a daily or other periodic basis pertaining to workload measures, time studies, number of public contacts, etc., <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.	1 year.	
*GR1000-42	WAIVERS OF LIABILITY	Waivers of liability, including statements signed by volunteers acknowledging nonentitlement to benefits, agreeing to abide by local government policies, etc.	3 years from date of cessation of activity for which the waiver was signed.	Retention Note: If an accident occurs to any person covered by a signed waiver of liability, it must be retained for the same period as accident reports. See item number GR1000-20 in this schedule.
GR1000-43	CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRES	Conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires submitted by local government officers or vendors and other persons for filing with a local government in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	Date of filing + 3 years.	
GR1000-44	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, LISTS OF	Lists of local government officers prepared and made available to the public by the local government officer with whom conflicts disclosure statements and conflict of interest questionnaires are filed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.	US + 1 year.	
GR1000-45	CALENDARS, APPOINTMENT AND ITINERARY RECORDS	Calendars, appointment books or programs, and scheduling or itinerary records, purchased with local government funds or maintained by staff during business hours that document appointments, itineraries and other activities of agency officials or employees.	CE + 1 year.	Retention Note: A record of this type purchased with personal funds, but used by a public official or employee to document his or her work activities may be a local government record and subject to this retention period. See Open Records Decision 635 issued in December 1995 by the Texas Attorney General.
GR1000-46	INSURANCE CLAIMS	Claims related to liability, theft, fire, health, life, automobile, and other insurance policies.	Settlement or denial of claim + 3 years.	
GR1000-47	CUSTOMER SURVEYS	Surveys returned by the customers or clients of a local government, and the statistical data maintained rating a government's performance.	Issuance of report on results of the survey + 3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-50	TRANSITORY INFORMATION	Records of temporary usefulness that are not an integral part of a records series of a local government, that are not regularly filed within a local government's recordkeeping system, and that are required only for a limited period of time for the completion of an action by an official or employee of the local government or in the preparation of an ongoing records series.  Transitory records are not essential to the fulfillment of statutory obligations or to the documentation of government functions. Some examples of transitory information, which can be in any medium (voice mail, fax, email, hard copy, etc.) are drafts and working papers; routine messages; telephone message notifications; internal meeting notices; routing slips; incoming letters or memoranda of transmittal that add nothing of substance to enclosures; and similar routine information used for communication, but not for the documentation, of a specific government transaction.	AV.	Retention Note: Records management officers should use caution in assigning this record series to records of a local government to make certain they are not part of another records series listed in this schedule or, for records series unique to an agency, are not part of a records series that documents the fulfillment of the statutory obligations of the agency or the documentation of its functions.  The disposal of transitory information need not be documented through destruction authorizations or in records disposition logs, but local governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records.
*GR1000-51	SPEECHES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS	Notes or text of speeches, papers, presentations, or reports delivered in conjunction with government work by staff of a local government.	End of event, US, or discontinued + 2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For speeches, papers, and presentations of elected officials see GR1000-08.  b) For materials developed for in-house
*GR1000-52	SUBPOENAS	Subpoenas for production of evidence produced for litigation in which the local government <b>is not</b> a party.	AV after fulfilled.	received for litigation in which the local government is a party see GR1000-31.
				b) For subpoenas requesting personally identifiable information of students see SD3225-02 (for school districts) or JC3775-02 (for junior colleges).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1000-53	RELEASE OF RECORDS DOCUMENTS	Records that document the release of records or information through any method other than a Public Information Act request or subpoena (including employment verification).	Date records produced + 1 year.	Retention Notes: a) For records released under the Public Information Act see GR1000-34.  b) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government is <b>not</b> a
				c) For records produced for a subpoena where the local government <b>is</b> a party, see GR1000-31.
*GR1000-54	COMMITTEE RECORDS	Records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Records may include, but are not limited to, member lists, officer election records, agendas, meeting minutes, and related documentation and correspondence.	2 years.	Retention Notes: a) For records of committees, councils, boards, or commissions which are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act see Section 1-1 of this schedule.  b) Review before disposal; some records
				may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
*GR1000-55	LOBBYIST REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION	Forms, reports, or other similar documents submitted to local governments documenting lobbying activities as required by local regulations.	Date of filing + 3 years.	

## **PART 2: FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** a) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - Most local governments are required by state law to conduct annual or biennial audits of their records and accounts. These audit requirements were taken into account in setting the retention periods in this schedule. The following retention rules also apply:

1) In any local government for which there is no statutory audit requirement and audits are conducted irregularly or in a local government in which a statutorily required audit is delayed, any record in this schedule whose retention period dates from the end of a fiscal year (FE) must be retained for the retention period stated or one year after audit, whichever later.

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2) With regard to any special fund of a local government or elective county office for which there is no statutory audit requirement and the fund is not audited, any records listed under item numbers GR1025-26, GR1025-27, GR1025-28, and GR1025-30 associated with receipts and disbursements from or to the fund must be retained for FE + 10 years.

- b) GRANT OR LOAN RECORDS Subsections (1)-(3) apply to any local government, except school districts, receiving federal, state, or private grants; subsection (4) applies to school districts only. If a grant or loan requires a longer retention period than those stated in this schedule, the associated records must be retained for the full retention period required by the terms of the grant or loan.
  - 1) Direct Federal Grants This subsection applies to grants received by a local government directly from a federal grantor agency.
    - i) Federal grantor agencies require that grant-related records be retained for audit purposes for 3 years from the filing of required expenditure reports.
    - ii) In addition to item number GR1025-08(a)-(b), financial and programmatic records of grant-funded projects, including copies or documentation of relevant accounting, banking, purchasing, and payroll records, and other documents and working papers associated with the financial and programmatic administration of the grant funds or used to prepare reports or forms required by federal law or regulation must be retained for the following periods:
      - (A) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are not part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report.
      - B) For grants continued or renewed annually or at other intervals except quarterly that are a part of a multi-year funding cycle 3 years from the date of submission of the annual or other periodic expenditure report for the final reporting period of the grant cycle.
      - C) For grants continued or renewed quarterly 3 years from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the federal fiscal year.
      - D) For grants for which the requirement of a final expenditure report has been waived 3 years from the date the report would have been due.
      - E) For all other grants 3 years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report.
    - iii) The retention periods for the following types of records are exceptions to the periods noted above:
      - A) Records of non-expendable property or equipment acquired with grant funds 3 years from the date of transfer, replacement, sale, or junking of the item.

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- B) Cost allocation plans and indirect cost records 3 years from date of submission or, for plans prepared and retained by the grantee, from the close of the fiscal year covered by the plan.
- C) Income records 3 years from the end of the fiscal year in which the income is used.
- iv) If any litigation or audit commences before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation or audit findings are resolved or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.
- v) If records are transferred to the grantor agency at its request, copies of the records need not be retained.
- 2) Indirect Federal Grants This subsection applies to federal grants received as subgrants from state agencies or other local governments (e.g., regional councils of government).

The expenditure reports are submitted to the federal agency by the state or local subgrantor agency after all subgrantees have submitted reports to the subgrantor. Consequently, records under item number GR1025-08(a)-(b) and records described in section (b) (1) must be retained by local government subgrantees for FE + 5 years. Local governments should consult with the state or local subgrantor agency to determine if there are additional or special requirements associated with a particular grant.

The local government must retain copies of reports or records submitted to the subgrantor agency for the periods indicated.

- 3) State and Private Grants This schedule extends the 3-year federal retention requirement described in section (b)(1) to state (excluding federal subgrants) and private grant records unless the state or private grantor agency has established different retention requirements, in which case those requirements shall prevail. It is an exception to the extension of federal grant requirements to state and private grants that for state or private grants renewed quarterly as described in section (b) (1) (ii) (B), the 3-year retention requirement runs from the date of submission of the expenditure report for the last quarter of the state fiscal year for state grants and from the last quarter of the local government's fiscal year for private grants.
- 4) Grant Records and School Districts (including Educational Service Centers) See Local Schedule SD (Records of Public School Districts). Because of the difficulty of effectively separating financial data that evidence the expenditure of federal funds from those that document the expenditure of local or state-allocated funds, a 5-year retention period has been adopted for most financial records of school districts. The use of the term "school district" in this schedule includes educational service centers, charter schools, county departments of education, and educational cooperatives.

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# **SECTION 2-1: FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-01	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Records of fiscal audits conducted by internal or external auditors.		<b>Caution:</b> See note (a) at the beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
*GR1025-01a	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of any department, fund, account, or activity of a local government.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01b	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if included in a cumulative audit under (a).	2 years.	
*GR1025-01c	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Annual, biennial, or other periodic audit of a department, program, fund, or account if not included in a cumulative audit under (a).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01d	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Special audits ordered by a governing body, a court or grand jury, or mandated by administrative rules of a state or federal agency.	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-01e	FISCAL AUDIT RECORDS	Working papers, summaries, and similar records created for the purposes of conducting an audit.	3 years after all questions arising from the audit have been resolved.	
GR1025-02	BANK SECURITY RECORDS	Records documenting the pledging of bonds or securities by banks serving as depositories for public funds including depository contracts, security pledges and statements, surety bonds, and similar records.	4 years after termination, expiration, or release of contractual obligations.	
GR1025-03	BOND RECORDS			Retention Note: For investment transaction records of bonds see item number GR1025-09b.
GR1025-03a	BOND RECORDS	Bond administrative records consisting of preliminary studies, proposals and prospectuses, authorizations and certifications for issuance or cancellation, and related policy correspondence.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-03b	BOND RECORDS	Bond certificates and redeemed coupons.	1 year after payment.	By law - Government Code, Section 1302.003 for counties (see statute for procedural instructions for destruction) and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
GR1025-03c	BOND RECORDS	Bond registers.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-03d	BOND RECORDS	Records relating to the exchange, conversion, or replacement of bonds by bondholders.	1 year if information is contained in a bond register; <b>PERMANENT</b> if information is not contained in a bond register.	
GR1025-04	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION			
GR1025-04a	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Annual budgets (including amendments).	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-04b	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Special budgets (includes budgets for capital improvement projects, grant-funded projects, or other projects prepared on a special or emergency basis and not included in an annual budget).	PERMANENT.	
*GR1025-04c	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Working papers created exclusively for the preparation of budgets, including budget requests, justification statements, and similar documents.	3 years.	
GR1025-04d	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Encumbrance and expenditure reports (status reports showing expenditures and encumbrances against a budget).	2 years.	
GR1025-04e	BUDGETS AND BUDGET DOCUMENTATION	Budget change documentation, including line item or contingency/reserve fund transfers and supplemental budget requests.	2 years.	
GR1025-05	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Documentation relating to the capital and fixed assets of a local government.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-05a	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property history cards or similar records containing data on initial cost, including disposal authorizations when disposed of.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; property history cards documenting the original construction and additions to or renovations of structures may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-05b	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property cost and depreciation schedules or summaries used for capital outlay budgeting or other financial or budget control purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-05c	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Equipment or property inventories (including sequential number property logs).	US + 3 years.	
GR1025-05d	CAPITAL ASSETS RECORDS	Property sale, auction, or disposal records of government-owned equipment or property.	1 year.	By law - Local Government Code, Section 263.155(b) for counties and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: Property sale or auction records do not include records arising from the sale or auction of property foreclosed or seized by a taxing unit for failure to pay property taxes or for the sale or auction of property seized by law enforcement officers. For such records use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation) or Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies) respectively.
*GR1025-06	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING RECORDS	Records concerning the use of federal revenue sharing funds by a local government, including revenue and expenditure summaries; status, budget, and audit reports; and other reports or documentation required by federal law or regulation.	AV.	Obsolete record.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-07	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual, sub-annual, or irregularly prepared financial reports or statements on the accounts, funds, or projects of a local government created either for internal use or for submission to state agencies as may be required by law or regulation, <b>except</b> reports of similar types noted in this or other commission schedules.		
GR1025-07a	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semi- annual reports.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1025-07b	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07c	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Long range fiscal planning reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-07d	FINANCIAL REPORTS	Capital improvement reports.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-08	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS			Retention Note: If grant is for construction of a local government owned facility or part of the infrastructure, follow retention for GR1075-16.
GR1025-08a	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Successful grant applications and proposals and any documentation that modifies the terms of a grant.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08b	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Financial, performance, and compliance reports submitted to grantor or subgrantor agencies.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See note (b) at beginning of Part 2 of this schedule.
GR1025-08c	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Reports, planning memoranda, studies, correspondence, and similar records created for and used in the development of successful grant proposals.	3 years.	
GR1025-08d	GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS	Any records of the type noted in (a) or (b) relating to unsuccessful grant proposals.	AV.	
GR1025-09	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-09a	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation relating to the investment of public funds (e.g., certificates of deposit) that evidences the investment of funds, the performance or return of investments, the cancellation or withdrawal of investments, and similar activity.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-09b	INVESTMENT TRANSACTION RECORDS	Documentation related to the calculation of arbitrage rebate amounts, if any, on proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt bonds.	Retirement of the last obligation of the bond issue + 6 years.	
GR1025-10	CHARGE SCHEDULES/ PRICE LISTS	Schedules of prices charged by a local government for services to the public or other governments, including any documentation used to determine the charges.	US + 3 years.	

### **SECTION 2-2: ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND BOAT LICENSING AND REGISTRATION - For accounting and banking records relating to motor vehicle licensing not noted in this part, use Part 3 of Local Schedule TX.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-25	ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENTATION	Policy and procedure directives and similar records documenting accounting methodology.	US, expired, or discontinued + 5 years.	
GR1025-26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS			
*GR1025-26a	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Claims, invoices, statements, copies of checks and purchase orders, expenditure authorizations, and similar records that serve to document disbursements, including those documenting claims for and reimbursement to employees for travel and other employment-related expenses.	FE of date of final payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of final payment + 3 years for other governments.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Accounts payable and disbursement records for bond-funded projects must be maintained according to the retention period listed in GR1025-26d.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1025-26b	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records sufficient to document the purchase costs of capital equipment or other fixed assets.	FE of date of disposal + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of disposal + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-26c	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Reports accompanying the transmittal of funds to federal, state, or other local government agencies (e.g., sales tax to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts); to retirement systems, or to other entities if the funds are collected, in whole or in part, on behalf of other agencies or individuals (e.g., retirement deductions of employees).	FE of period covered by report + 3 years.	Retention Note: For reports accompanying the transmittal of federal and state payroll and unemployment taxes see item number GR1050-53(b).
GR1025-26d	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS	Accounts payable records for bond-funded projects.	FE of date of last bond payment + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of last bond payment + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS		J	Retention Note: For accounts receivable records associated with the collection of property taxes, all local governments, including school districts, should use Local Schedule TX (Records of Property Taxation).
*GR1025-27a	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Bill copies or stubs, statements, billing registers, account cards, deposit warrants, cash receipts, credit card receipts, receipt books, cash transfers, daily cash reports, cash drawer reconciliations, and similar records (such as returned checks and associated fees) that serve to document money owed to or received by a local government and its collection or receipt.	FE of date of receipt + 5 years for school districts; FE of date of receipt + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1025-27b	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Accounts receivable records documenting the receipt of any monies by any local government that are remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts (e.g., court costs in criminal cases, sales tax).	Remittance due date + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-27c	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records documenting payments to a local government in which the government holds a property lien until the debt is satisfied (e.g., liens arising from demolition, lot cleaning), including original liens and lien releases.	FE of date of final payment and release of lien + 3 years.	
GR1025-27d	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Account card or similar records relating to the receipt of cash deposits as sureties for the delivery of services (e.g., water and wastewater).	FE of termination of service or refund of deposit + 3 years.	
*GR1025-27e	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS	Records of accounts deemed uncollectable, including write-off authorizations.	FE of write-off date + 5 years for school districts; FE of write-off date + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1025-28	BANKING RECORDS	Bank statements, credit card statements, canceled checks, check registers, deposit slips, debit and credit notices, reconciliations, notices of interest earned, monetary transport records (including armored car pickup logs) etc.	FE + 5 years.	
GR1025-29	COST ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION RECORDS	Records created to document the allocation of costs among accounts and funds of a local government, including records relating to chargebacks and other interdepartmental or interfund accounting transactions.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If any of the records in this group are used as ledger and journal entry documentation, they must be retained for FE + 5 years (see item number GR1025-30) by all local governments.
GR1025-30	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION			Retention Note: Be certain to verify before the disposal of any ledger or journal under this item number that the ledger or journal does not serve to document financial activities that require a longer retention period (e.g. investment documentation of proceeds of tax exempt bonds under item number GR1025-09).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-30a	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	General ledger showing receipts and expenditures from all accounts and funds of a local government.		
		(1) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) exists.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		(2) For fiscal years for which an annual financial audit report (see item number GR1025-01) does not exist.	PERMANENT.	
GR1025-30b	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Subsidiary ledgers.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some ledgers may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30c	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Receipt, disbursement, general, or subsidiary journals.	FE + 5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some journals may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1025-30d	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Journal vouchers and entries or similar posting control forms (including supporting documentation such as correspondence and auditor adjustments that evidence journal entries and amendments).	FE + 5 years.	Retention Note: If bill stubs (see item number GR1025-27a) are used as entry documentation for account journals, they must be retained by all local governments for FE + 5 years rather than the FE + 3 year retention period for accounts receivable records.
GR1025-30e	LEDGERS, JOURNALS, AND ENTRY DOCUMENTATION	Perpetual care fund registers of government-owned cemeteries.	PERMANENT.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 713.005(a).
GR1025-31	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Periodic summaries or reports of accounting transactions or activity by department, budget code, program, account, fund, or type of activity, including trial balances, <b>unless</b> the summary is of a type noted elsewhere in this part.		
GR1025-31a	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Daily.	30 days.	
GR1025-31b	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Weekly.	90 days.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1025-31c	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semiannual.	2 years.	
GR1025-31d	TRANSACTION SUMMARIES	Annual.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If an annual trial balance is not maintained, then the least frequent sub-yearly trial balance must be retained for FE + 5 years by school districts and FE + 3 years by all other local governments.
GR1025-32	UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION	Any form of record sufficient to verify information on unclaimed property previously reported to the State Treasurer showing the name and last known address of the apparent owner of reportable unclaimed property, a brief description of the property, and the balance of each unclaimed account, if appropriate.	Date on which property is reportable + 10 years.	By law - Property Code, Section 74.103(b).

#### PART 3: PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL RECORDS

Retention Notes: a) FEDERAL RETENTION REQUIREMENTS - Federal retention periods for personnel and payroll records arise principally from the administration of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII; the Age Discrimination and Employment Act of 1967; the Equal Pay Act; the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Federal Insurance Contribution Act; and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Various federal agencies or departments of agencies administer these acts and, because retention periods are set to enable each agency to carry out its particular oversight authority, different retention periods are often established for the same record. In compiling Schedule GR, the longest applicable federal retention period is cited as authority for the retention period indicated. A federal regulation is not cited if a state law or regulation requires a longer retention period. A federal retention period is also not cited if a Texas statute of limitations makes a longer retention period advisable. For example, the federal retention requirement for employment contracts [see item number GR1050-15(a)] is given as 3 years from the last effective date of the contract in 26 CFR 516.5, but suits in Texas may be brought by either party to such a contract within four years of the occurrence of an alleged breach; therefore a retention period of 4 years from the last effective date of the contract is set in this schedule. All retention periods in this part apply, by authority of this schedule, to all local governments, although some of them may be otherwise exempt from the federal requirement cited. This provision does not require the creation by exempted local governments of any special documentation demonstrating compliance with federal regulations that may be required of non-exempted governments.

**b) PERSONNEL FILES** - The individual employee personnel file is not scheduled as a unit in this section; documents normally placed in such files are scheduled separately.

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c) **TERMINATED EMPLOYEES** - Notwithstanding any retention periods in this part, all personnel records existing on the date of termination of an involuntarily terminated employee must be retained for 2 years from the date of termination [29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49].

- d) JTPA AND CETA EMPLOYEES Any records maintained on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Comprehensive Employees' Training Act (CETA) funds or affirmative action apprenticeship program funds administered by the U. S. Department of Labor must be retained for 5 years from the date of enrollment in the program [29 CFR 30.8(e)]. This 5-year retention period is extended by authority of this schedule to comparable records on applicants for or holders of positions paid in whole or in part from Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) funds.
- e) **DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE** For the purposes of this part, the term "employee" also includes elected or appointed officials of a local government who are paid wages or a salary from any funds of the local government and anyone voluntarily working or not receiving payment or compensation for working.
- f) PERSONNEL RECORDS IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES The Local Government Code, Section 157.904, provides that sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more shall maintain "a permanent personnel file on each department employee." The precise contents of a personnel file are not specified, but three groups of records are expressly mentioned. Consequently, any record in item numbers GR1050-03, GR1050-07, and GR1050-21, all of which are records of a type mentioned in the statute, must be retained permanently. The sheriffs and their legal counsel should determine what other records may be includable in a permanent personnel file in sheriffs' departments subject to the law.

#### **SECTION 3-1: PERSONNEL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-01	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS			
GR1050-01a	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Reports, analyses, and statistical data compiled from source documentation used to develop, implement, and monitor affirmative action plans.	5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-01b	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS	Affirmative action plans.	US + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 30.8(e).
GR1050-02	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records relating to aptitude or skills tests required of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer, including civil service examinations.		
GR1050-02a	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Validation studies.	Life of test + 2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-02b	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Tests.	US + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
				Retention Note: One copy of each different test (different in terms of either questions or administration procedures) should be retained for the period indicated.
*GR1050-02c	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Test papers or results of persons taking tests.	Date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever later, + 2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-02d	APTITUDE AND SKILLS TEST RECORDS	Records, <b>other</b> than those noted (a)-(c), relating to the planning and administration of tests.	3 years.	
*GR1050-03	AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS	Individual award, honor, or commendation bestowed on an employee.	Date of separation + 5 years.	<b>Retention Notes:</b> a) For administrative records of awarding committees, see item number GR1050-09.
				b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for awards bestowed on certain Sheriff's office employees.
GR1050-04	CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES	Certificates, licenses, or permits required of employees to qualify for or remain eligible to hold a position requiring certification or licensing.	US or separation of employee + 5 years.	Retention Note: If the submission of copies of certificates, licenses, or permits is required of all applicants for a position, those of applicants not hired must be retained for 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
GR1050-05	CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVITS		5 years after leaving position for which the affidavit was filed.	
GR1050-06	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-06a	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Reports of interviews, analyses, and similar records relating to the counseling of an employee for work-related, personal, or substance abuse problems, including any warnings associated with the counseling. Usually maintained at the supervisory level or by human resources departments.	3 years after termination of counseling.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For records retained by professional therapists; refer to Local Schedule HR for patient records.
GR1050-06b	COUNSELING PROGRAM RECORDS	Records relating to the planning, coordination, implementation, direction, and evaluation of an employee counseling program.	3 years.	
*GR1050-07	DISCIPLINARY AND ADVERSE ACTION RECORDS	Records created by civil service boards or by personnel or supervisory officers in considering, or reconsidering on appeal, an adverse action (e.g., demotion, probation, termination, suspension, leave without pay) against an employee, including, as applicable, witness and employee statements, interview reports, exhibits, reports of findings, and decisions and judgments.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1 of this schedule for disciplinary records of certain Sheriff's office employees.
		(1) All employees of sheriff's departments in counties with a population of 3.3 million or more.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 157.904.
		(2) Police and fire department personnel in municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more that have established civil service boards under Local Government Code, Chapter 143.	PERMANENT.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 143.011(c).
		(3) All other local government employees.	2 years after case closed or action taken, as applicable.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-08	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS			For records of pension and deferred compensation deductions from payroll see GR1050-52(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-08a	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Employee benefit plans such as pension; life, health, and disability insurance; seniority and merit systems; and deferred compensation plans, including amendments.	Termination of plan + 1 year.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1627.3(b)(2).  Retention Note: If the plan or system is not in writing, a memorandum fully outlining the terms of the plan or system and the manner in which it has been communicated to affected employees, together with notations relating to any revisions, must be retained for the same period as written plans.
*GR1050-08b	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Enrollment forms providing personal identifying data, beneficiary information, option selection, acknowledgement forms, and similar information.		
		(1) If the official record is maintained by the retirement system of which the local government is a member or by the service provider.	AV.	
		(2) If the official record is maintained by the local government.		
		(A) Pension and deferred compensation.	Date of separation + 75 years.	
		(B) Life, health, accidental death, and disability insurance.	Termination of coverage + 4 years.	
		(C) Any benefit other than those noted in (A) or (B).	US or separation + 2 years, as applicable.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Documents that serve as payroll deduction authorizations must be maintained for the retention period prescribed for item number GR1050-50.
GR1050-08c	EMPLOYEE PENSION AND BENEFITS RECORDS	Annual reports from a pension system or fund.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-09	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECORDS	Award committee reports, selection criteria, nominations, and similar administrative records of employee award or incentive programs.	2 years.	Retention Note: For records of an award/commendation given to an individual employee, see item number GR1050-03.
GR1050-10	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS			
GR1050-10a	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records created to control and monitor the issuance of keys, identification cards, passes, or similar instruments of identification and access.	US, date of expiration, or date of separation + 2 years, as applicable.	
GR1050-10b	EMPLOYEE SECURITY RECORDS	Records relating to the issuance of parking permits.	US.	
GR1050-11	EMPLOYEE SELECTION RECORDS	Notes of interviews with candidates; audio and videotapes of job interviews; applicant rosters; eligibility lists; test ranking sheets; justification statements for violating eligibility or ranking sequence; and previous injury checks; offers of employment letters; and similar records documenting the filling of a vacant position.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: See GR1050-36 for background and criminal history checks.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
	RECORD TITLE  EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECORDS	Summary employment history record for each employee maintained on one or more forms, containing the following minimum information: name; sex; date of birth; social security number; positions held with dates of hire, promotion, transfer, or demotion; dates of leaves of absence or suspension that affect computation of length of service; wage or salary rate for each position held, including step or merit increases within grades; most recent public access option form; and date of separation.	Retention Period  Date of separation + 75 years.	For other information on employees that must also be retained either as part of this record or in another form, see item numbers GR1050-52(b) and GR1050-54(a).  Retention Notes: a) This schedule does not require the creation of an employee service record of the type described, but the creation of the record is strongly recommended to allow frequent disposal of documents from which information has been summarized. If an employee service record is not maintained, documents (e.g., employment applications, personnel action forms) containing the prescribed information must be retained date of separation + 75 years. More than one document providing the same element of required information need not be retained.  b) The Teacher Service Record (Texas Education Agency Form FIN-115 or its equivalent), containing information required by statute or regulation, shall be considered an employee service record of the type described and must be retained date of separation + 75 years.
				service record may be indicated by grade and step numbers if all corresponding wage rate tables (see item number GR1050-59) applicable to a person's employment history are retained date of separation + 75 years.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-13	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	Advertisements or postings relating to job openings, promotions, training programs, or overtime opportunities, including jobs orders submitted to employment agencies.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS			
GR1050-14a	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Applications, transcripts, letters of reference, and similar documents whose submission by candidates for vacant positions (both hired and not hired) or for promotion, transfer, or training opportunity (both selected and not selected) is required on the application form, by application procedures, or in the employment advertisement.	2 years from the creation (or receipt) of the record or the personnel action involved, whichever later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-14b	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Samples of publications, artwork, or other products of prior achievement not returned to applicants.	AV.	
GR1050-14c	EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS	Transcripts of persons <b>hired</b> if state or federal law or regulation mandates a level of education needed to qualify for employment (e.g., school district professional and paraprofessional personnel). See also item number GR1050-28(a).	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If applicant screening or hiring decisions are based on resumés, with only successful or interviewed candidates completing employment applications, then resumés of persons not hired must be kept for the same period as employment applications. If resumés are supplemental to employment application forms, they need only be retained as long as administratively valuable.
GR1050-15	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS			
GR1050-15a	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Contracts and agreements, including collective bargaining agreements, between a local government and an employee or a group of employees, including written acceptances of such contracts.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-15b	EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RECORDS	Records relating to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements or similar group contracts, including reports; correspondence; mediation or arbitration agreements; the proceedings, findings, and awards of arbitration boards; and similar records.	Last effective date of contract + 4 years or, if no agreement or contract results, 4 years.	
GR1050-16	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS			
GR1050-16a	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Reports, analyses, or statistical data compiled from source documentation used to complete EEO reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.30, 1602.39, and 1602.48.
GR1050-16b	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	EEO-1, EEO-4, EEO-5, and EEO-6 reports.	3 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.32, 1602.41, and 1602.50.
GR1050-16c	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RECORDS AND REPORTS	Case files relating to discrimination complaints, including complaints, legal and investigative documents, exhibits, related correspondence, withdrawal notices, and decisions or judgments.	Resolution of case + 3 years.	
GR1050-17	EQUAL PAY RECORDS	Reports, studies, aggregated or summarized data, and similar documentation compiled to monitor and demonstrate compliance with the Equal Pay Act.	2 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1620.32(c).
GR1050-18	FIDELITY BONDS		Effective life of bond + 5 years.	Retention Note: Does not include the Official Bond Record maintained by county clerks, which must be retained PERMANENTLY.
GR1050-19	FINGERPRINT CARDS		Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If fingerprint cards are created for all applicants for a position, those of persons not hired must be retained 2 years under item number GR1050-14.
*GR1050-20	GRIEVANCE RECORDS	Records relating to the review of employee grievances against personnel policies, working conditions, etc.	Final decision on the grievance + 2 years.	Retention Note: Do not confuse these records with those involving EEO complaints [see item number GR1050-16(c)].

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-21	JOB EVALUATIONS	Job evaluations, performance appraisals, or other similar documents used to evaluate the performance of employees.	US + 2 years or date of separation + 2 years, whichever sooner.	By regulation – 29 CFR 1620.32(c).  Retention Notes: a) Refer to SD3575-05 pertaining to evaluations on school teachers.  b) Refer to Retention Note (f) on page 1
GR1050-22	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE			of this schedule for evaluations of certain Sheriff's office employees.
	REPORTS			
*GR1050-22a	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health, physical or psychological examination reports or certificates of all job applicants if physical or psychological condition is a factor in hiring decisions, including the promotion, transfer, or selection for training of current personnel.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.
GR1050-22b	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Health or physical examination reports or certificates of employees for whom periodic monitoring of health or fitness is required.		
		(1) For employees exposed in the course of their work to toxic substances, harmful physical agents, or bloodborne pathogens.	Date of separation + 30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(i)-(iii).
		(2) For all other employees.	US + 2 years.	
GR1050-22c	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Environmental, biological, and material safety monitoring reports concerning toxic substances and harmful physical agents in the workplace, including analyses derived from such reports.	30 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1910.1020(d)(1)(ii). See Local Schedule PW 5450-01 for Asbestos Management Records.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-22d	MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE REPORTS	Records of controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.		By regulation – 49 CFR 382.403.
		(1) Records of driver alcohol test results indicating an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater; records of driver verified positive controlled substances test results; documentation of refusals to take required alcohol and/or controlled substances tests; driver evaluation and referrals; calibration documentation; records related to the administration of the alcohol and controlled substances testing programs; copy of each annual calendar year summary required by 49 CFR 382.403.	5 years.	
		(2) Records related to the alcohol and controlled substances collection process.	2 years.	
		(3) Records of negative and canceled controlled substances test results and alcohol test results with a concentration of less than 0.02.	1 year.	
*GR1050-23	OATHS OF OFFICE	Any oaths or affirmations required of local government employees or officers. Includes the Statement of Elected Officer (Secretary of State Form 2201).	US + 5 years or 5 years after leaving position for which oath required, whichever is applicable.	
*GR1050-24	PERSONNEL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by personnel officers to create or change information in the personnel records of individual employees concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, leaves of absence, name changes, and similar personnel actions except those noted elsewhere in this part.	2 years from the date of creation or the personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-25	PERSONNEL STUDIES AND SURVEYS	Studies, statistical reports, surveys, cost analyses and projections, and similar records, <b>except</b> those noted elsewhere in this part, on any aspect of the personnel management or administration of a local government.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal; some documents may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
GR1050-26	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS			
GR1050-26a	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Job descriptions, including any associated task or skill statements. Also includes documentation concerning the development and analysis of job descriptions and classification systems, including survey, review and audit reports; classification standards and guidelines; selection criteria; determination of classification appeals; etc.	US or position abolished + 4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-26b	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Position staffing and vacancy reports.	US.	
GR1050-26c	POSITION DESCRIPTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND STAFF MONITORING RECORDS	Personnel requisitions.	2 years.	
*GR1050-27	REDUCTION IN FORCE PLANS	Reduction in force plans and any related documentation.	US, or if implemented, 2 years from date of last reduction in force action under the plan.	
GR1050-28	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS			For other records relating to aptitude or skills tests <b>required</b> of job applicants or of current personnel to qualify for promotion or transfer see item number GR1050-02.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-28a	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Certificates of completion, transcripts, test scores, or similar records documenting the training, testing, or continuing education achievements of an employee if such training or testing is required for the position held or if the educational or skill attainment or enhancement affects or could affect career advancement in the local government or, in the case of licensed or certified personnel (e.g., school professionals, firefighters, police officers, health care professionals), in other governments or the private sector.	Date of separation + 5 years.	Retention Note: If information concerning training or testing (e.g., test scores) is transferred to an Employee Service Record (item number GR1050-12), the document from which the information is taken need be retained for only 2 years.
GR1050-28b	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting the planning, development, implementation, administration and evaluation of in-house training programs.	2 years.	
GR1050-28c	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Training manuals, syllabuses, course outlines, and similar training aids used in in-house training programs.	US, expired, or discontinued + 2 years.	
GR1050-28d	TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECORDS	Skill or achievement measurement records of a training group or class as a whole (e.g., rosters with scores).	2 years.	Retention Note: If the only information documenting the in-house training of an employee of the types described in (a) is contained in the measurement records of a group or class as a whole, the group records must be retained for the date of separation + 5 years for all employees included in the group records.
GR1050-29	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS RECORDS	Unemployment claims, pertinent correspondence, and similar records documenting unemployment compensation cases.	After closed + 5 years.	J .

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1050-30	VERIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY ( Form I-9)		3 years from hire or 1 year after separation, whichever later.	By regulation - 8 CFR 274a.2(b)(2)(i)(A) and (c)(2)
				Retention Note: If a former employee is rehired and a Form I-9 is still on file for the employee, the 3-year retention period dates from date of first hire.
GR1050-31	WORK SCHEDULES	Work, duty, shift, crew, case schedules, rosters, or assignments <b>except</b> work schedules includable in item number GR1050-56.	1 year.	
*GR1050-32	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of accidents to or job-related illnesses of employees.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Refer to GR1050-22b(1) for any medical or exposure records created or collected.
*GR1050-32a	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Initial and supplemental incident forms, reports, or logs.	CE + 5 years.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1904.33.  Retention Note: If a claim is filed as a result of the accident or illness any forms or reports related to the incident must be retained under GR1050-32b.
*GR1050-32b	WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM RECORDS	Records of workers compensation claims filed by employees, including any reports or investigations used to determine eligibility.		
		(1) If the local government is self-insured.	CE of closure of claim + 50 years.	
		(2) If the local government is not self-insured.	CE + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-33	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS	Financial disclosure statements of officers and/or employees of a local government required by Local Government Code Section 145.007(c) or 159.007(c).	Date of separation + 2 years.	By law – Local Government Code, Section 145.007(c); 159.007(c).  Retention Notes: a) For campaign contribution and expenditure statements see item number EL3125-01 in Local Schedule EL (Records of Elections and Voter Registration).  b) See item number EL3125-04 for financial disclosure statements of local
				government candidates.
GR1050-34	PUBLIC ACCESS OPTION FORMS	Form completed and signed by employee or official, or former employee or official, electing to keep home address, home telephone number, social security number, and family information open or confidential under the Public Information Act, Government Code 552.024.	US.	Retention Note: The last public access option form completed by an employee prior to termination of employment must be retained as part of the Employee Service Record (see record number GR1050-12 in this schedule).
GR1050-35	EMPLOYEE EXIT INTERVIEWS	Records of interviews and other supporting documentation conducted at time of employee termination.	Date of separation + 2 years.	
GR1050-36	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	Used for condition of or in conjunction with employment application.	End of employee's probationary period or after immediate purpose has been fulfilled, as applicable.	By law - Government Code, Chapter 411 Subchapter F for certain education institutions and fire departments, and by authority of this schedule for all other local governments.
				Retention Note: A local government that is authorized to obtain criminal history recorded information from the Texas Department of Public Safety must refer to Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code for appropriate retention and use of this information.
*GR1050-37	EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS	Employee acknowledgement forms or other documentation that show proof of receipt and awareness of local government policies and procedures.	US or date of separation +2 years, as applicable.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-08b for acknowledgement forms of pension and deferred compensation policies and procedures.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1050-38	UNSOLICITED RÉSUMÉS	Unsolicited résumés received by local governments not used in the employment selection process.	AV.	Retention Note: See item number GR1050-14 for résumés, whether solicited or unsolicited, that are used in any way in the employment selection process.
GR1050-39	VOLUNTEER SERVICE FILES	Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform.	US or date of separation + 3 years.	
*GR1050-40	APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION (ETA Form 9089)	Includes applications and supporting documentation, including employment applications, summaries of recruitment efforts, job postings, newspaper advertisements, job orders with the Texas Workforce Commission, and correspondence with the U.S. Department of Labor and attorneys.	Date of filing of application + 5 years.	
*GR1050-41	OUTSIDE/SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS	Personnel forms requesting permission to perform at a job outside of the local government.	Date of separation or until superseded + 2 years, as applicable.	
*GR1050-42	LICENSE AND DRIVING RECORD CHECKS		US or date of separation.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See item number SD3500-03c for driving record checks of school bus drivers.
*GR1050-43	LABOR STATISTICS REPORTS	Reports providing statistical information on labor force.	3 years.	
*GR1050-44	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) DOCUMENTATION	Self evaluations and plans documenting compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	3 years.	By regulation - 28 CFR 35.105(c).

#### **SECTION 3-2: PAYROLL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** OTHER ACCOUNTING RECORDS - This section supplements Section 2-2 and schedules financial and accounting records found in most local governments specific to the disbursement of payroll. If a payroll-related record is not scheduled in this section, use Section 2-2 for the comparable record; e.g., payroll fund reconciliations should be retained for FE + 5 years under the retention for Banking Records (see item number GR1025-28).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-50	DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS	Documentation used to start, modify, or stop all voluntary or required deductions from payroll, including orders of garnishment or other court-ordered attachments.	4 years after separation or 4 years after amendment, expiration, or termination of authorization, whichever sooner.	
GR1050-51	DIRECT DEPOSIT APPLICATIONS/ AUTHORIZATIONS		US or date of separation, as applicable.	
GR1050-52	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS			
GR1050-52a	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	A record containing the following payroll information on each employee: name, last known address and social security number, amount of wages paid to the employee for each payroll period, including all deductions, and date of payment.	Retention of any one of the following records for 5 years by school districts or 4 years by other local governments will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record that shows earnings and deductions for	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3) and 40 TAC 815.106(i).
			each pay period.  2) Master payroll register which shows earnings and deductions for each pay period.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	<b>EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION</b>	A record containing the following minimum	The retention of any	
	RECORDS	pension and deferred compensation	one of the following for	
		information on each employee: name, date	date of separation + 75	
		of birth, social security number, and	years will satisfy the	
		amount of pension and deferred compensation deductions.	retention requirement:	
		•	1) Individual employee	
			earnings card or record	
			as in (a)(1).	
			2) Employee Service	
			Record (see item	
			number GR1050-12) <b>if</b>	
			it contains the	
			prescribed pension and	
			deferred compensation	
			deduction data.	
			3) Master payroll	
			register, or the final	
			year-to-date register of	
			each calendar year, <b>if</b>	
			the register shows <b>all</b>	
			persons employed	
			during the year from	
			whose wages, pension, and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52b	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION		4) Pension and	
(continued)	RECORDS		deferred compensation	
			deduction register, or	
			the final year-to-date	
			pension deduction	
			register of each	
			calendar year, if the	
			register lists <b>all</b> persons	
			employed during the	
			year from whose wages	
			pension and deferred	
			compensation	
			deductions were made.	
			5) Copies of annual or	
			other periodic	
			statements furnished	
			to each employee	
			detailing the	
			deductions and	
			contributions to a	
			pension or deferred	
			compensation plan	
			during the past year or	
			period.	
GR1050-52c	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION	Master payroll register, including year-to-	FE + 5 years for school	
	RECORDS	date registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either	districts; FE + 3 years	
		of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).	for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-52d	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Subsidiary payroll registers, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy either of the retention requirements set in (a) or (b).		
		(1) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register <b>is not</b> contained in the master payroll register.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
		(2) If data contained in the subsidiary payroll register is contained in the master payroll register.	AV.	
GR1050-52e	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Copies of annual or other periodic statements furnished to each employee detailing the deductions and contributions to a pension or deferred compensation plan during the past year or period, <b>if not used</b> to satisfy the retention requirement set in (b).	2 years.	
GR1050-52f	EARNINGS AND DEDUCTION RECORDS	Payroll adjustment records, including transaction registers, authorizations, and similar records authorizing and detailing adjustments to payroll records because of overpayment, underpayment, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1050-53	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	. , . , . ,		
GR1050-53a	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms used to determine withholding from wages and salaries for payroll tax purposes (W-4 Forms).	4 years after separation or 4 years after form amended, whichever sooner.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for any state forms.
GR1050-53b	FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AND REPORTS	Forms and reports used to report the collection, distribution, deposit, and transmittal of payroll or unemployment taxes (W-2, 1099).	4 years after tax due date or date tax paid, whichever later.	By regulation - 20 CFR 404.1225(b) (3), 26 CFR 31.6001-1(e) (2) for federal forms and by authority of this schedule for state forms.
GR1050-54	LEAVE RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54a	LEAVE RECORDS	A record containing a record of the unused accumulated sick leave of each employee if (1) all or a percentage of accumulated sick leave is used to calculate length of service and/or (2) accumulated sick leave is creditable to an employee if rehired.	The retention of any one of the following for date of separation + 75 years will satisfy the retention requirement:  1) Individual employee earnings card or record as described in item number GR1050-52a if it also contains accumulated sick leave data.	
			2) Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) if it contains the accumulated sick leave data prescribed.	
			3) Copy of the final time summary or leave status report, as noted in (d), of each separated employee.	
GR1050-54b	LEAVE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for vacation, compensatory, sick, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and other types of authorized leave, and supporting documentation.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	By regulation – 29 CFR 825.500.
GR1050-54c	LEAVE RECORDS	Leave or hours-to-date registers.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-54d	LEAVE RECORDS	Copies of periodic time summary or leave status reports furnished to each employee containing information on vacation, sick, compensatory, or other leave earned and used, including the final report of separated employees if they are not used to satisfy the retention requirement set in (a).	2 years.	
GR1050-55	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents used by payroll officers to create or change information in the payroll records of individual employees <b>except</b> deduction authorizations (see item number GR1050-50) and federal tax forms [see item number GR1050-53(a)].		
*GR1050-55a	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning hiring, termination, transfer, pay grade, position or job title, name changes, etc.	2 years from the date of creation or personnel action involved, whichever is later.	By regulation - 29 CFR 1602.31, 1602.40, and 1602.49.  Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-55b	PAYROLL ACTION OR INFORMATION NOTICES	Documents concerning adjustments to payroll and leave status.	FE + 3 years.	Retention Note: Refer to GR1050-12 in this schedule as some information must be kept in Employee Service Record.
GR1050-56	TIME AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Time cards or sheets, including work schedules and documentation evidencing adherence to or deviation from normal hours for those employees working on fixed schedules.	4 years.	By regulation - 40 TAC 815.106(i).
GR1050-57	TIME CHANGE RECORDS	Requests and authorizations for overtime, time trading, and other actions that affect normal work time <b>except</b> leave requests [see item number GR1050-54(c)].	2 years.	
GR1050-58	REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES, REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS TO ENGAGE IN	Requests and authorizations for travel; participation in educational programs, workshops, or college classes; or for other bona fide work-related activities in which the expenses of an employee are defrayed or reimbursed.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1050-59	WAGE AND SALARY RATE			
	TABLES			
GR1050-59a	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is expressed in dollars.	2 years after last effective date.	By regulation - 29 CFR 516.6(a)(2).
GR1050-59b	WAGE AND SALARY RATE TABLES	If wage or salary rate for each position listed on an Employee Service Record (see item number GR1050-12) is indicated by grade or step number only.	Date of separation + 75 years.	

#### **PART 4: SUPPORT SERVICES RECORDS**

#### **SECTION 4-1: PURCHASING RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** RELATIONSHIP WITH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RECORDS - In a local government in which purchasing and accounts payable records (see item number GR1025-26) are maintained by the same individual or department, duplicate copies of a record need not be created and/or retained to satisfy the retention requirements of this section if the record is used in documenting both the ordering and procurement of and payment for goods and services. In such instances, retention requirements for accounts payable records prevail over those noted in this section.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION			
GR1075-01a	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Successful bids and requests for proposals, including invitations to bid, bid bonds and affidavits, bid sheets, and similar supporting documentation.	FE of award + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	Retention Note: If a formal written contract is the result of a successful bid or request for proposal, the successful bid or request for proposal and its supporting documentation must be retained for the same period as the contract. See item number GR1000-25.
GR1075-01b	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Unsuccessful bids.	2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-01c	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for informal bid estimates, quotes, or responses from providers for the procurement of goods or services for which state law or local policy does not require the formal letting of bids.	1 year.	
GR1075-01d	BIDS AND BID DOCUMENTATION	Requests for information (RFI) preliminary to the procurement of goods or services by direct purchase or bid.	AV after date of direct purchase, issuance of request for bids, or decision not to proceed with the procurement, as applicable.	
*GR1075-02	PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY RECORDS	Inventories of parts and supplies.	1 year.	
GR1075-03	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS			
GR1075-03a	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchase orders, requisitions, and receiving reports.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-03b	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Purchasing log, register, or similar record providing a chronological record of purchase orders issued, orders received, and similar data on procurement status.	FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-03c	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Packing slips and order acknowledgments.	AV.	
GR1075-03d	PURCHASE ORDER AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Vendor and commodity lists.	US.	
GR1075-04	W-9 FORM - REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) AND CERTIFICATION	W-9 IRS Form used to request a taxpayer identification number (TIN) for reporting information to IRS. This includes W-9 forms received by local governments from vendors.	Date account is opened or date instrument purchased + 3 years.	By regulation - 26 CFR 31.3406(h)-3(g).

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# SECTION 4-2: FACILITY, VEHICLE, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT RECORDS

Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number GR1075-15	ACCIDENT AND DAMAGE REPORTS (PROPERTY)	Reports of accidents or damage to facilities, vehicles, or equipment <b>if</b> no personal injury is involved.	3 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For accident reports involving personal injury see item numbers GR1000-20 and GR1050-32.
GR1075-16	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS			
*GR1075-16a	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records concerning the planning, design, construction, conversion, or modernization of local government-owned facilities, structures, infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines), and systems, including feasibility, screening, and implementation studies; topographical and soil surveys and reports; architectural and engineering drawings, elevations, profiles, blueprints, and as-builts; inspection and investigative reports; laboratory test reports; environmental impact statements; construction contracts and bonds; correspondence; and similar documentation except as described in (b), (c) or (d).	LA + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.  b) If a structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred to another person or entity, the local government must retain the original records relating to its construction to fulfill retention requirements. Copies of the records may be given to the person or entity to which the structure, facility, or system is sold or transferred.  c) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16b	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records of the types described in GR1075-16a relating to the construction of prefabricated storage sheds, bus shelters, parking lot kiosks, non-structural recreational facilities such as baseball diamonds and tennis courts, and similar structures and facilities.	Completion of the project + 10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; some records may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons. Records relating to construction of some of the described structures will have historical value if they are closely associated with a major structure as described in GR1075-16a. For example, records relating to the construction of gazebos, fountains, walls, or statuary located on the grounds of a county courthouse are part of the landscape of the courthouse and its grounds and should be retained PERMANENTLY.  b) Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.  c) If the construction of a structure described in GR1075-16b includes infrastructure (i.e. electrical lines, underground water lines, etc.), records
************			_	of the infrastructure must be maintained  Life of Asset + 10 years.
*GR1075-16c	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Records relating to construction projects described in GR1075-16a and GR1075-16b, that are transitory or of ephemeral relevance, and are not required for maintaining, modifying, and repurposing the building or structure. Records may include, but are not limited to, records of architectural and engineering draft design plans and specifications that precede the signed and sealed versions, , delivery tickets for expendable products, daily work reports, etc.	5 years.	Retention Note: Records of the types described relating to places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-16d	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECORDS	Line Locate Requests, Call Before You Dig records, or other similar records documenting requests for information regarding locations of the underground cable or utility lines.	Completion of project requiring the locate request + 2 years.	<b>Retention note:</b> If damage to utility lines becomes subject to litigation, the locate records must be retained in accordance with GR1000-31 (Litigation Case Files).
GR1075-17	LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY REPORTS		FE + 3 years.	
GR1075-18	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Records documenting the maintenance, repair, and inspection of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		Retention Note: This record group schedules records of maintenance and repair to general-purpose vehicles, office equipment, and office facilities. For retention requirements for the maintenance and repair of specialized vehicles (e.g., police cars, fire trucks, school buses), equipment (e.g., airport runway beacons, traffic lights), or facilities (e.g., wastewater treatment plants) see other commission schedules.
GR1075-18a	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Vehicles and equipment.		
		(1) Routine inspection records.	1 year.	
		(2) Maintenance and repair records.	Life of asset.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a vehicle is salvaged as the result of an accident, the maintenance and repair records for the vehicle must be retained for date of salvage + 1 year.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-18b	MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Facilities.		
		(1) Routine cleaning, janitorial, and inspection work.	1 year.	
		(2) All other facility maintenance, repair and inspection records (including those relating to plumbing, electrical, fire suppression, and other infrastructural systems).	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Records of the types described relating to government-owned structures or places eligible for or already listed as historic by national, state, or local organizations or authorities must be retained <b>PERMANENTLY</b> .
*GR1075-19	SERVICE REQUESTS/WORK ORDERS	Requests or work order for repairs or maintenance to facilities, vehicles, or equipment.	2 years.	Retention Note: If work orders serve as the only form of record documenting repairs to vehicles or equipment [see item number GR1075-18(a)] they must be retained for the life of the vehicle or equipment.
GR1075-20	USAGE REPORTS	Reports of usage of facilities, vehicles, and equipment.		
*GR1075-20a	USAGE REPORTS	Any type of usage report (e.g., mileage, fuel consumption, copies run) <b>if</b> such reports are the basis for allocating costs, for determining payment under rental or lease agreements, etc.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
*GR1075-20b	USAGE REPORTS	Reservation logs or similar records relating to the use of facilities such as meeting rooms, auditoriums, etc. by the public or other governmental agencies.	2 years.	
*GR1075-20c	USAGE REPORTS	Usage reports compiled for purposes other than those noted in (a) or (b).	1 year.	
GR1075-21	VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Assignment logs, authorizations, and similar records relating to the assignment and use of government-owned vehicles or equipment by employees.	After return or reassignment + 2 years.	
GR1075-22	VISITOR CONTROL REGISTERS	Logs, registers, or similar records documenting visitors to limited access or restricted areas.	3 years.	Retention Note: If the visitor control register is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR1075-23	VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES	Warranties for vehicles and equipment.	Expiration of warranty + 1 year.	
GR1075-24	VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATIONS	Vehicle titles and registrations of government- owned vehicles.	LA.	
GR1075-25	SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS	Video surveillance for, but not limited to, security of property and persons.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If the surveillance video is needed as part of an investigation it should be retained with the investigation case file PS4125-05.
*GR1075-26	EQUIPMENT MANUALS	Equipment manuals, owner's manuals, instructional manuals, or other similar documentation for government owned equipment, <b>except</b> for equipment manuals noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	LA.	

#### **SECTION 4-3: COMMUNICATIONS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR1075-40	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS			
GR1075-40a	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Meter and permit usage records.	1 year.	
GR1075-40b	POSTAL AND DELIVERY SERVICE RECORDS	Registered, certified, insured, and special delivery mail receipts and similar records of transmittal by express or delivery companies.	1 year.	
GR1075-41	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	Registers or logs of telephone calls and fax transmissions made and similar activity reports.		
GR1075-41a	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for cost allocation purposes.	FE + 5 years for school districts; FE + 3 years for other governments.	
GR1075-41b	TELEPHONE LOGS OR ACTIVITY REPORTS	If the log, report, or similar record is used for internal control purposes other than cost allocation.	1 year.	

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR1075-41c	[WITHDRAWN –SEE GR1075- 43]			
*GR1075-42	E-RATE RECORDS	E-Rate is the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund that provides discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunications and Internet access. E-Rate is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).		
		All records related to the application for, receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services.	FE + 10 years.	By regulation - 47 CFR 54.516.
*GR1075-43	DIRECTORY INFORMATION	Mailing addresses, telephone or fax numbers, or email addresses, or other contact information maintained by a local government on its employees or persons it serves.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

# **SECTION 4-4: WORKPLACE SAFETY RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-01	BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees with exposure to bloodborne pathogens showing the dates of training sessions, contents or summaries of the sessions, names and job titles of those who received training, and names and qualifications of instructors.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5750-02	FACILITY CHEMICAL LISTS	Copies of tier two forms containing information of hazardous chemicals present in local government facilities submitted to the fire chief of the fire department having jurisdiction over the facilities and to the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 506.006.	30 years.	
GR5750-03	HAZARD COMMUNICATION PLANS	Plans describing how criteria of the Hazard Communications Act (Chapter 502, Health and Safety Code) with regard to the education and training of employees will be met.	US + 5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-04	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING RECORDS	Records of training given to employees in a hazard communications program showing the date of each training session, subjects covered during the session, rosters of employees who attended, and the names of instructors.	5 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.009(g).
GR5750-05	MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS)	Material safety data sheets (MSDS) supplied to local government employers by manufacturers or distributors of hazardous chemicals.	AV after receipt of updated sheet or the hazardous chemical is no longer present in the local government, as applicable.	
GR5750-06	WORKPLACE CHEMICAL LISTS	Lists of hazardous chemicals, including superseded lists, compiled and maintained by local governments in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005.	30 years.	By law - Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d).  Retention Note: State law (Health and Safety Code, Section 502.005(d)) provides that if a local government is dissolved (e.g., a municipality through disincorporation), it shall send the workplace chemical lists in its possession to the director of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
*GR5750-07	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	Disaster preparedness, continuity of	US.	
	AND RECOVERY PLANS	operations, business continuity, or other		
		plans used to prepare for or respond to		
		emergencies or disasters.		

#### PART 5: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** (a) This part establishes retention periods for records essential to the creation, maintenance, and use of electronic records (information recorded in a form for computer processing including data, graphics, digital images, multi-media records, etc.) and records related to computer operations/technical support not covered elsewhere in this schedule. Records in this part may be maintained on whatever medium is appropriate including electronic (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, CD-ROM, etc.), paper, and microform.

- (b) Other types of records may be maintained electronically that are listed elsewhere in this schedule, such as administrative, fiscal, personnel, and support services records, or in other specialized schedules adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, such as Local Schedule PS (Records of Public Safety Agencies), Local Schedule HR (Records of Public Health Agencies), etc. The retention period for those electronic records will be as specified under the appropriate records series item number according to the function of the information. For example, if an electronic system were used to maintain encumbrance and expenditure reports, the retention period for these electronic records would be 2 years as specified in item number 1025-04(d). Retention requirements apply to records maintained on all types of electronic systems including mainframe, minicomputer, microcomputer, local-area-network based systems, etc.
- (c) Administrative rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (13 TAC 7.71-7.79) require that retention procedures for electronic records with an approved retention of 10 years or more must include provisions for scheduling the disposition of the electronic records as well as related software, documentation, and indexes; and for regular recopying, reformatting, and other necessary maintenance or conversion activities to ensure the retention and stability of electronic records until the expiration of their retention periods.
- (d) If automated information is copied to paper or microform to create the official record, the electronic files do not have to be maintained for the full retention period of the record. The added value of electronic files for facilitating retrieval, making queries, providing for automated audit trails, etc., should be carefully reviewed prior to destruction of the electronic files even though there is an official record in another medium.

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## **SECTION 5-1: RECORDS OF AUTOMATED APPLICATIONS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5800-01	AUDIT TRAIL RECORDS	Files needed for electronic data audits such as files or reports showing transactions accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed; history files/tapes; records of on-line updates to application files or security logs.	Until audit requirements met.	
GR5800-02	FINDING AIDS, INDEXES, AND TRACKING SYSTEMS	Automated indexes, lists, registers, and other finding aids used to provide access to the hard copy and electronic records.	Until the related hard copy or electronic records have been destroyed.	
GR5800-03	HARDWARE DOCUMENTATION	Records documenting operational and maintenance requirements of computer hardware such as operating manuals, hardware/operating system requirements, hardware configurations, and equipment control systems.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the hardware to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc., any hardware documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-04	INFORMATION SYSTEM/DATABASE RECORDS	Relatively long-lived computer files, including databases, containing organized and consistent sets of complete and accurate electronic records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Notes: a) The need to retain "snapshots" of some continuing information systems or databases should be carefully evaluated. For example, if a Geographic Information System has only current mapping information, historical versions of zoning changes would need to be maintained for long-term legal and historical value.  b) Records managers should ensure that snapshots which support records on this or other commission schedules are retained for the full retention period of the records they support.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-05	PROCESSING RECORDS	Electronic files used to produce or modify an information system or database, including, but not limited to, work files, maintenance and test files, print files, and intermediate input/output records.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Routine or benchmark files used to test system performance and files which facilitate processing of a particular job or system run, but which do not add to, delete from, or substantially modify information in an information system or database need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
*GR5800-06	SOFTWARE PROGRAMS	Automated software applications and operating system files including job control language, etc.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new software environment, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the software to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, Public Information Act request, etc. any software program required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5800-08	TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION	Records adequate to specify all technical characteristics necessary for reading or processing of electronic records and their timely, authorized disposition. Includes documentation describing how a system operates and which is necessary for using the system such as user guides, system or sub-system definitions, system specifications, input and output specifications, and system flow charts; program descriptions and documentation such as program flowcharts, program maintenance logs, change notices, and other records that document modifications to computer programs; and data documentation necessary to access, retrieve, manipulate and interpret data in an automated system such as a data element dictionary, file layout, code book or table, and other records that explain the meaning, purpose, structure, logical relationships, and origin of the data elements.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new hardware or software environment with new documentation, or there are no electronic records being retained to meet an approved retention period that require the documentation to be retrieved and read.	Retention Note: If the retention period of electronic records is extended to meet requirements of an audit, litigation, open records action, etc. any technical documentation required to retrieve and read the records must also be retained for the same period.
*GR5800-09	AUTOMATED PROGRAM LISTING / SOURCE CODE	Automated program code and builds which generate the machine-language instructions used to operate software programs.	Until superseded or software program no longer used, whichever sooner.	

#### SECTION 5-2: COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT RECORDS

**Retention Note:** Not all of the following types of records will be created with all electronic systems. A local government should determine which records are needed according to the type of computer operation in use (mainframe, individual personal computers, networked personal computers, etc.). The records in this section may be maintained electronically (on-line, magnetic tape, optical disk, etc.) or on another medium such as paper or microform provided the approved retention period is met.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*GR5825-01	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS			
*GR5825-01a	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records created for security purposes to	US, date of expiration,	
		control or monitor individual access to a	or date of separation +	
		system and its data, including but not	2 years, as applicable.	
		limited to user account records, security		
		login information, and password files.		
*GR5825-01b	SYSTEM SECURITY RECORDS	Records used to control and monitor the	AV.	
		security of a system and its data, including		
		vulnerability scans, intrusion tests,		
		malicious code detection tests, threat and		
		risk assessments, technical security		
		reviews, patch management logs, intrusion		
		detection logs, firewall logs, and related		
		records. Records documenting incidents		
		and investigations involving unauthorized		
		attempted entry, probes and/or attacks on		
		information systems or networks.		
GR5825-02	BATCH DATA ENTRY	Forms and logs used to reconcile batches	AV after reconciliation	
	CONTROL RECORDS	submitted for processing against batches	confirmed.	
		received and processed.		
GR5825-03	CHARGEBACK RECORDS TO	Records used to document, calculate costs,	FE + 5 for school	
	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	and bill program units for computer usage	districts; FE + 3 years	
	USERS	and data processing services. These	for other local	
		records are also used for cost recovery,	governments.	
		budgeting, or administrative purposes.		
GR5825-04	COMPUTER JOB SCHEDULES	Schedules or similar records showing	90 days.	
	AND REPORTS	computer jobs to be run and other reports		
		by computer operators or programmers of		
		work performed.		
GR5825-06	DATA PROCESSING	Reports, studies, analyses, projections, and	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> Review before disposal;
	PLANNING RECORDS	similar records concerning the creation,		some records of this type may merit
		development, or modification of data		PERMANENT retention for historical
		processing systems and services.		reasons.
*GR5825-07	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR5750- 07]			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-08	ELECTRONIC MEDIA LIBRARY SYSTEM RECORDS	Records used to control the location, maintenance, and disposition of media in an electronic media library <b>except</b> for records destruction documentation that is maintained permanently (see item number GR1000-40).	Until related records or media are destroyed or withdrawn from the library.	
*GR5825-09	DATA ENTRY DOCUMENTS	Records or forms designed and used solely for data input and control <b>except</b> for data entry documents noted elsewhere in this schedule or other schedules adopted by the commission.	Until all data has been entered into the system and, if required, verified.	
GR5825-10	NETWORK CIRCUITS INVENTORIES	Records containing information on network circuits used by the government including circuit number, vendor, type of connection, terminal series, software, contact person, and other relevant information about the circuit.	US.	
GR5825-11	NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION RECORDS	Records used to implement a computer network including reports, diagrams of network, and wiring schematics.	US.	
*GR5825-12	OPERATING SYSTEM AND HARDWARE CONVERSION PLANS	Records relating to the replacement of equipment or computer operating systems not included elsewhere in this schedule.	2 years after completion of conversion.	
GR5825-13	OUTPUT RECORDS FOR COMPUTER PRODUCTION	Reports showing transactions that were accepted, rejected, suspended, and/or processed.	AV.	
*GR5825-14	QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORDS	Information verifying the quality of system, hardware, or software operations including records of errors or failures and the loss of data resulting from such failures, documentation of abnormal termination and of error free processing, checks of changes put into production, transaction histories, and other records needed as an audit trail to evaluate data accuracy.	Until no longer needed as an audit trail.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
GR5825-15	PROJECT RECORDS	Records created and used in the development, redesign, or modification of automated systems or applications.		Retention Note: Does not include purchasing records for computer software or hardware such as individual personal computers, which are covered in Part 4 of this schedule.
GR5825-15a	PROJECT RECORDS	Project management records, design documentation, feasibility studies, justifications, user requirements, etc.	3 years after completion of project.	
GR5825-15b	PROJECT RECORDS	Routine status reports, memos, and correspondence.	AV.	
*GR5825-16	SYSTEM ACTIVITY MONITORING RECORDS	Records or logs that monitor and report levels and patterns of individual and organizational usage of system hardware, software application, and internet resources, including but not limited to log in files, system usage files, application usage files, data entry logs, print spool logs, and records of individual computer usage. May also include levels of storage and network/bandwidth traffic and other documentation related to activities for monitoring and ensuring optimal efficiency of system resource use.	AV.	
*GR5825-17	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1050- 28]			
GR5825-18	INTERNET COOKIES	Data resident on hard drives that make use of user-specific information transmitted by the Web server onto the user's computer so that the information might be available for later access by itself or other servers.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet cookies need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d)).
GR5825-19	HISTORY FILES – WEB SITES	A record of the documents visited during an Internet session that allows users to access previously visited pages more quickly or to generate a record of a user's progress.	AV.	Retention Note: The disposal of Internet history files need not be documented through destruction authorizations (GR1000-40(b)), but governments should establish procedures governing disposal of these records as part of its records management plan (GR1000-40(d).

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Record	Record Title	<b>Record Description</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
GR5825-20	SOFTWARE REGISTRATIONS,		LA + 3 years.	
	WARRANTIES, AND LICENSE			
	AGREEMENTS			

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# Appendix A



Police, Fire, and EMS

Figure: 13 TAC §7.125(a)(5)



# LOCAL SCHEDULE PS (Revised Fourth Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records commonly found in public safety agencies. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records listed in this schedule may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under authority of those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third-degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### INTRODUCTION

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission. If applicable, the wording of the records series will match that of any federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation, and citation to law, rule, or regulation will be provided in the Remarks section.

Retention periods listed in this schedule apply to records in any medium. If records are stored electronically, they must remain available and accessible until the expiration of the retention period assigned by this schedule, along with any hardware or software required to access or read them. Electronic records may include electronic mail (e-mail), websites, electronic publications, or any other machine-readable format. Paper or microfilm copies may be retained in lieu of electronic records.

The use of social media applications may create public records. Any content (messages, posts, photographs, videos, etc.) created or received using a social media application may be considered records, and should be managed appropriately. The retention of social media records is based on content and function. Local governments will need to consult the relevant records retention schedule for the minimum retention periods.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record, as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record, and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments should establish policies and procedures in their records management programs to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record whose retention period has expired may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated; its destruction shall not occur until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

A local government record whose retention period expires during any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record may not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is less than permanent may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is permanent in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

## Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this edition of Local Schedule PS indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV – As long as administratively valuable

CE – Calendar year end

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

FE – Fiscal year end

LA – Life of asset

TAC – Texas Administrative Code

USC – United State Code

US – Until Superseded

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#### **RECORDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES**

**Retention Notes:** a) The term "public safety agency" means any local law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services, or emergency communications department, district, or office; and the offices of the county medical examiner, district attorney, county attorney, and community supervision and corrections.

b) For administrative, financial, personnel, and support service records not included in this schedule, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

#### PART 1: RECORDS COMMON TO PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

**Retention Note:** This part provides retention periods for records common to two or more of the public safety agencies included in this schedule.

#### **SECTION 1-1: GENERAL OPERATIONS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4025-01	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1000-41]			
PS4025-02	DAILY BULLETINS	Daily bulletins created by a public safety agency providing data on officers or personnel on duty, tasks and vehicles assigned, information concerning special procedures or information (e.g., missing persons, be-on-the-lookout-for, hazardous fire conditions), and other information customary to the operations of a public safety agency.	1 year.	
PS4025-03	GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ORDERS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4025-03a	GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ORDERS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Orders issued by the head of a public safety agency, or deputies possessing requisite authority, establishing policy or standard operating procedures.	US + 5 years.	Retention Note: Prior to disposal, orders under (a) and (b) shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY.
PS4025-03b	GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ORDERS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Special orders issued by the head of a public safety agency, or deputies possessing requisite authority, declaring emergencies, ordering evacuations, and similar extraordinary directives.	3 years.	Retention Note: Prior to disposal, orders under (a) and (b) shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY.
PS4025-03c	GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ORDERS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION	Codes of conduct.	PERMANENT.	
PS4025-04	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Permits and certifications from federal or state agencies as required by law or regulation for public safety activities and equipment, and any reports, correspondence, or other documentation bearing on the application for the issuance of or renewal of a permit or certification.		
PS4025-04a	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Granted permits and certifications, and associated documentation.	Expiration or cancellation + 3 years.	
PS4025-04b	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Documentation concerning denied permits.	AV.	
PS4025-05	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1000-41]			

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# SECTION 1-2: VEHICLE, EQUIPMENT, AND ANIMAL RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4050-01	AIRCRAFT HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS			
*PS4050-01a	AIRCRAFT HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Records maintained on each helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft used to document the total time in service of the airframe, each engine, each propeller, and each rotor; the current status of life-limited parts of each airframe, engine, propeller, rotor, and appliance; any major alterations to such engines and devices; when inspections and overhauls last occurred; and documentation of compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airworthiness directives.	LA, but see retention note.	Retention Notes: a) When an aircraft is sold, all records relating to the aircraft described in (a) must be transferred to the new owner by FAA regulation [14 CFR §91.417(b)(2)].  b) If an aircraft is involved in an accident or incident subject to investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), all records described in (a), and those described in (b) below that have not been destroyed according to the retention period given, must be retained until the NTSB takes custody of the records or a release is granted by an authorized representative of the NTSB. In addition, any records or reports, including internal memoranda, dealing with the accident or incident must be retained until authorized by the NTSB to the contrary [49 CFR §830.10].

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4050-01b	AIRCRAFT HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Records of maintenance, preventative maintenance, alteration, and the 100-hour, annual, progressive, and other FAA-required or -approved inspections.	Until the work is repeated or superseded by other work, or for 1 year after the work is performed, as applicable.	By regulation - 14 CFR §91.417(b)(1).
PS4050-01c	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4050-01b]			
PS4050-02	ANIMAL RECORDS	Records concerning horses, dogs, or other animals owned by public safety agencies, including records of the acquisition of the animal, its registration and pedigree papers (if applicable), records of training, and its veterinary history.	Until the retirement or sale of the animal + 2 years.	
PS4050-03	VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT RECORDS			
PS4050-03a	VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Logs, registers, or similar records documenting the sign-out and use of public safety vehicles by personnel.	2 years.	
PS4050-03b	VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Authorizations for the home storage of public safety vehicles.	Expiration of authorization + 2 years.	
PS4050-04	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4050-04a	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Master record on each public safety vehicle (including watercraft) and its apparatus, containing the following: complete description including identification and license numbers; title and registration papers; annual beginning and ending odometer readings; total annual fuel, maintenance, labor, and parts costs; and complete maintenance and inspection history (in summary form showing date and nature of inspection, service, and repair).	LA.	Retention Notes: a) This schedule does not require the creation of a vehicle master record of the type described, but if a vehicle master record is not maintained, records containing the prescribed information must be retained for the life of the vehicle. For example, if work orders in (b) are the only record maintained of repairs to public safety vehicles, they must be retained for the life of the vehicle.  b) If a public safety vehicle is salvaged as the result of an accident, the vehicle master record or, if one is not created, documents providing the types of information prescribed must be retained for LA + 3 years.  c) If a public safety vehicle is sold or given to another public safety agency for use as a public safety vehicle, the vehicle master record may be transferred with
				the vehicle.
PS4050-04b	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Service requests, work orders, and daily or other periodic activity, inspection, testing, calibration, or inventory reports for public safety vehicles (including watercraft and aircraft), stocks of supplies, and installed equipment.	3 years.	
PS4050-04c-e	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4050-04b]			
PS4050-04f	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Specifications, circuit diagrams, and similar documents relating to vehicles and their apparatus.	LA.	
PS4050-05	WEAPONS RECORDS			
PS4050-05a	WEAPONS RECORDS	Records of issuance of weapons to public safety personnel.	Until return of weapon + 3 years.	
PS4050-05b	WEAPONS RECORDS	Records of inspection and repair of weapons.	LA.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4050-05c	WEAPONS RECORDS	Records documenting the sale, gift, loss, or destruction of public safety weaponry.	3 years.	
PS4050-05d	WEAPONS RECORDS	Inventories of weapons.	US + 3 years.	
PS4050-06	SURVEILLANCE VIDEOS	Video surveillance for, but not limited to, security of property and persons.	AV.	
*PS4050-07	GPS TRACKING RECORDS	Global Positioning System (GPS) data used to track locations of a government fleet vehicle when such tracking is part of standard operating procedure.	30 days.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If used as part of an investigation, retain as part of item number PS4075-01 or PS4125-05.
*PS4050-08	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING RECORDS	Includes bullet-resistant and stab-resistant vests, SWAT equipment, fireproof clothing, and other protective and safety wear.		<b>Retention Note:</b> Use GR1075-21 for other personal equipment assigned if it is not listed elsewhere in this schedule.
*PS4050-08a	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING RECORDS	Daily or other periodic reports on the inspection of protective clothing.	3 years.	
*PS4050-08b	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING RECORDS	Inventories of protective clothing.	US.	

## **SECTION 1-3: PERSONNEL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** This part supplements and should be used in conjunction with Part 3 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4075-01	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Records documenting the initiation, investigation, and disposition of internal affairs investigations of alleged misconduct by law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, emergency medical services personnel, and other employees subject to internal affairs investigations.		Retention Notes: a) Retention periods for this record group date from the completion of the investigation.  b) Use GR1050-07 for investigations and reviews conducted by a Firefighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission.
PS4075-01a	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Records of investigation of law enforcement shooting incidents that result in death or injury to any person, including a police officer.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4075-01b	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Records of investigations that find an officer engaged in misconduct and penalize the officer at or above the level of a written reprimand.	15 years.	
*PS4075-01c	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Records of investigations that find an officer engaged in misconduct and penalize the officer below the level of a written reprimand, or of investigations whose findings are inconclusive.	5 years, provided a 1 year infraction-free period precedes the date of destruction.	
*PS4075-01d	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Records of investigations whose allegations are not sustained, or in cases where accusations are determined to be unfounded or the accused is exonerated.	3 years.	
PS4075-01e	INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Written complaints and records of oral complaints received from the public concerning the conduct of law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, and emergency medical personnel that do not lead to an internal affairs investigation.	Determination not to initiate an internal affairs investigation + 2 years.	
PS4075-02	OFF-DUTY ASSIGNMENT RECORDS	Records concerning off-duty assignments of public safety personnel, including applications for such assignments.	2 years.	
*PS4075-03	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	Pre-employment background checks of persons with law enforcement licenses hired as law enforcement officers.	Date of separation + 5 years	By regulation – 37 TAC §217.7(h).  Retention Note: See GR1050-36 for all other employment related criminal history checks.
*PS4075-04	APPLICATIONS FOR DEPUTIES	Copies of applications submitted to a commissioners court for deputies, assistants, or clerks.	AV.	·

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## **SECTION 1-4: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** This part supplements and should be used in conjunction with Part 3 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4100-01	9-1-1 MASTER FILES	Master file on residents in a 9-1-1 service area containing name, address, 9-1-1 address, telephone number, and other information needed to provide service.	US.	
PS4100-02	MASTER FILE SOURCE DOCUMENTATION	Documentation received from telephone companies or other sources used to update information in 9-1-1 master files (see item number PS4100-01).	AV.	
*PS4100-03	ANTENNA ILLUMINATION AND TRANSMITTER MEASUREMENT AND REPAIR RECORDS	Records documenting (1) the monitoring, inspection, and repair of illuminated antenna and antenna-supporting structures; or (2) the repair of transmitters and the measurement of frequency tolerances, power output, and modulation on transmitters authorized to operate with a power output in excess of 2 watts.	1 year.	By regulation - 47 CFR §90.447 (retention); 47 CFR §73.213 (antenna); 47 CFR §90.215 (transmitter).
* PS4100-04	COMMUNICATION TAPES AND PRINTOUTS	Audio recordings and printouts of incoming and outgoing telephone and radio communications.	30 days.	Retention Note: Policies and procedures should be in place to identify 9-1-1 recordings with legal or historical value, and either reclassify them into the appropriate records series or retain them PERMANENTLY for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4100-05	DISPATCH REPORTS	Records created by dispatcher on each call for service, showing date and time call was received, nature of call, and details of action taken in response to call.	2 years.	Retention Note: Prior to disposal, dispatch records shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY.
PS4100-06	RADIO AND PAGING LOGS	Listing of each radio call or page from or to a dispatcher, showing date, time, and location of call.	1 year.	
PS4100-07	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4100-03]			

#### SECTION 1-5: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4105-09	PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION REQUESTS	Authorizations for release of Protected Health Information, including requests by attorneys using the Protected Health Information Form to request run sheets and/or billing sheets for their clients.	Expiration of authorization + 6 years.	By regulation – 45 CFR §164.508; 45 CFR §512(e), (f), (g), and (k)(5).

# **PART 2: LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS**

**Retention Note**: The minimum retention periods in this part, to the extent the records described are created or maintained by the offices or officers named, are binding on sheriffs; constables; municipal police departments; arson investigation units of municipal and county fire agencies; investigators from the offices of district, criminal district, and county attorneys; county park rangers; municipal park and recreational patrolmen and security officers; airport police and security personnel; and persons commissioned as peace officers by the governing bodies of public school districts, junior colleges, water control and improvement districts, port authorities, metropolitan rapid transit authorities, regional transit authorities, and hospital districts. The terms "law enforcement agency," "law enforcement officer," or "peace officer," as used in this schedule, mean the offices, departments, or officers noted above.

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The clerk of the district or county court shall receive all evidence except firearms and contraband exhibited in a criminal proceeding at the conclusion of the proceeding and disposition of such evidence according to Code of Criminal Procedure §2.21. Law enforcement agencies receive firearms and contraband from the court reporter during or after the proceeding, and must retain them according to Chapter 18 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The Texas Legislature requires retention of certain categories of evidence by law enforcement agencies for retention periods specified in §38.43 (evidence containing biological materials), §38.5 (toxicological evidence of certain toxicological offenses), and Chapter 47 (stolen property).

#### **SECTION 2-1: ARREST AND OFFENSE RECORDS**

**Retention Notes:** a) The record groups described in this section concern adults or juveniles arrested and tried as adults. See Section 2-5 of this schedule for juvenile delinquency records.

- b) Arrest and other law enforcement records relating to an individual are subject to expunction under Code of Criminal Procedure §§55.01-55.05. An expunction order overrides any retention period established in this schedule.
- c) For the purposes of this section, the term "person" includes a corporation or association.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4125-01	ACTIVITY LOGS OR DOCKETS	Logs or equivalent records, usually arranged chronologically or by case, court, or citation number, providing summary data on complaints investigated by law enforcement officers, arrests made, citations issued, accidents investigated, court arraignments, court appearances by officers, and similar activities relating to the arrest or citation of persons or the investigation of offenses.	2 years; or 2 years after last entry if in bound volume.	Retention Note: Prior to disposal, activity logs or dockets that are kept in a bound volume shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4125-02	ARREST REPORTS	Arrest reports and fingerprints for each person arrested by the law enforcement agency and charged with a felony or a misdemeanor.		Retention Note: If the arrest report lacks any information listed in Code of Criminal Procedure §60.051(a)(1)-(3) and (b)(1), (3)-(8), documents from PS4125-05 sufficient to provide the missing
		(1) Class C misdemeanors and unclassified violations of state law or local ordinance punishable by fine only.	6 months.	information must be kept for as long as the retention period of this series.
				If the person arrested is a juvenile, the law enforcement agency should use item
		(2) All other offenses.	75 years, or date of death of individual, if known, whichever sooner.	numbers PS4225-06, PS4225-08, or PS4225-10.
*PS4125-03	BAIL BOND RECORDS	Record of bail or recognizance bonds taken by a sheriff or other peace officer pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure. §§17.20-17.22 and as required by §17.39.	3 years; or 3 years after last entry if in bound volume.	
*PS4125-04	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Video or audio recordings captured by police officers or as part of an automated enforcement program.		For security camera videos, see GR1075-25.
*PS4125-04a	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Video or audio recordings from police vehicles of persons on whom charges are not filed.	90 days after the date of the stop.	
*PS4125-04b	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Video or audio recordings from police vehicles of persons on whom charges are filed or related to an administrative investigation of an officer.	Follow retention period for item number PS4125-05b if charges filed or item number PS4075-01 if officer subject to internal affairs investigation.	
*PS4125-04c	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Red-light camera videos that do not capture a violation, or for which a notice of violation is not mailed.	30 days.	By law - Transportation Code §707.011(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4125-04d	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Red-light camera videos that capture a violation.	Date civil penalty paid or 31 days after judgment, whichever sooner.	By law - Transportation Code §707.016.
*PS4125-04e	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Officer-worn camera videos that do not capture a violation, use of deadly force by an officer, or are otherwise unrelated to an administrative or criminal investigation of an officer.	90 days.	By law - Occupations Code §1701.655(b)(2).
*PS4125-04f	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS	Officer-worn camera videos that capture use of deadly force by an officer, are otherwise related to an administrative or criminal investigation of an officer, or capture a violation by any person.	Follow retention periods for items PS4075-01 or PS4125-05, as appropriate, but not less than 90 days.	By law - Occupations Code §1701.660(a).
*PS4125-05	OFFENSE INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Offense and supplemental offense reports; investigation reports and notes; witness statements; latent fingerprints; results of chemical analysis and polygraph tests; crime scene, mug shot, and other photographs; laboratory reports; arrest reports (Class C misdemeanors only); citations; affidavits; criminal processes; victim impact statements; subpoenas; and other records of a law enforcement agency relating and customary to the investigation of criminal offenses or other violations of state law or local ordinance.		
PS4125-05a	OFFENSE INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Cases not cleared.	Until the statute of limitations has expired.	By law – Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 12.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4125-05b	OFFENSE INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Cases in which an arrest is made or a citation issued, and a law enforcement agency has certain knowledge of the pretrial or adjudicated disposition of an arrested or cited person, and considers the case to have been cleared by the conviction or acquittal of the person arrested or cited, by the dismissal of charges against the person, or by the entry on		Retention Note: a) Retention periods date from date of arrest or citation, and are based on the highest classification of offense for which a person is arrested and charged or, if applicable, the highest classification of offense for which a person is tried, whichever the lesser classification.
		the record of a court by a prosecuting attorney of a nolle prosequi.		b) Copies of documents in offense investigation records, the originals of
		Copies of notices or other processes that provide certain knowledge of the pretrial or adjudicated disposition to the law enforcement agency should be kept with the offense investigation report for the full retention period.		which are maintained by, filed with, or returned to a court or another state or local law enforcement agency, need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.
		(1) Class C misdemeanors and unclassified violations of state law or local ordinance punishable by fine only (including arrest reports and citations).	6 months.	c) For any classification of offense, records can be destroyed after death of individual if death occurs before retention period expires.
		(2) Class A and B misdemeanors and state jail	2 years.	
		felonies.  (3) Second- and third-degree felonies.	10 years.	
		(4) First-degree and capital felonies.	50 years.	
PS4125-06	RAP SHEETS	Copies of rap sheets received from the Texas Department of Public Safety or other law enforcement agencies.	AV.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4125-07	STATUTORY WARNING TAPES	Tapes of appearances of arrested persons before magistrates via two-way closed circuit television for the purposes of statutory warnings in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure §15.17.	The date the pretrial hearing ends; the 91st day after the date on which the recording was made if the person is charged with a misdemeanor; or the 120th day after the date on which the recording was made if the person is charged with a felony, whichever soonest.	By law - Code of Criminal Procedure §15.17(a).

# **SECTION 2-2: INCIDENT RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4150-01	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Records relating to traffic accidents, including accident reports, supplemental accident reports, photographs, correspondence, and related documentation.		
*PS4150-01a	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Originals.	Send to the Texas Department of Transportation.	By law - Transportation Code §550.062.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4150-01b	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Copies.		
		1) Accident reports in which no arrest is made.	AV.	
		2) Accident reports in which an arrest is made.	A copy of the accident report must be retained for the appropriate retention period under item number PS4125-05(b).	
PS4150-02	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4150-07]			
PS4150-03	DEATH IN CUSTODY REPORTS	Copies of reports submitted by a sheriff or the director of a law enforcement agency to the Attorney General concerning the deaths of persons while in the custody of a peace officer or while confined in jail.	3 years.	
PS4150-04	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4150-07]			
PS4150-05	FIELD INTERROGATION REPORTS	Reports on persons stopped and interrogated in the field because of suspicious behavior.	AV.	
PS4150-06	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4150-07]			
*PS4150-07	INCIDENT REPORTS	Reports created or received by law enforcement agencies concerning incidents or complaints that do not become part of arrest and offense investigation reports (see item numbers PS4125-02 and PS4125-05). This series includes: copies of child abuse reports; family violence reports; gunshot wound reports; and other incident reports that, after investigation, do not appear to involve the commission of a crime.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4150-08	MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS FILES	Reports on missing children and adults, requests for investigation, photographs, fingerprints, dental records, x-rays, notifications of possible matches, and similar documents relating to the location of missing children and adults, including similar records relating to unidentified bodies found and reported to the law enforcement agency.	Date person located or body identified + 3 years.	Retention Note: If the location of the person or the identification of a body leads to a criminal investigation by the law enforcement agency, the records described must be retained for the same period as arrest and offense investigation records (see item numbers PS4125-02 and PS4125-05).
PS4150-09	WARNING CITATIONS	Warning citations issued for violations of motor vehicle laws or for those violations of the penal code (e.g., criminal trespass) in which the issuance of warning citations is customary.	AV.	
*PS4150-10	INCIDENTS ON DUTY REPORTS	Records related to incidents that occur on duty and require the officer to file a report, such as use of force, fleet accident, or pursuit reports.	3 years or, if applicable, include in PS4075-01 or PS4125-01.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For officer-worn camera videos showing use of deadly force by an officer, must use PS4125-04f.

# **SECTION 2-3: OPERATIONAL SUPPORT RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4175-01	CHEMICAL BREATH TEST RECORDS	Logs, test records, operational checklists, and similar records relating to the administration of chemical breath tests.	2 years.	
*PS4175-02	CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS FILES	Records created and maintained to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity, including crime pattern, crime analysis, and modus operandi reports; forecasts; evaluation reports; investigation recommendations; reports on movements of known offenders; information on confidential informants; and messages and alerts from other agencies.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4175-02a	CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS FILES	Information related to the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity engaged in by a person, other than a child, who has not been arrested for criminal activity reportable to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60.	AV, but not longer than 5 years.	By law - Code of Criminal Procedure §61.06.  Retention Note: In determining whether information is required to be removed, the 5 year period does not include any period during which the individual who is the subject of the information is confined in a correctional facility of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Juvenile Justice Department, or in a county jail or a facility operated by a juvenile board in lieu of confinement in a TDCJ or JJD facility.
*PS4175-02b	CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS FILES	Information related to the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity engaged in by a child who has not been arrested for criminal activity reportable to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 60, or taken into custody for delinquent conduct reported to the department under Family Code, Chapter 58.	AV, but not longer than 2 years.	By law – Code of Criminal Procedure §61.07.  Retention Note: In determining whether information is required to be removed, the 2-year period does not include any period during which the subject of the information is committed to the JJD for conduct that violates a penal law of the grade felony or is confined by the TDCJ.
PS4175-02c	CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS FILES	Lists of known modus operandi, dossiers of known offenders, and similar compilations of criminal intelligence prepared by local law enforcement.	AV.	8
* PS4175-03	FINGERPRINTS – OTHER THAN ARREST RECORDS AND OFFENSE INVESTIGATIONS	Fingerprint records, maintained in paper or on automated systems, of suspects, known offenders, persons submitting fingerprints as part of a professional license application, etc.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> For fingerprint records that are part of an arrest report, see item number PS4125-02.
PS4175-04	FUGITIVE REPORTS	Certified reports submitted by a sheriff to the Adjutant General (1887-1965) or to the Texas Department of Public Safety (1965-current) on persons who have fled the jurisdiction and are under indictment for a felony.	AV.	Retention Note: Prior to disposal, fugitive reports shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4175-05	LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, INQUIRY, AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Reports, logs, and other records pertinent to documenting the dissemination of criminal histories and other information to law enforcement or other agencies through crime information networks (e.g., TCIC, NCIC), or by other methods, and similar records documenting inquiries for and the receipt of information.		
PS4175-05a	LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, INQUIRY, AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Records of the dissemination of criminal histories.	3 years.	
*PS4175-05b	LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, INQUIRY, AND RECEIPT RECORDS	Records of communication between law enforcement agencies by teletype and other means that are not made part of an offense investigation report (PS4125-05) or other series on this schedule. Examples include: records of the dissemination of information other than criminal histories (e.g. missing persons, stolen property); records of inquiries for and receipt of information, including criminal histories; records received on persons wanted by other law enforcement agencies; and administrative messages received through TCIC/NCIC or other networks.	AV.	
*PS4175-05c-d	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4175-05b]			
PS4175-06	MUG BOOKS	Photographs or photograph albums of known offenders used by crime victims or witnesses for identification.	AV.	
PS4175-07	PAWN SHOP TICKETS	Copies of pawn shop tickets provided to a law enforcement agency.	AV.	
*PS4175-08	POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION RECORDS	Polygraph charts, question sheets, reports of examination results, data sheets, films, audio and video of examinations, opinions from the examiner of chart analysis, and other records pertinent to a polygraph examination.	2 years.	Retention Note: If a report of the results of a polygraph examination is placed in offense investigation records (see item number PS4125-05), it must be retained for the retention period for those records.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4175-09	PROPERTY RECORDS	Reports, logs, property cards, receipts, notices, and similar records documenting the receipt, processing, chain of custody, and disposition by return, destruction, or sale of evidential, stolen, abandoned, unclaimed, impounded, or recovered property, including motor vehicles, by a law enforcement agency.	FE of return or disposal of property + 3 years.	Retention Notes: a) Any records in this series must be retained for FE + 5 years if they serve to document the collection of sales tax due to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.  b) Pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure §47.04, some stolen property may be returned to its owner by court order, on the condition the property is made available for evidentiary purposes. Retain
				records of such property for FE of final adjudication + 3 years.
*PS4175-10	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION RECORDS	All documentation relating to the registration with a municipal police department or a sheriff's office of sex offenders for reportable convictions or adjudication pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62.	Until duty to register expires or sex offender's death, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Expiration of duty to register is described in Code of Criminal Procedure §62.101. Early termination of the duty for certain persons is described in §\$62.401-62.408. When a person is no longer required to register as a sex offender, all information about the person must be removed from the sex offender registry. Code of Criminal Procedure §62.251.
PS4175-11	SPECIAL WATCH RECORDS	Informational forms or lists provided to officers of businesses or residences needing special watch, including requests from the public for such watches.	AV.	
PS4175-12	STOLEN PROPERTY RECORDS	Cards, lists, or logs providing an abstract record of stolen property, including stolen vehicles, usually including a description of the item or vehicle, place and date stolen, serial numbers, and similar information.	AV.	
*PS4175-13	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4175-05b]			
PS4175-14	UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS	Copies of uniform crime reports submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety.		
PS4175-14a	UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS	Monthly reports.	3 years.	
PS4175-14b	UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PS4175-16	PROTECTIVE ORDERS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4175-16a	PROTECTIVE ORDERS	Emergency protective orders issued by magistrates under authority of Code of Criminal Procedure §17.292.	Date order expires according to its terms.	By law - Code of Criminal Procedure §17.292(j).
*PS4175-16b	PROTECTIVE ORDERS	Protective orders (original and modified) issued pursuant to Family Code, Chapter 85, including notices of vacation of orders.	Date of receipt of notice of vacation of order, or date order expires according to its terms, whichever sooner.	By law - Family Code §85.025.  Retention Note: If the person who is the subject of the protective order is confined or imprisoned on the date the order would expire, the order is extended and expires on: 1) the 1st anniversary of the date the person is released from confinement or imprisonment if sentenced to a period of more than 5 years, or 2) the 2nd anniversary of the date the person is released if sentenced to a period of 5 years or less.
PS4175-16c	PROTECTIVE ORDERS	Periodic lists of persons under protective orders.	US.	
*PS4175-17	STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF HANDGUN SALES	Statements made by persons who wish to have handguns sold, transferred, or delivered to them.		
*PS4175-17a	STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF HANDGUN SALES	Statements and any associated documentation of those to whom the sale, transfer, or delivery of a handgun would not violate federal or state law.	Must be destroyed within 20 business days from the date the statement was signed.	By law - 18 USC. §922(s)(6)(B)(i).
*PS4175-17b	STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF HANDGUN SALES	Statements and any associated documentation of those to whom the sale, transfer, or delivery of a handgun would violate federal or state law.	3 years.	
*PS4175-17c	STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF HANDGUN SALES	Includes ATF Forms 5300.35 and 3310.4 reporting to law enforcement the ownership and transfer of handguns.	Date notice of intent forwarded to chief law enforcement officer or date of the sale of disposition + 5 years.	By regulation – 27 CFR §478.129(c).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4175-18	CONCEALED HANDGUN RECORDS			
PS4175-18a	CONCEALED HANDGUN RECORDS	Lists of persons who possess concealed handgun permits submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety to county sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies on request.	US or obsolete.	
PS4175-18b	CONCEALED HANDGUN RECORDS	Copies of reports submitted by law enforcement agencies to the Texas Department of Public Safety as required by 37 TAC §6.119 regarding reportable incidents involving holders of concealed handgun permits that do not become part of arrest and offense investigation records (see item numbers PS4125-02 and PS4125-05).	2 years.	Obsolete record. 37 TAC §6.119 was repealed on 12/25/2003. These records are no longer required to be submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety.
*PS4175-19	HELP END AUTO THEFT (HEAT) RECORDS	Records of persons enrolling in the Help End Auto Theft (HEAT) program, including registration forms and written notices of cancellation from participants indicating that the title to a registered vehicle has been transferred or that they no longer wish to participate in the program.	4 years or upon receipt of cancellation notice, whichever sooner.	Obsolete record. HEAT program discontinued 12/31/2013. Registrants instructed to remove HEAT decals from vehicles immediately.
*PS4175-20	DNA COLLECTION RECORDS	DNA records of a person released on bail and those charged with, placed on community supervision for, or convicted of certain offenses.	Date of collection + three years, unless a court orders differently.	By regulation – 37 TAC §28.127(c).  Retention Note: See 37 TAC §28.123 for a complete list of individuals eligible for DNA collection.
*PS4175-21	AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) INFORMATION	Records related to the use of Automated License Plate Reader Information mobile or stationary camera systems to read and crosscheck license plates against warrant and stolen vehicle reports, track vehicle movements, and other functions.	AV.	

## **SECTION 2-4: JAIL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** Some of the records in this section are maintained by sheriffs only, as chief jailers of a county. However, the retention periods in this section are binding on other law enforcement agencies if they operate a jail or have holding cells, and create or maintain records of the types described, unless the description of the record clearly confines the application of the retention period to county jails only.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4200-01	HEADCOUNT AND OTHER PERIODIC INSPECTION REPORTS	Periodic watch reports or checklists of all prisoners incarcerated, and other visual checks of jail property and prisoners.	1 year.	
PS4200-02	JAIL INCIDENT REPORTS	Reports of incidents that result in physical harm, or a serious threat of physical harm, to an employee, inmate of a jail, or other person, and reports of investigations of such incidents, showing names of persons involved, description of incident, actions taken, and date and time of the occurrence.	5 years.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a jail incident results in a criminal investigation and arrest, the reports must be retained for the retention periods prescribed in item numbers PS4125-02 and PS4125-05, as applicable.
PS4200-03	JAIL INSPECTION AND OPERATION REPORTS AND LOGS	Inspection reports of a jail and various aspects of its operation, and logs or calendars of such inspections, except records of the types described included in other record groups in this part.		
PS4200-03a	JAIL INSPECTION AND OPERATION REPORTS AND LOGS	Daily and weekly reports.	2 years.	
PS4200-03b	JAIL INSPECTION AND OPERATION REPORTS AND LOGS	Monthly or other periodic reports compiled on a sub-annual basis not included in (a).	3 years.	
PS4200-03c	JAIL INSPECTION AND OPERATION REPORTS AND LOGS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PS4200-04	JAIL OPERATIONAL PLANS	Written plans required of sheriffs by the rules of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards relating to the operations of a county jail on life safety, prisoner classification, the provision of medical services, staffing, sanitation, prisoner discipline, prisoner grievance procedures, prisoner education and rehabilitation, prisoner privileges, the processing of female prisoners, and such other plans as the commission may require.	US + 5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4200-05	JAIL POPULATION REPORTS	Monthly county jail population reports submitted to a district or county attorney, pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure §2.19, and to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, pursuant to Government Code §511.0101.	2 years.	Retention Note: Prior to disposal, jail population reports shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY.
PS4200-06	JAIL REGISTER	A summary record, in some form, of each person committed to a jail, showing at a minimum the name and gender of the person, intake number, the reason for their commitment or confinement, and the date of their release or transfer.		
PS4200-06a	JAIL REGISTER	County jail registers.	PERMANENT.	
PS4200-06b	JAIL REGISTER	Registers for all other local jails.	2 years.	
PS4200-07	PRISONER CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY RECORDS	Records relating to the conduct of or disciplinary action taken with regard to each prisoner, including records of good-time credit earned and notices and reports issued by a disciplinary hearing panel.	Release or transfer of prisoner + 2 years.	
PS4200-08	PRISONER COUNSELING RECORDS	Records relating to the counseling of prisoners.		
PS4200-08a	PRISONER COUNSELING RECORDS	Records of psychological or psychiatric testing and counseling, alcohol or substance abuse counseling, or any counseling concerning medical matters.	Release or transfer of prisoner + 7 years.	By law – 22 TAC §465.22 and 22 TAC §165.1.
PS4200-08b	PRISONER COUNSELING RECORDS	Records of counseling of individual prisoners not noted in (a).	Release or transfer of prisoner + 2 years.	
PS4200-08c	PRISONER COUNSELING RECORDS	Administrative records of jail counseling programs.	3 years.	
PS4200-09	PRISONER GRIEVANCE RECORDS	Written grievances from prisoners, and records of decisions of grievance boards.	Release or transfer of prisoner + 2 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4200-10	PRISONER INCARCERATION RECORDS	Documentation on the commitment, transport, transfer, or release of each prisoner incarcerated, including personal and classification data sheets; forms used for booking-in and booking-out; and copies of court commitment, transfer, or release orders or similar documents that purport to legally authorize a person's confinement.	Release or transfer of the prisoner + 2 years.	See also item number PS4200-06.
PS4200-11	PRISONER MEDICAL RECORDS	Records relating to the medical condition of and medical treatment given to each prisoner, including medical screening reports, medical isolation reports, reports by physicians or allied health personnel, and records of medications given or medical procedures administered.	Release or transfer of prisoner + 7 years.	By regulation - 22 TAC §165.1.
PS4200-12	PRISONER PROPERTY INVENTORIES AND RECEIPTS	Records documenting the receipt or confiscation of personal property from prisoners upon commitment, and the return of non-confiscated property to prisoners upon release.	Release or transfer of prisoner + 2 years.	
PS4200-13	PRISONER TELEPHONE AND VISITOR RECORDS			
PS4200-13a	PRISONER TELEPHONE AND VISITOR RECORDS	Logs or similar records of prisoner requests to make phone calls, usually showing date of request, name of prisoner, and whether request was granted or denied.	1 year, or 1 year after last entry, if in bound volume.	
PS4200-13b	PRISONER TELEPHONE AND VISITOR RECORDS	Logs, visitor cards, and similar records documenting visits to prisoners.	1 year, or 1 year after last entry, if in bound volume.	
*PS4200-14	PRISONER TRANSFER RECORDS	Copies retained by a sheriff of any of the documents required to accompany the transfer of a prisoner from a county jail to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as provided by Code of Criminal Procedure§42.09(8)(a).	Date of transfer + 1 year.	By regulation – 37 TAC §269.13.  Retention Note: There is an exception to the retention period for this records series. If a sheriff's department making a prisoner transfer also made the arrest, the original of the arrest report, as required by Code of Criminal Procedure §42.09(8)(a)(6), must be retained for the retention periods set forth on item number PS4125-02.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4200-15	TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS, ANNUAL REPORTS TO	Copies of annual reports on jail conditions submitted by a sheriff to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.	PERMANENT.	
PS4200-16	TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS, INSPECTION REPORTS AND NOTICES OF	Reports, either annual or at more frequent intervals, of inspections of a county jail by representatives of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and any notices of noncompliance, remedial orders, and copies of deficiency correction reports submitted by a sheriff to the commission.	PERMANENT.	
*PS4200-17	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF PRISONERS	Video and audio recordings of prisoners in cells or other areas of a jail or holding facility, and audio recordings of prisoner phone calls.	30 days.	
*PS4200-18	COMMISSARY RECORDS	Records related to operating a facility's commissary, including prisoner accounts.	FE + 3 years.	By regulation - 37 TAC §269.1(2).
*PS4200-19	PRISONER EDUCATION RECORDS	Records related to vocational, academic, reading, or job training plans, including GED programs, available for prisoners.	Release or transfer of prisoner + 2 years.	By regulation - 37 TAC §287.1.
PS4200-20	ACCESS TO LEGAL MATERIALS			
PS4200-20a	ACCESS TO LEGAL MATERIALS	Requests for additional access to the law library, notices of legal research material suspension, and requests for court forms.	2 years.	
PS4200-20b	ACCESS TO LEGAL MATERIALS	Records related to visiting and accessing law library materials including logs for visiting the law library, inter-library loan requests, court citator requests, and other requests for law library materials.	3 years.	
PS4200-21	RECREATION AND OUTDOOR LOGS	Logs and other records reporting prisoners receiving recreation and outdoor time.	3 years.	

### **SECTION 2-5: JUVENILE RECORDS**

**Retention Note**: Records maintained by law enforcement, prosecutors, and juvenile probation departments relating to investigating offenses committed by juveniles, taking them into custody, prosecution, or otherwise created or received while a juvenile is under the custody or control of a juvenile justice system are subject to sealing under Family Code, Subchapter C-1. While restricting access to records, sealing does not alter the minimum retention periods in this section nor rescind the authority to lawfully destroy records following the expiration of the retention periods.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4225-05	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF JUVENILES	Video recordings of juveniles made for non- surveillance purposes.		For surveillance, see item GR1075-25.
*PS4225-05a	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF JUVENILES	Interactive video recordings of a juvenile detention hearing.	Destroy on the date adjudication hearing ends; 91 days after the recording date if the alleged conduct constitutes a misdemeanor; or 120 days after the recording if the alleged conduct constitutes a felony, whichever sooner.	By law - Family Code §54.012(c).
*PS4225-05b	VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF JUVENILES	Video recordings of children in custody who are requested to take a breath specimen test.	Until the disposition of any proceeding against a child relating to the arrest is final.	By law - Family Code §52.02(d).
PS4225-06	JUVENILE CASE FILES	Offense reports, disposition reports, fingerprints, photographs, video and audio recordings, arrest reports and other records relating to the investigation of an alleged offense committed by a juvenile and taking of the juvenile into custody.		
*PS4225-06a	JUVENILE CASE FILES	Case files in which the juvenile is made subject to informal discipline	Must be destroyed upon completion of informal disposition.	By law- Family Code §58.001(c).
*PS4225-06b	JUVENILE CASE FILES	Case files and copies of notices to parents by a law enforcement officer referring a child to a first offender program	Must be destroyed after the 90th day after the date the	By law - Family Code §58.001(c).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
			juvenile successfully completes the first offender program.	Retention Note: If the case is referred to juvenile court per Family Code § 52.031(j), these records are transferred to PS4225-06d.
*PS4225-06c	JUVENILE CASE FILES	Case files in which the juvenile is not referred to a juvenile court, placed in a first offender program, or made subject to informal disposition within 10 days of being taken into custody or in which the court orders destruction because of a no probable cause determination.	Destroy immediately.	By law - Family Code §58.001(c), 58.263.
*PS4225-06d	JUVENILE CASE FILES	Case files for offenses in which the juvenile is referred to juvenile court:		
		1. The most serious allegation adjudicated was conduct indicating a need for supervision; or the referral or information did not relate to conduct indicating a need for supervision or delinquent conduct and the juvenile court or the court's staff did not take action of the referral or information for that reason.	Until the individual is at least 18 years of age.	By law – Family Code §58.264(b)(1).
		2. The most serious allegation adjudicated was delinquent conduct that violated a penal law of the grade of misdemeanor; or the most serious allegation was delinquent conduct that violated a penal law of the grade of misdemeanor or felony and there was not an adjudication.	Until the individual is at least 21 years of age.	By law – Family Code §58.264(b)(2).
		3. The most serious allegation adjudicated was delinquent conduct that violated a penal law of the grade of felony.	Until the individual is at least 31 years of age.	By law – Family Code §58.264(b)(3).
		4. If the juvenile was tried as an adult or was adjudged delinquent based on the violation of a penal law of the grade of felony and was sentenced to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department with a transfer to the Texas	Follow the retention periods for item number PS4125-05.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
		Department of Criminal Justice under determinate sentencing procedures.		
PS4225-07	ANNUAL JUVENILE REPORTS	Annual reports prepared by a law enforcement agency about the operation of certain juvenile programs.		
*PS4225-07a	ANNUAL JUVENILE REPORTS	Reports sent to the office or official designated by the juvenile board of a county on the number and kind of informal dispositions made.	2 years.	
*PS4225-07b	ANNUAL JUVENILE REPORTS	Reports sent to the juvenile board containing information required about participation in a first offender program.	2 years.	
*PS4225-08 through PS4225-11	[WITHDRAWN – SEE EDITION CHANGES]			
*PS4225-12	STATUTORY WARNINGS	Copies of statutory warnings, and notices filed with the law enforcement agency that employs the officer.	2 years.	
*PS4225-13	[WITHDRAWN – USE PS4225-06]			
*PS4225-14	FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF JUVENILES			Caution: Records Management Officers should ensure regular disposition of these records to comply with annual certification required by Family Code §58.002(b)
		<ol> <li>Fingerprints and photographs of juveniles not taken into custody, but with the written consent of a parent or guardian.</li> </ol>	Until the juvenile is 18.	
		2. Fingerprints and photographs of juveniles not referred to a juvenile court or placed in a first offender program or on informal disposition within 10 days after the date the juvenile is taken into custody	Must be destroyed immediately.	Family Code §58.001(c).
		3. Fingerprints or photographs taken for comparison in the investigation of	Must be destroyed immediately.	Family Code §58.0021(e).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
		an offense that do not result in a positive comparison or identification.		
		4. Fingerprints or photographs of juveniles, whose identities are not known, who are taken into custody with probable cause to believe that the juvenile has engaged in conduct indicating a need for supervision.	Destroy immediately upon identification of the juvenile or upon determination that the juvenile cannot be identified by the fingerprints or photograph.	Family Code §58.022.
*PS4225-15	JUVENILE DETENTION REGISTER	Register or roster of juveniles confined to jail or a detention center prior to the conclusion of the disposition hearing.	1 year after most recent formal, comprehensive TJJD monitoring event.	By regulation – 37 TAC 343.108.
*PS4225-16	JUVENILE INFORMATION SYSTEMS (LOCAL)	Locally maintained juvenile information databases containing the information required by Family Code Chapter 58, Subchapter D.	Until electronic records are transferred to and made usable in a new system environment, or the files have met a retention period established in this or other commission schedule, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: Data concerning an individual contained in the database may be deleted as permitted by Family Code §58.307(d).
*PS4225-17	[WITHDRAWN – USE PS4225-06]			

# **SECTION 2-6: RECORDS OF WRITS AND PROCESS**

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4250-01	CIVIL WRITS AND PROCESS	Writs, notices, orders, and other civil processes issuing from a court or other legally authorized agency or individual to be executed, posted, or published by a peace officer, including any attached proofs of service, execution, sale, or publication, and if required by the type of process, any replevy or indemnity bonds.	Return to issuing court or agency after execution or attempted execution.	
PS4250-02	CRIMINAL PROCESS	Original and copies of criminal process to be executed or used by a peace officer.		
PS4250-02a	CRIMINAL PROCESS	Arrest warrants, capiases of all types, and witness attachments.	Retain until arrest or attachment is made or process is dismissed or recalled, then return to issuing court.	
PS4250-02b	CRIMINAL PROCESS	Search warrants and inventories of property.	Return to court after use.	
PS4250-02c	CRIMINAL PROCESS	All other criminal process.	Return to issuing court after execution or attempted execution.	
PS4250-03	JURY SUMMONS RECORDS	Jury lists or registers of jurors summoned for service on petit or grand juries.	AV.	
PS4250-04	PROCESS LOGS OR DOCKETS	Logs, dockets, or lists of civil and criminal processes received and served by a law enforcement agency.	2 years, or 2 years after last entry, if in bound volume.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention period given that if a process log maintained by a sheriff or constable doubles as a fee book (see item number PS4300-04), it must be retained for FE + 5 years.

SECTION 2-7: PERMIT RECORDS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

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**Retention Note:** Any record used to document the receipt of money for the issuance of permits in this section must be retained for the applicable retention periods for item number GR1025-27 in Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4275-01	ALARM PERMITS			
*PS4275-01a	ALARM PERMITS	Applications for burglar and similar intruder alarm permits, copies of permits or other documentation evidencing issuance, and any inspection or evaluation reports prepared during a permit period.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
PS4275-01b	ALARM PERMITS	Logs or reports of false alarms.	2 years.	
*PS4275-02	BLASTER PERMITS	Applications for blaster permits; copies of permits or other documentation evidencing issuance; and any inspection, evaluation, or follow-up reports prepared during a permit period. (Applicable to sheriffs in counties with populations over 1,000,000 only.)	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	Local Government Code §235.001(a).
*PS4275-03	VEHICLE FOR HIRE PERMITS	Applications, copies of permits or other documentation evidencing issuance, and any inspection or evaluation reports prepared during a permit period to operate motorized vehicle-for-hire passenger vehicles such as taxis, shuttles, limousines, and transportation network companies (TNC's) or non-motorized vehicles such as pedicabs and horse draw carriages.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
*PS4275-04	WRECKER PERMITS			
*PS4275-04a	WRECKER PERMITS	Applications for wrecker permits, copies of permits or other documentation evidencing issuance, and any inspection or evaluation reports prepared during a permit period.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
PS4275-04b	WRECKER PERMITS	Logbooks or similar records documenting dispatch and/or towing by authorized wreckers.	1 year.	

**SECTION 2-8: FINANCIAL RECORDS** 

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**Retention Note:** For other financial records relating to law enforcement activities, see Part 2 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4300-01	CONTRABAND FORFEITURE FUND DOCUMENTATION	Record of receipts and disbursements to or from funds involving proceeds of property seized and forfeited under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure.	FE + 5 years.	
PS4300-02	EXPENSE ACCOUNT RECORDS	Documentation of expenses incurred by a sheriff for feeding and lodging jurors, reimbursable mileage for out-county service, housing and feeding of prisoners, conveyance of witnesses, and other expenses permitted by law.	FE + 3 years.	
*PS4300-03	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1025-07]			
*PS4300-04	FEE BOOK	Record or account of fees collected by a sheriff or constable for activities for which the officer can collect fees by law.	FE + 5 years.	
PS4300-05	WORK RELEASE SALARY FUND RECORDS			
PS4300-05a	WORK RELEASE SALARY FUND RECORDS	Ledger of receipts and disbursements into or out of the fund.	FE + 5 years.	
PS4300-05b	WORK RELEASE SALARY FUND RECORDS	Payment records of each inmate participating in a work release program, showing name of inmate, salary received, and deductions allowable by law.	FE + 3 years.	

## **SECTION 2-9: PERSONNEL AND TRAINING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** This part supplements and should be used in conjunction with Part 3 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4325-01	POLICE ACADEMY RECORDS	Includes records relating to academic and skills training, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) inspections and follow-up inspections, and meeting minutes of academy advisory boards of licensed academies and other local government entities under agreement with TCOLE to provide training.	5 years.	By regulation – Title 37, Chapter 215 of the Texas Administrative Code.  Retention Note: There is an exception to the retention periods given in this records group. Records documenting the training and educational achievement of police officers and recruits employed by the local government that operates the police academy or conducts the training program under agreement with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement must be retained for date of separation
*				+ 5 years. See item number GR1050-28(a).
*PS4325-01a-c	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4325-01]			
*PS4325-02	WEAPONS PROFICIENCY TESTS	Reports of weapons proficiency tests administered to peace officers (includes hardship waivers for recertification).	Active: US; or date of separation + 5 years, whichever sooner.	By regulation – 37 TAC §217.3 (proof of licensing requirements) and §218.9 (hardship waiver).
			Retired: Date of issuance or denial + 2 years.	By law – Occupations Code §1701.357.
*PS4325-03	RESIGNATION OR TERMINATION, REPORTS OF	Copies of reports from a law enforcement agency to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement on the resignation or termination of persons from the agency who are licensed by the commission.	Date of separation + 5 years.	By regulation - 37 TAC §217.7(h).  For reporting requirements, see Texas Occupations Code §1701.452.

**SECTION 2-10: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS** 

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4350-01	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4075-04]			
PS4350-02	CONVICT LABOR RECORD	Register of convicts hired out to individuals and firms for private work, showing name of convict, offense, amount of fines or costs, to whom hired, details of surety bond, type of labor, rate of pay, date contracted, date discharged, and similar information.	PERMANENT.	Obsolete record created by county judges or sheriffs from 1875 to 1925.
PS4350-03	ESTRAY RECORDS	Copies of estray reports, affidavits from owners, reports of injury to or the escape of an estray, notices of impoundment, and reports of sale of estray maintained by sheriffs or constables.	AV after filing of original records with county clerk.	
PS4350-04	GAMBLING DEVICE RECORDS	Documentation on the ownership or transfer of ownership of antique gambling devices furnished to sheriffs pursuant to Penal Code, Section 47.06(d).	PERMANENT, but see retention note.	Retention Note: If a sheriff's department receives notice from the former owner of an antique gambling device that the device has been transferred to a new owner, documentation submitted previously by the former owner concerning the device, including the notice of transfer of ownership, need be retained only as long as administratively valuable and is exempt from the destruction request requirement.
PS4350-05	BINGO LICENSE NOTIFICATIONS	Notifications submitted to sheriff's and municipal police departments by bingo licensees that they have been issued a license to conduct bingo in the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.	1 year.	•
*PS4350-06	COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORTS	Records documenting activities to reduce commercial motor vehicle accidents under agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety to implement its Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program.	CE + 2.	Per Memorandum of Agreement between Texas Department of Public Safety and municipalities and sheriffs.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4350-07	CRIME VICTIM SERVICES FILES	Records for administering the Crime Victims' Compensation program, including applications for compensation and supporting documents, under Chapter 56, Subchapter B of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.	5 years from the last date of service for adult clients, or 5 years beyond the age of 18 for minor clients.	

# **PART 3: RECORDS OF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**Retention Note:** For other administrative, financial, and personnel records of medical examiners, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

## **SECTION 3-1: DEATH INVESTIGATION RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4375-01	DEATHS RESULTING FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, REPORTS OF	Copies of reports of persons killed in traffic accidents submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation.	AV.	
PS4375-02	INQUEST CASE FILES	Records relating to inquests or death investigations conducted by a medical examiner for the county or for any county in a medical examiner district headed by the examiner.		See also item number PS4375-06.
PS4375-02a	INQUEST CASE FILES	Investigative reports by medical examiners, pathologists, or investigators; autopsy reports; toxicology, histology, and similar laboratory reports supportive of an autopsy or used as the basis for determining a cause of death; any affidavits taken during investigation; and copies of death certificates.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: Copies of death certificates need to be kept only as long as administratively valuable if the information on the certificate is included in one or more of the other reports listed.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4375-02b	INQUEST CASE FILES	Photographs and tissue slides.	AV.	Retention Note: The retention period of as long as administratively valuable is assigned to inquest-related documentation under (b) and (c) because the value of the various documents and photographs varies greatly depending on the circumstances of the death investigated. For example, the value of case papers arising from the investigation of a death that is subsequently certified as being from natural causes is generally much less than that in which the certification is homicide. In another example, personal property inventories, of minor value in a case in which the decedent died of natural causes and the property has been claimed, are often of crucial importance in a case in which the decedent has not been identified.
PS4375-02c	INQUEST CASE FILES	Requests and consents for autopsy; funeral home releases; reports of death; copies of cremation certificates; personal effects inventories; reports from law enforcement agencies, physicians, funeral homes, and hospitals; correspondence, subpoenas, and other court-issued process; copies of injury reports submitted to the Texas Department of Health; and similar documents relating to an inquest investigation.	AV.	See retention note for PS4375-02b.
PS4375-02d	INQUEST CASE FILES	Notices of and documentation concerning organ removal for transplant purposes.	3 years.	
PS4375-03	INQUEST AND/OR AUTOPSY LOGS	Logs or lists of deaths investigated and/or autopsies performed.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: The requirement that a log or list of deaths investigated by a medical examiner be retained PERMANENTLY may be satisfied by the PERMANENT retention of an index to the inquest case files (see item number PS4375-02a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4375-04	MISSING PERSONS DOCUMENTATION	Reports on missing persons received from law enforcement and other agencies.	AV.	
PS4375-05	MORGUE REGISTERS	Registers or log sheets recording the arrival and removal of bodies from the morgue.	AV.	
PS4375-06	OUT-COUNTY AUTOPSY RECORDS	Originals or copies of reports of autopsies performed for other counties on a fee basis, including any associated photographs, tissue slides, and laboratory reports.	5 years.	

# **SECTION 3-2: LABORATORY RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4400-01	AUTOPSY AND LABORATORY WORK- UP DOCUMENTATION	Laboratory worksheets, notes, sound recordings, and similar records used for recording instrument readings, personal observations, and similar data in order to compile autopsy and laboratory reports.	AV.	Retention Note: The retention and disposition of work-up documentation should be guided by the same considerations discussed in the retention note to item number PS4375-02(b) in this schedule.
PS4400-02	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE RECORD	Record of maintenance, service, and repair to instruments used to conduct toxicology, histology, and other laboratory tests and procedures.	LA.	
PS4400-03	LABORATORY LOGS	Logs or registers of toxicological, histological, or other laboratory tests and procedures performed.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4400-04	QUALITY CONTROL TEST REPORTS OR LOGS	Reports or logs of quality tests run on laboratory equipment used for toxicological, histology, or other laboratory tests and procedures.	3 years.	

#### **SECTION 3-3 MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4425-01	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4075-04]			
PS4425-02	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1025-07]			

# PART 4: RECORDS OF FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGENCIES

**Retention Note:** The term "local policy" as used in this part means an ordinance, order, or resolution of the governing body of a local government or an administrative regulation of a firefighting or emergency medical services department whose authority derives from the ordinance, order, or resolution.

### **SECTION 4-1: FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE RECORDS**

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4450-01	ARSON INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Investigative, laboratory, and insurance reports; affidavits; depositions; photographs; and similar records used to determine the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires or other incidents.		
PS4450-01a	ARSON INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Investigations in which it is determined that a fire was <b>not</b> caused by arson.	Date of determination + 5 years.	
PS4450-01b	ARSON INVESTIGATION RECORDS	Investigations in which it is determined that a fire <b>was</b> caused by arson.	Follow retention periods for item numbers PS4125-02 or PS4125-05, as applicable.	
PS4450-02	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RUN REPORTS	Emergency ambulance run activity reports, advanced life-support report forms, and similar records pertinent to documenting the condition and treatment of sick or injured persons by emergency medical personnel.		
*PS4450-02a	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RUN REPORTS	Treatment rendered.	7 years from date of service rendered, or until the patient's 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday, whichever later.	By regulation - 22 TAC §165.1.
PS4450-02b	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RUN REPORTS	Treatment refused.	2 years.	
PS4450-03	FIRE RECORD	A log or register consolidated daily, other periodic report, or any other form of record that provides in summary form information on each fire or other incident to which fire or emergency medical personnel have responded, including, at a minimum, the date, time, location, and nature of the incident.	2 years, or 2 years after last entry, if in bound volume.	

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
*PS4450-04	INCIDENT REPORTS	Reports, including those completed on TEXFIRS or other incident reporting system forms, of each fire or other incident to which a firefighting or other fire agency unit has responded, detailing the type of incident, units responding, action taken, equipment used, and other pertinent data.	5 years.	

# **SECTION 4-2: FIRE PREVENTION AND INSPECTION RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4475-01	ALARM PERMITS, AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM PERMITS, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION			
*PS4475-01a	ALARM PERMITS, AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM PERMITS, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	Installation and test certificates for fire detection, fire alarm devices or systems, or automatic sprinkler systems filed with fire agencies.	Life of device or system.	
*PS4475-01b	ALARM PERMITS, AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM PERMITS, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION	Applications for fire detection, fire alarm, and automatic sprinkler system permits and copies of permits or other documentation evidencing issuance.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
*PS4475-01c	ALARM PERMITS, AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM PERMITS, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION [WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4475-01]	Inspection or evaluation reports prepared during a permit period, if permits are required by local policy.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4475-03	CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	Working copies of certificates of occupancy or records of their issuance used to certify final approval for the occupancy of new structures or old structures that have been remodeled to the extent that a certificate of occupancy is required by local policy.	AV, but see retention note.	Retention Note: In a municipality or in any other local government that has authority to certify occupancy, the department that issues the official certificate of occupancy or its equivalent must retain the record in accordance with item number PW5250-06. Departments using a copy of the certificate of occupancy or its equivalent may follow the AV retention period set forth in this series.
PS4475-04	COMPLAINTS	Complaints regarding possible violations of the fire code or potential fire hazards.	Resolution of the complaint + 3 years.	
PS4475-05	CONTROLLED BURN RECORDS	Applications for permits for controlled burning, and copies of or comparable records of permits issued.	1 year.	
PS4475-06	DRILL AND SIMULATION RECORDS	Reports and related documentation of drills, simulations, and triage exercises conducted or participated in by fire, emergency medical, or emergency communications personnel.	5 years.	
PS4475-07	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECORDS			
*PS4475-07a	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECORDS	Lists of names of representatives of employers and manufacturing employers knowledgeable about hazardous chemicals used or stored, facility and workplace chemical lists, and material safety data sheets (MSDS) submitted to fire chiefs under authority of Health and Safety Code, Title 6, Subtitle D.	US or hazardous materials no longer stored at the place of business.	Retention Note: When it is known with reasonable certainty that an employer or manufacturing employer has ceased business and that hazardous chemicals have been removed from the place of former business, the records listed in (a) may be disposed.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4475-07b	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECORDS	Applications, copies of permits or documentation evidencing issuance, and pertinent supplemental documentation relating to the issuance of permits for the sale, use, storage, manufacture, or transport of flammable, corrosive, explosive, or other hazardous materials and chemicals, as may be required by local policy.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 2 years.	
PS4475-08	INSPECTION REPORTS AND LOGS	Documentation concerning the inspection of structures and other property by fire agency personnel for fire hazards, conformity with codes and regulations, and for such other reasons permitted by state law or local policy.		
PS4475-08a	INSPECTION REPORTS AND LOGS	Inspection reports of commercial, mercantile, and industrial structures; day care centers and foster homes; hospitals and nursing homes; schools; and other structures or property whose periodic inspection is required by state law or local policy.	US + 3 years, or until no longer used for the purpose requiring inspection + 3 years, whichever sooner, but see retention note.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a master record is not maintained, then the inspection reports must be maintained for the life of the structure.
PS4475-08b	INSPECTION REPORTS AND LOGS	Inspection reports on an as-needed basis of any structure or property whose periodic inspection is not required by state law or local policy.	3 years.	
PS4475-08c	INSPECTION REPORTS AND LOGS	Inspection reports of private residences done as part of fire prevention and safety programs.	AV.	
PS4475-08d	INSPECTION REPORTS AND LOGS	Logs or similar records, arranged by date, address, or name of inspector, listing inspections carried out by the agency.	3 years.	
PS4475-08e	INSPECTION REPORTS AND LOGS	Master card or comparable record on each structure described in (a), providing the location and description of the property and containing summary data on inspections and code violations.	Life of structure + 3 years, or until no longer used for purpose requiring inspection + 3 years, whichever sooner.	Retention Note: If a master record is not maintained, then the inspection reports described in (a) must be maintained for the life of the structure.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4475-09	NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS RECORDS			
PS4475-09a	NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Copies of notifications sent or given to the owner, agent, or occupant of a structure or property to correct a violation found during an inspection, including documentation verifying that the violation has been corrected.	Verification of correction + 3 years.	Retention Note: Verification of correction means the date of a follow-up inspection or the receipt of documentation, sufficient in terms of local policy, showing proof of correction.
PS4475-09b	NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Records relating to the certification of a structure as substandard.	Verification that structure has been brought up to code + 3 years, or until demolition + 3 years, as applicable.	
*PS4475-10	PLAN REVIEW RECORDS	Documentation relating to the review of construction plans by fire agency personnel as may be required by local policy.	AV.	<b>Retention Note:</b> See PW5250-01 for retention of blueprints and plans.
*PS4475-11	PRE-FIRE PLANNING RECORDS	Planning and survey reports, building plans, and similar records of individual structures or building complexes used to plan firefighting strategies.	US, expired, or discontinued.	

# **SECTION 4-3: APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** For aircraft and vehicle maintenance records, see Section 1-2 of this schedule.

Record Number PS4500-01	Record Title  ALARM AND HYDRANT RECORDS	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4500-01a	ALARM AND HYDRANT RECORDS	Reports on the inspection, testing, and maintenance of agency alarm and alarm boxes (including private alarms linked to department master systems) and fire hydrants.	US + 3 years.	
PS4500-01b	ALARM AND HYDRANT RECORDS	Inventories of alarms and hydrants, showing location, type of equipment, etc.	US.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4500-02	BREATHING APPARATUS INSPECTION RECORDS	Reports, as required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, of the inspection and testing of self-contained breathing apparatus, including reports of all tests required by the commission.	3 years.	By regulation - 37 TAC §435.3(4).
PS4500-03	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4050-08]			
PS4500-04	TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION RECORDS	Copies of inspection and follow-up inspection reports by inspectors of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, including notices of noncompliance with commission standards.	5 years.	

#### **SECTION 4-4: TRAINING RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** This part supplements and should be used in conjunction with Part 3 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4525-01	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRAINING RECORDS	Records relating to the training (including continuing education) of emergency medical personnel sufficient to document who was trained and when, in what subject, and by whom; scores received in academic achievement and performance tests (including copies of all written tests); and similar records of the training and achievement of individual students.	5 years.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention periods given in this record group that records documenting the training and educational achievement of employees as described in item number GR1050-28(a) must be retained for date of separation + 5 years for emergency medical personnel employed by the local government that conducts the training.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS4525-02	FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT TRAINING FACILITY RECORDS	Records relating to recruit training, certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, for structural fire, aircraft crash, and rescue personnel sufficient to document who was trained and when, in what subject, and by whom; scores received in academic achievement and performance tests (including copies of all written tests); and similar records of the training and achievement of individual students.	3 years.	By regulation - 37 TAC §427.13(b) (onsite training); 37 TAC §427.203(b) (distance training).  Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention periods given in this record group that records documenting the training and educational achievement of employees as described in item number GR1050-28(a) must be retained for date
				of separation + 5 years for fire personnel employed by the local government that operates the training facility.

#### **SECTION 4-5: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
PS4550-01	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1025-07]			

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#### PART 5: RECORDS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) DEPARTMENTS

**Retention Note:** For administrative, financial, and personnel records of community supervision and corrections departments, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS4575-01	CASE RECORDS	Case record on each probationer under the direct or indirect supervision of a community supervision and corrections department documenting all significant actions, decisions, and services rendered, including assessment reports, medical and psychological information, case classification forms, supervision plans, periodic evaluations, pre-sentence investigation reports (PSIR), criminal history records, court orders, correspondence, and similar records relating to the supervision of the probationer.	Date direct or indirect supervision of the probationer ends + 3 years.	
PS4575-02	CASELOAD RECORDS	Records documenting the distribution of cases among probation officers, including monthly workload summaries.	3 years.	

#### PART 6: RECORDS OF COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

**Retention Notes:** a) Attorneys for local governments other than counties should use Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments) for scheduling records.

b) Do not confuse records series in this part with case papers, dockets, exhibits, and minutes maintained by court clerks.

**SECTION 6-1: CASE RECORDS** 

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS2575-01	CASE FILES AND WORKING PAPERS	Closed and pending case files and working papers, including all documents, papers, correspondence, reports (including jail population and medical examiner records filed with the attorney), briefs, notes, drafts, photographs, video and sound recordings, and similar records relating to criminal or civil cases, proceedings, actions, or investigations to which the attorney is a party on behalf of the county or the state. This series does not include case files associated with prosecuting juvenile offenders.	AV after final disposition, but see retention note b.	Retention Notes: a) The term "final disposition" in the retention period for this record has the following meanings: 1) For unadjudicated matters - Date decision made not to proceed further with the matter in question.  2) For any case dismissed for want of prosecution, on the motion of the plaintiff or the state, or for other reasons within the power of a court - Effective date of dismissal.  3) Civil cases – Date of final judgment.  4) Criminal cases – Date of final judgment. b) Prior to disposal, case and working papers shall be appraised by the records management officer for historical value, and those determined by the records management officer to merit retention for historical reasons must be retained PERMANENTLY. c) For case files and working papers associated with prosecuting juvenile offenders, see item PS4225-06d.
PS2575-02	DOCKETS OR CASE LOGS	Docket or log of civil, criminal, or combined cases brought or defended by the attorney.	AV.	
PS2575-03	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS2575-02]	•		
PS2575-04	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS2575-02]			
PS2575-05	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS2575-01]			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PS2575-06	GRAND JURY DOCKET OR MINUTES	Minutes or record of proceedings before a grand jury.		<b>Retention Note</b> : Review before disposal; some records may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
		1) If not a copy of the grand jury docket in the possession of the county clerk.	10 years.	
		<ol><li>If a copy of the grand jury docket in the possession of the district clerk.</li></ol>	AV.	
PS2575-07	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS2575-01]			
PS2575-08	LEGAL OPINIONS	Formal legal opinions rendered by the attorney to a county or precinct officer.	PERMANENT.	Retention Note: For retention of informal legal opinions and other correspondence provided by counsel, see GR1000-26a.
PS2575-09	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS2575-01]			
*PS2575-10	REGISTER OF OFFICIAL ACTS	Register of all official acts as required by Government Code §41.008.	PERMANENT.	By law – Government Code §41.008.
PS2575-11	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1000-41]			

#### **SECTION 6-2: ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** For personnel and other administrative and financial records of county and district attorneys, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PS2600-01	[WITHDRAWN – SEE PS4075-04]			
*PS2600-02	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1000-41]			
*PS2600-03	CONTRABAND FORFEITURE FUND DOCUMENTATION	Records of property and proceeds that are seized and forfeited under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, including receipts and disbursements to benefitting funds.	FE + 5 years.	
*PS2600-04	[WITHDRAWN – SEE GR1025-07]			

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Record	Record Title	Record Description	<b>Retention Period</b>	Remarks
Number				
PS2600-05	HOT CHECK FUND DOCUMENTATION	Record of receipts and disbursements to	FE + 5 years.	
		or from a fund established under Code of		
		Criminal Procedure §102.007, relating to		
		fees for collecting and processing sight		
		orders.		

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# Appendix A



**Public Works** 



# TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

# LOCAL SCHEDULE PW 13 TAC §7.125(b)(2) (Second Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICES

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records that are associated with public works and other government services. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code, Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission.

The retention period for a record applies to the record regardless of the medium in which it is maintained. Some records listed in this schedule are maintained electronically in many offices, but electronically stored data used to create in any manner a record or the functional equivalent of a record as described in this schedule must be retained, along with the hardware and software necessary to access the data, for the retention period assigned to the record, unless backup copies of the data generated from electronic storage are retained in paper or on microfilm for the retention period. This includes electronic mail (e-mail), websites, and electronic publications.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is **less than permanent** may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

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#### Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk in this second edition of Local Schedule PW indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed, or substantive amendments have been made to the description or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable
CE - Calendar year end
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
FE - Fiscal year end
TAC - Texas Administrative Code
US - Until superseded

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#### **PART 1: GENERAL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** This schedule establishes retention periods for records found in various public works and services departments of local governments or for records kept by certain local government officers (e.g., veterans service officers) or local governments (e.g., soil and water conservation districts). For other administrative, fiscal, personnel, or support service records that may be found in these departments or governments, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Local Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5200-01	PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS	Feasibility studies, reports, analyses, projections, graphic material, and similar planning documents by outside consultants or in-house staff relating to comprehensive planning, capital improvements, land use and open space, economic development and outlook, neighborhood and housing renewal and renovation, regional and intergovernmental cooperation, transportation, traffic engineering, transit systems, airport operations, growth patterns, demographics, long-range forecasts and projections, and other aspects of local government planning <i>not</i> listed elsewhere in this schedule.		
PW5200-01a	PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS	Special planning studies or reports prepared by order or request of the governing body or considered by the governing body (as reflected in its minutes) or ordered or requested by a state or federal agency or a court.	PERMANENT.	
PW5200-01b	PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS	All other planning reports or studies.	5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; developed comprehensive and capital improvements plans and other records of this type may merit PERMANENT or long term retention for administrative or historical reasons. See also item number GR1000-39 in Local Schedule GR.
PW5200-02	SERVICE REQUESTS/WORK ORDERS	Service requests and work orders to be performed by public works and services personnel <b>except</b> for work orders noted elsewhere in this schedule.	2 years.	

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# **PART 2: PLANNING AND ZONING RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5225-01	ZONING/PLANNING BOARD CASE FILES	Staff reports, determinations and evaluations, correspondence, and comparable records concerning each planning, zoning, building code, or other public works-related case brought before local government zoning, planning, or development commissions or appeal bodies; or before other special or ad hoc committees constituted for similar purposes.	Disposition of case + 5 years.	Retention Notes: a) The minutes of the various commissions must be retained PERMANENTLY in accordance with item number GR1000-03 in Local Schedule GR. In any action by these commissions involving real property, the minutes must identify the property which the action affects. If the minutes do not identify the property, documents referenced in the minutes that do provide such identification must be retained PERMANENTLY.  b) Review before disposal; some case files may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
*PW5225-02	ZONING MAPS AND PLATS		PERMANENT.	
PW5225-03	ZONING PERMIT RECORDS			
PW5225-03a	ZONING PERMIT RECORDS	Applications for zoning permits or variances.	5 years.	
PW5225-03b	ZONING PERMIT RECORDS	Copies of zoning permits or variances or a log or other form of record evidencing their issuance, showing to whom the permit or variance was issued, the property to which it applies, and the zoning classification.	PERMANENT.	
PW5225-04	ZONING VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Records relating to violations of local zoning ordinances, including documents verifying that the violation has ceased or been corrected.		
PW5225-04a	ZONING VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Alleged, but unfounded.	1 year after determination that zoning ordinances have not been violated.	
PW5225-04b	ZONING VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Violations.	Verification of correction of violation + 3 years.	

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# PART 3: BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5250-01	BLUEPRINTS AND SPECIFICATIONS	Blueprints and specifications submitted by building contractors or property owners when applying for building permits and as-builts submitted for issuance of certificates of occupancy.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5250-01a	BLUEPRINTS AND SPECIFICATIONS	For commercial and non-residential building permits or certificates of occupancy.	Life of structure + 3 years, but see retention notes.	Retention Notes: a) If submission of asbuilts is required before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the retention period applies only to the as-builts, and previously submitted blueprints and specifications need be retained only as long as administratively valuable.  b) If a structure is remodeled, and new blueprints and specifications and/or asbuilts are submitted [see retention note (a)], superseded documentation of the type described need be kept only as long as administratively valuable.  c) For records of the types described for buildings or structures owned by the local government that issues the building permit, see item number GR1075-16 in Local Schedule GR.  d) For commercial and non-residential buildings that have received local, state, or national designations as historic properties, see item number PW5250-01d in Local Schedule PW.  e) Review before disposal; blueprints
				and/or as-builts of some structures may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5250-01b	BLUEPRINTS AND SPECIFICATIONS	For residential building permits or certificates of occupancy.	AV.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; blueprints and specifications of some structures may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.  b) For residential buildings that have received local, state, or national designations as historic properties, see item number PW5250-01d in Local Schedule
*PW5250-01c	BLUEPRINTS AND SPECIFICATIONS	For miscellaneous permits (see item number PW5250-10).	AV.	PW.  Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; blueprints and specifications of some structures may merit  PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.  b) For miscellaneous structures that have received local, state, or national designations as historic properties, see PW5250-01d.
*PW5250-01d	BLUEPRINTS AND SPECIFICATIONS	For commercial, non-residential, residential, and miscellaneous permits or certificates of occupancy on structures that have received local, state, or national historical property designation.	PERMANENT.	
PW5250-02	BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Records relating to violations of local building codes or ordinances, including documents verifying that the violation has been corrected.		
PW5250-02a	BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Alleged, but unfounded.	1 year after determination that building regulations have not been violated.	
PW5250-02b	BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS RECORDS	Violations.	Verification of correction + 3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5250-03	BUILDING MASTER RECORD	Master record of each commercial, non- residential, and residential structure detailing a history of permits issued for construction or alteration, certificates of occupancy issued, inspections carried out, code violations found, and similar information.	PERMANENT.	
PW5250-04	BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS	Applications from property owners or contractors to erect new structures or to make alterations to existing structures.		
PW5250-04a	BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS	Applications for which permit granted.	5 years; or, if property subject to issuance of certificate of occupancy, date of issuance of the certificate + 5 years.	
PW5250-04b	BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS	Applications for which permit <i>not</i> granted.	1 year.	
PW5250-05	BUILDING PERMIT LOGS	Logs, registers, or similar records providing a listing of building permits and certificates of occupancy issued.		
PW5250-05a	BUILDING PERMIT LOGS	If a Building Master Record (PW5250-03) is maintained.	AV	
PW5250-05b	BUILDING PERMIT LOGS	If a Building Master Record (PW5250-03) is not maintained.	PERMANENT.	
PW5250-06	BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY			
PW5250-06a	BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	Copies of issued building permits and certificates of occupancy if a Building Permit Log (PW5250-05b) or a Building Master Record (PW5250-03) <i>is not</i> maintained.	PERMANENT.	
PW5250-06b	BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	Copies of issued building permits and certificates of occupancy if a Building Permit Log (PW5250-05b) or a Building Master Record (PW5250-03) is maintained.	AV after entry of evidence of issuance in log or record.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5250-07	BUILDING TRADES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RECORDS	Applications, examinations, references, performance bonds, copies of licenses or permits or record of their issuance, and similar records relating to the issuance of occupational licenses to construction contractors and other members of the building trades, including electricians, plumbers, carpenters, welders, etc.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial of the license + 3 years.	
PW5250-08	INSPECTION REPORTS	Reports of inspections carried out with reference to new construction; alterations to existing structures; code violations; and other projects, activities, or situations requiring inspection by local ordinance, <i>excluding</i> those reports that are made part of any other record group noted elsewhere in this part.	3 years.	
*PW5250-09	DEMOLITION RECORDS	Records relating to the demolition and clearance of buildings deemed unfit for occupancy and condemned, including demolition orders, inspection reports, notices to property owners, and any related court documents.	Date of demolition + 3 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some documentation of this type may merit PERMANENT retention for historic or legal reasons. See litigation note in Introduction, page 2, of Local Schedule GR.
PW5250-10	MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS	Applications for and copies of permits (or records of their issuance) involving sign installation, fencing, swimming pool construction, driveway construction, and for similar activities as might be required by local ordinance that are <i>not</i> , by ordinance or departmental policy, classified as building applications or permits under item numbers PW5250-04 or PW5250-06.		
PW5250-10a	MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS	Granted permits.	5 years.	
PW5250-10b	MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS	Denied permits.	1 year.	
PW5250-11	REPORTS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	Monthly and annual reports prepared for the U.S. Bureau of the Census on the number of commercial and residential building starts and local public construction.		
PW5250-11a	REPORTS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	Annual.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5250-11b	REPORTS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED	Monthly.	3 years.	

#### PART 4: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING RECORDS

#### **SECTION 4-1: ROAD AND STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** For road and street construction records, see item number 1075-16 in Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Local Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5275-01	INSPECTION REPORTS	Reports of inspection of roads, streets, bridges, street lights, sidewalks, rights-of-way, etc.		
PW5275-01a	INSPECTION REPORTS	Roads, streets, street lights, sidewalks, rights-of- way, etc.	3 years.	
PW5275-01b	INSPECTION REPORTS	Bridges and overpasses.	Life of structure.	
PW5275-02	MAPS AND PLATS	Maps, plats, engineering and field notes, and profiles and cross-sections of roads, streets, rights of way, bridges, etc.	PERMANENT.	
PW5275-03	PERMITS	Applications for and copies of permits (or records of their issuance) for excavation and fill; alterations to roads, streets, sidewalks, and curbs; and for similar activities involving alteration of streets and rights of way.		
PW5275-03a	PERMITS	Granted applications and permits.	5 years.	
PW5275-03b	PERMITS	Denied applications and permits.	1 year.	
*PW5275-04	SERVICE AND REPAIR REQUESTS	Complaints from the public or from other local government departments on street hazards, potholes, other needed repairs on roads, streets, and rights-of-way and requests for traffic signs, lights, changes to traffic flow, etc.	3 years.	
PW5275-05	STREET CLEANING RECORDS	Reports, logs, or similar records documenting street cleaning operations.	1 year.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5275-06	STREET NAME AND HOUSE NUMBER FILES	Records relating to street dedications, street closings, the assignment and alteration of street names and house numbers, and similar records that provide official control of the naming and numbering of streets and roads.	PERMANENT.	
PW5275-07	ROAD AND STREET MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Reports, logs, or similar records, compiled on a daily, weekly, and/or monthly basis documenting repair and maintenance work on the following:		
PW5275-07a	ROAD AND STREET MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Roads, streets, street lights, sidewalks, rights-of-way, etc.	3 years.	
PW5275-07b	ROAD AND STREET MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Bridges and overpasses.	Life of structure.	
PW5275-08	ROAD AND STREET MASTER RECORD	Master record in some form of every road and street providing a description, history, and classification of each.	PERMANENT.	By law - Civil Statutes, art. 6812b(3) for county engineers in counties with a population of 198,000 to 400,000; Civil Statutes, art. 6812b-1(2) for county engineers in counties with a population of 160,000 to 185,000; and by authority of this schedule for municipalities and all other counties.
*PW5275-09	ROAD MASTER PLANS	Planning survey of all existing roads and projected improvements and additions to county road systems developed by county engineers in certain counties.	PERMANENT.	By law - Civil Statutes, art. 6812b(7) for county engineers in counties with a population of 198,000 to 400,000 and Civil Statutes, art. 6812b-1(4) for county engineers in counties with a population of 160,000 to 185,000; and by authority of this schedule for municipalities and all other counties.
*PW5275-10	TREE AND PLANT FILES	Records relating to the planting, trimming, inspection, and removal of trees and shrubs along public streets, roads, and sidewalks.	3 years.	

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#### **SECTION 4-2: TRAFFIC ENGINEERING RECORDS**

Retention Note: This part supplements and should be used in conjunction with Part 3 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5300-01	ACCIDENT REPORTS	Reports, usually supplied by the police department, of traffic accidents used to monitor, redevelop, or redesign streets, intersections, speed limits, signal timing, directional flow patterns, etc.	AV.	
PW5300-02	SPECIAL EVENTS FILES	Reports, notifications, planning documents, and similar records used in the preparation for special events such as parades, motorcades, demonstrations, or situations resulting in unusually heavy traffic or street use requiring street closures, traffic rerouting, barricades, signal timing changes, etc.	2 years.	
*PW5300-03	TRAFFIC COUNT REPORTS	Reports of traffic passage on streets, roads, bridges, intersections, etc. or use of local government-owned parking lots or structures.	10 years.	Retention Note: If Traffic Count Report is used for special planning studies or reports, see item number PW5200-01a.
PW5300-04	TRAFFIC DEVICE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Reports, logs, or similar records documenting the following:		
PW5300-04a	TRAFFIC DEVICE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, or replacement of traffic signs, signals, and signal boxes.	5 years.	
PW5300-04b	TRAFFIC DEVICE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Painting, inspection, or repainting of pavement and curb markings.	2 years.	
PW5300-05	TRAFFIC PERMITS	Applications for and copies of permits for special parking, house moving, over-dimensional movements, and similar permits and permissions issued by or that concern traffic engineering departments.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial of the permit + 2 years.	
PW5300-06	TRAFFIC SIGNAL RECORDS	Drawings, wiring diagrams, code and circuit numbers, and similar data on traffic signal components.	Life of signal component.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5300-07	TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS INVENTORY RECORDS	Registers, index cards, or similar records providing an inventory of all installed traffic signs and		
		signals showing type of equipment or sign, location, date of installation, and similar data.		
PW5300-07a	TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS	If a complete inventory is periodically revised and	Until Superseded +	
	INVENTORY RECORDS	reprinted.	1 year.	
PW5300-07b	TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS	If an inventory is maintained on cards, databases,	PERMANENT,	
	INVENTORY RECORDS	or similar medium that permits purging.	but purge records	
			relating to junked	
			signs and signals.	

#### **SECTION 4-3: PARKING CONTROL RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5325-01	PARKING DEVICE INSPECTION RECORDS	Reports, logs, or similar records on the inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of meters, toll gates, or other parking control devices.	2 years.	
PW5325-02	PARKING DEVICE INVENTORY RECORDS	Registers, index cards, or similar records providing an inventory of meters, toll gates, or other parking control devices showing location, type of equipment, date of installation, and similar data.		
PW5325-02a	PARKING DEVICE INVENTORY RECORDS	If a complete inventory is periodically revised and reprinted.	Until Superseded + 1 year.	
PW5325-02b	PARKING DEVICE INVENTORY RECORDS	If an inventory is maintained on cards, databases, or similar medium that permits purging.	PERMANENT, but purge records relating to junked signs.	

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#### **SECTION 4-4: TRANSIT SYSTEM RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5350-01	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic reports on usage of rapid transit services.		
PW5350-01a	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PW5350-01b	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Monthly reports.	3 years.	
PW5350-01c	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Daily or weekly reports.	1 year.	
PW5350-02	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS			
PW5350-02a	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Master record on each transit vehicle containing the following: complete description including identification and license numbers; title and registration papers; annual beginning and ending odometer readings; total annual fuel, maintenance, labor, and parts costs; and complete maintenance and inspection history (in summary form showing date and nature of inspection, service, and repair).	Life of asset.	Retention Notes: a) This schedule does not require the creation of a vehicle master record of the type described, but if a vehicle master record is not maintained, records containing the prescribed information must be retained for the life of the vehicle. For example, if work orders in PW5350b are the only record maintained of repairs to transit vehicles, they must be retained for the life of the vehicle.  b) If a transit vehicle is salvaged as the result of an accident, the vehicle master record or, if one is not created, documents providing the types of information prescribed, must be retained for LA + 3 years.  c) If a transit vehicle is sold or given to another transit authority or department for use as a transit vehicle, the vehicle master record may be transferred with the vehicle.
PW5350-02b	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Service requests/work orders.	3 years.	
PW5350-02c	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Daily or other periodic activity reports on fuel and oil consumption, odometer readings, etc. from which data is derived for operating cost reports and the vehicle master record.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5350-02d	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Daily or other periodic inspection reports of vehicles.	3 years.	
PW5350-02e	VEHICLE HISTORY AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS	Specifications, circuit diagrams, and similar documents relating to vehicles and their related apparatuses.	Life of asset.	

#### **SECTION 4-5: AIRPORT RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5375-01	AIRFIELD INCIDENT FILES	Records of accidents or incidents occurring on the movement areas and involving air carrier aircraft and/or ground vehicles.	5 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some documentation of this type may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.
PW5375-02	AIRSIDE REPORT/AIRFIELD LOG	Materials documenting the activity of a work shift including conditions or events that would adversely affect airport operations.	2 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some documentation of this type may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.
PW5375-03	CARRIER RECORDS	Informational materials such as copies of airline schedules, brochures, advertising materials, and correspondence from the U. S. Department of Transportation approving carrier routes.	AV.	
PW5375-04	CERTIFICATION MANUAL	Manual specifying procedures, facilities and equipment descriptions, responsibility assignments, and any other information needed by personnel concerned with operating the airport in order to comply with Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) standards for airport operations.	Until superseded.	By regulation - 14 CFR 139.207(b).  Retention Note: Review before disposal; some documentation of this type may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> or long-term retention for historical or legal reasons.
PW5375-05	COMMUNICATION TAPES	Daily recording of all phone lines and radios.	30 days.	
*PW5375-06	EMERGENCY PLANNING RECORDS	Procedures, instructions, and other records maintained to minimize the possibility and extent of personal injury and property damage on the airport in an emergency.	Until superseded + 2 years.	By regulation - 14 CFR 139.325(g)(4).
PW5375-07	FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) RECORDS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5375-07a	FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) RECORDS	FTZ company operation records.	5 years after deactivation from FTZ.	By regulation – 19 CFR 146.4(d).
PW5375-07b	FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) RECORDS	FTZ tenants.	Until superseded.	
PW5375-08	MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORDS			
PW5375-08a	MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Non-federal navigation facility reports - Record of meter readings and adjustments, facility maintenance log, radio equipment operation record, ground check error data, facility equipment performance and adjustment data, technical performance report, and similar documentation relating to local governmentowned and operated navigational facilities such as VOR facilities, nondirectional radio beacons, instrument landing systems, simplified directional facilities, distance measuring equipment, VHF marker beacons, interim standard microwave landing systems, and microwave landing systems.	PERMANENT.	By regulation - 14 CFR 171.13(a-e), 171.33(a-c), 171.53(a-c), 171.117(a-c), 171.163(a-c), 171.213(a-c), 171.275(a-c), and 171.327(a-c).
PW5375-08b	MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Runway maintenance records - Logs, reports, and similar records relating to the inspection, maintenance, and repair of runways, runway lights, beacons, and other such ground or device maintenance records directly related to the landing and taking off of aircraft, except those included in directional facility records.	10 years.	
*PW5375-08c	MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Safety self-inspections - Daily, or as otherwise required by the airport certification manual or airport certification specifications, reports of safety self-inspections of airport conditions in specific locations showing the conditions found and all corrective actions taken.	1 year.	By regulation - 14 CFR 139.327(c).
PW5375-08d	MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Tenant inspections - Materials documenting inspections of the physical facilities of each airport tenant fueling agent.	1 year.	By regulation - 14 CFR 139.321(d).
PW5375-08e	MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION RECORDS	Other inspections.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5375-09	NOTICES TO AIRMEN	Reports officially notifying the public, FAA, and airlines that a problem exists with the airport facility.	2 years after notice is canceled.	
PW5375-10	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS			
PW5375-10a	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Permits and certifications from the FAA or other state and federal agencies and any reports, correspondence, or other documentation bearing directly on the application for, the issuance of, or the renewal of the permit or certification.	5 years after final expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial of the permit or certification.	
PW5375-10b	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS	Records concerning any exemptions granted or deviations required by an emergency.	5 years after deviation or expiration of exemption.	
PW5375-11	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic reports or logs of airport operations, services, and activities, and statistical summaries of such reports.		
PW5375-11a	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Daily reports or logs and weekly and/or monthly statistical summaries of such reports.	3 years.	
PW5375-11b	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PW5375-12	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AGENCIES	Reports on any aspect of airport operations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or to other state or federal agencies as required by law, regulation, or agency order.		
PW5375-12a	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AGENCIES	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PW5375-12b	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AGENCIES	Special reports that <b>are not</b> recapitulated in annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PW5375-12c	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AGENCIES	Interim or periodic reports on a less than annual basis that are recapitulated in an annual report or in a special report under PW5375-12b.	5 years.	

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#### PART 5: SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5400-01	ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS, REQUESTS AND CLAIMS FOR	Copies of requests and claims for allocations submitted to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.	FE + 3 years.	
PW5400-02	VARIANCE OF LAND USE REGULATIONS, PETITIONS FOR			
PW5400-02a	VARIANCE OF LAND USE REGULATIONS, PETITIONS FOR	Granted petitions.	As long as variance in effect + 2 years.	
PW5400-02b	VARIANCE OF LAND USE REGULATIONS, PETITIONS FOR	Denied petitions.	2 years.	
PW5400-03	WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS	Water quality management and implementation plans developed by soil and water conservation plans for landowners to prevent and abate pollution, including any associated corrective action plans, notifications of withdrawal of certification, and maintenance agreements.	Life of plan + 2 years.	

#### PART 6: RECORDS OF AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AGENTS

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention	Remarks
Number			Period	
PW5425-01	CLIENT FILES	Original records documenting the work of	3 years.	
		agriculture extension agents with their clients and		
		copies of documents that by law, regulation, or		
		administrative policy of the Agriculture Extension		
		Service at Texas A&M University or other		
		authorizing agency are retained by the agent after		
		filing originals with the service or other agency.		

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# PART 7: ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5450-01	ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT RECORDS			
PW5450-01a	ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records documenting asbestos abatement projects in public buildings.	30 years from the date of project completion.	By regulation - 25 TAC 295.62(a).
PW5450-01b	ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT RECORDS	Records of asbestos inspections.	5 years.	
PW5450-02	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLANS	Planning reports, background materials, and supporting documentation used to provide for the protection of the environment.	PERMANENT.	
PW5450-03	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW RECORDS	Environmental impact statements and related reports, including background materials and supporting documentation used in preparing statements and reports.	PERMANENT.	
PW5450-04	PEST CONTROL RECORDS	•		
*PW5450-04a	PEST CONTROL RECORDS	Records of pesticide applications, inspections and sampling notifications, and other documentation required by pesticide regulations.	2 years.	By law - Agriculture Code, Section 76.114(c) and by regulation - 4 TAC 7.33(a) and 4 TAC 7.144(a).
*PW5450-04b	PEST CONTROL RECORDS	Records of aerial application of insecticides and of seasonal employees hired for mosquito control programs.	5 years.	By regulation – 25 TAC 267.11.
*PW5450-04c	PEST CONTROL RECORDS	Records of distribution of restricted-use pesticides, state limited-use pesticides, or regulated herbicides.	2 years.	By law – Agriculture Code, Section 76.075 and by regulation – 4 TAC 7.32(a).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5450-04d	PEST CONTROL RECORDS	Records relating to local aquatic vegetation management plan authorized by Parks and Wildlife Code, §11.083, including all local plan submissions and approvals, all treatment proposals submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), all notices received and provided, all control measures taken by the governing entity (including records of date, place, location, type, and amount of all aquatic herbicide applications), and any other information relevant to a particular individual request for shoreline treatment.	5 years.	By regulation – 31 TAC 57.936.
PW5450-05	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Documentation of compliance with regulations for underground tank systems storing hazardous substances and petroleum substances, and immovable aboveground tanks storing petroleum products. (See item number PW5450-06 for records of movable aboveground storage tanks.)		
PW5450-05a	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Original and amended tank registration documents, original and amended certifications for storage tank system installations and financial responsibility, and notifications to storage tank purchaser.	Operational life of the storage tank system.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.130(b)(1)(A) and 334.10(b)(2)(A).
PW5450-05b	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Records of requests for approval of variances or alternative procedures, and documentation of approval of such requests.	Operational life of the storage tank system.	By regulation: 30 TAC 334.43(e).
PW5450-05c	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Installation records.  (1) General information relating to the installation of new storage tank systems and as-built drawings or plans depicting the sizes, dimensions, and locations of site features, system components, etc.  (2) Equipment tests including the air tests and the	Operational life of the storage tank system.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.46(i)(2).
		tightness tests conducted on the tanks and piping at the time of installation.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.46(i)(3).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5450-05d	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Records for upgrading existing storage tank systems.  (1) General information related to the tank integrity assessment and cathodic protection	Operational life of the storage tank	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.47(e)(2).
		requirements and as-built drawings or plans depicting the sizes, dimensions, and locations of any system components or equipment added.	system.	
		(2) Results of equipment tests and tank integrity tests required when upgrading existing storage tank systems including internal inspections, tank and piping tightness tests, and site assessments.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.47(e)(3).
PW5450-05e	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Operation and maintenance records of storage tank systems including records related to inspection, servicing, testing, and inventory control.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.48(g).
PW5450-05f	STORAGE TANK	Corrosion protection records.		
	(IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	(1) Installation records relating to the corrosion protection system including information on the system designer, drawings or plans depicting the locations of all system components, operating instructions and warranty information, maintenance schedules, and testing procedures.	As long as the corrosion protection system is used.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.49(e)(2)(A).
		(2) Results of tests and inspections of corrosion protection systems and components.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.49(e)(2)(B).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5450-05g	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM	Release detection records.		
	RECORDS	(1) Installation records related to the release detection system; all written performance claims pertaining to the system used and documentation of how those claims have been justified or tested by the equipment manufacturer or installer; and any schedules of required calibration and maintenance provided by the release detection equipment manufacturer.	As long as the release detection system is used.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.50(e)(2)(A), (B), and (E).
		(2) Results of sampling, testing, or monitoring of releases (including tank tightness tests); records and calculations related to inventory control reconciliation; and documentation of service, calibration, maintenance, and repair of release detection equipment.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.50(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E).
PW5450-05h	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM	Spill and overfill control records.		
	RECORDS	(1) Installation records of spill and overfill prevention equipment.	As long as the spill and overfill prevention equipment is used.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.51(c)(2)(A).
		(2) Records of servicing, calibration, maintenance, and repair of spill and overfill equipment.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.51(c)(2)(B).
		(3) Transfer or inventory records documenting the basis for claiming an exemption from the spill and overfill equipment requirements, if applicable.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.51(c)(3).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5450-05i	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Records for repairs and relining.  (1) General information related to the repair or relining of a storage tank including materials specifications, warranty information, recommended test procedures, and inspection and maintenance schedules applicable to the relining of a storage tank.	Operational life of the storage tank system.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.52(d)(2)(A) and (C).
		(2) Results of inspections, tests, and maintenance activities.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.52(d)(2)(B).
PW5450-05j	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Records of the installation of a used tank including inspection and tank tightness test results required for the reuse of used tank.	As long as the tank remains in operation.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.53(c).
PW5450-05k	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Documentation of compliance with requirements for the temporary removal from service of a storage tank.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.54(e)(4)(B).
PW5450-051	STORAGE TANK (IMMOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Documentation of compliance with requirements for the permanent removal from service of a storage tank.	As long as any underground storage tank remains in service at the facility or 5 years after the storage tank system is permanently removed from service, whichever longer.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.54(e)(4)(B).
PW5450-06	STORAGE TANK (MOVABLE) SYSTEM RECORDS	Records of movable aboveground storage tanks that are regularly used to store petroleum products (e.g., skid tanks), are intended to be moved from one location to another on a regular basis, and are not permanently part of any particular facility.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 334.127(f)(2).
PW5450-07	WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5450-07a	WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF	Authorized discharges to surface waters - Records documenting permit requirements for monitoring and processing the surface discharge of wastewater generated from treatment of water contaminated by petroleum substances, and discharges to surface waters from locally-owned or operated activities including ready-mixed concrete plants and concrete products plants and their associated facilities, sand and gravel mining and processing facilities, motor vehicle cleaning facilities, and petroleum bulk stations and terminals.	3 years.	
PW5450-07b	WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF	Hazardous waste - Operation records of generators of hazardous waste regarding the quantities generated and shipped off-site for storage. For retention requirements of records for local government-owned facilities that store, process, or dispose of hazardous waste, see Part 3 of Local Schedule UT (Records of Utility Services).		Retention Note: The retention period for the following records maintained by generators of hazardous waste is extended automatically during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the regulated activity.
		(1) Records of any test results, waste analyses, or other methods used to determine if waste is hazardous.	3 years after the waste was last sent to an on-site or off-site storage, processing, or disposal facility.	By regulation - 30 TAC 335.70(a).
		(2) Manifests and shipping papers, such as monthly shipment summaries and exception reports, retained by generators of hazardous waste.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 335.13(d), (i), and (k).
		(3) Annual summary reports submitted by the generator to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 335.70(b) and (c).

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Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF	Spill prevention and control.		
	(1) Notifications of all discharges or spills required to be reported by regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality such as any quantity of oil, hazardous substances, or other substances, discharged or spilled into or which may enter water in the state if not immediately contained, controlled, or removed; any discharge or spill during transportation; any discharge or spill which presents an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or public safety; etc.	3 years.	
	(2) Records of all discharges or spills and historical contamination, not subject to notification requirements, and maintained by facilities registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a solid waste generator.	3 years.	
WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF	Used oil filters - Shipping documentation retained	3 years.	
WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF	Whole used or scrap tires - Manifests, work orders, invoices, daily logs, or other documentation used to support activities related to the accumulation, handling, and shipment of	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.828(e).
	WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF WASTE GENERATORS,	WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  (1) Notifications of all discharges or spills required to be reported by regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality such as any quantity of oil, hazardous substances, or other substances, discharged or spilled into or which may enter water in the state if not immediately contained, controlled, or removed; any discharge or spill during transportation; any discharge or spill which presents an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or public safety; etc.  (2) Records of all discharges or spills and historical contamination, not subject to notification requirements, and maintained by facilities registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a solid waste generator.  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  Whole used or scrap tires - Manifests, work orders, invoices, daily logs, or other documentation used to support activities related	WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  (1) Notifications of all discharges or spills required to be reported by regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality such as any quantity of oil, hazardous substances, or other substances, discharged or spilled into or which may enter water in the state if not immediately contained, controlled, or removed; any discharge or spill which presents an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or public safety; etc.  (2) Records of all discharges or spills and historical contamination, not subject to notification requirements, and maintained by facilities registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a solid waste generator.  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  WASTE GENERATORS, RECORDS OF  Whole used or scrap tires - Manifests, work orders, invoices, daily logs, or other documentation used to support activities related to the accumulation, handling, and shipment of

# **PART 8: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** The retention periods in this part apply to the records of county public weighers and county or municipal sealers of weights and measures. This part should not be used by state public weighers or state sealers of weights and measures.

Record Record Title Record Description Number	Retention Period	Remarks
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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5475-01	RECORD OF WEIGHTS	Copies of certificates of weight or measure issued by a public weigher.	3 years.	
PW5475-02	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTION RECORDS			
PW5475-02a	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTION RECORDS	Record, maintained in a bound volume or on separate forms, of each inspection, measurement, and test made by a sealer of weights and measures.	3 years.	
PW5475-02b	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTION RECORDS	Copies of reports to the Texas Department of Agriculture on violations of state weights and measures laws.	1 year.	

# PART 9: LIBRARY AND MUSEUM RECORDS

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention	Remarks
Number			Period	
PW5500-01	ACCESSION/DEACCESSION RECORDS	Records used to update library catalogs or inventory records of the accession through purchase or gift or the deaccession through loss or withdrawal of library and museum materials.	AV.	Retention Note: This record series does not include the record copy of purchase requisitions or orders or accounts payable documentation. See item numbers GR1025-26 and GR1075-03 in Local Schedule GR.
PW5500-02	BORROWER REGISTRATION RECORDS	Records documenting the registration of borrowers.	AV.	
PW5500-03	CIRCULATION RECORDS	Records documenting the circulation of library materials to individual borrowers.	AV.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5500-04	INTERLIBRARY LOAN RECORDS	Records relating to the lending and borrowing of library materials through interlibrary loan.	AV.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention period for this item that if interlibrary loan services are funded by indirect grants from the U.S. Department of Education, the record copy of documents evidencing interlibrary loan activity must be retained for FE + 5 years. See introductory retention note concerning grant records in Part 2 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Local Governments).
PW5500-05	INVENTORY RECORDS	Shelf lists or equivalent records showing current library and museum holdings.	Until superseded.	
PW5500-06	LIBRARY CATALOGS		Until superseded.	

## **PART 10: PARKS AND RECREATION RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** This part concerns records associated with the use of parks; playgrounds; community centers; swimming pools; theaters; concert halls; golf courses; zoos; civic auditoriums; and other sports, recreational, and cultural facilities owned and operated by a local government.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5525-01	ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Reports, statistical compilations, and similar records of attendance at and the use of parks and recreational facilities.		
PW5525-01a	ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
PW5525-01b	ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Monthly reports.	3 years.	
PW5525-01c	ATTENDANCE REPORTS	Daily or weekly reports.	1 year.	
PW5525-02	HORTICULTURAL FILES	Inventories, maps, and similar records relating to the botanical description and location of all plants, trees, and shrubs in local government parks, botanical gardens, arboretums, zoos, etc.	AV.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records in this group may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5525-03	PROGRAM FILES	Records relating to sports, recreational, or cultural activities and programs sponsored by a local government, including activity schedules, programs, rosters, status sheets, scorebooks, rules and regulations, activity planning records, and all other similar records not noted elsewhere in this part.	2 years.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some records in this group may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
PW5525-04	RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION RECORDS			
PW5525-04a	RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION RECORDS	Logs or similar records documenting the reservation of park and recreational facilities.	2 years.	
PW5525-04b	RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION RECORDS	Applications for reserved use of park and recreational facilities not requiring a permit under local ordinance or policy.	2 years.	Retention Note: For reserved or special use of park or recreational facilities requiring a permit under local ordinance or policy see item number GR1000-36 in Local Schedule GR.
*PW5525-04c	RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION RECORDS	Waivers of liability/parental consents.	3 years from cessation of activity for which the waiver was signed.	Retention Note: If an accident occurs to any person covered by a signed waiver of liability, it must be retained for the same period as accident reports. See item number GR1000-20 in Local Schedule GR.
PW5525-05	SWIMMING POOL REPORTS	Swimming pool water quality test and analysis reports.	3 years.	
PW5525-06	VISITOR LOGS	Guest books, registers, logs, or similar records of visitors to museums, historical sites, and other facilities owned or operated by a local government.	2 years.	

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**PART 11: ZOO RECORDS** 

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5550-01	PERMITS AND LICENSES	Permits and licenses required by law or regulation from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of Interior, or other federal or state agencies.	Expiration or termination + 3 years.	
PW5550-02	MIGRATORY BIRD RECORDS	Records showing the species and number of migratory birds acquired, possessed and disposed of; the names and addresses of persons from whom the birds were acquired and to whom such birds were donated or sold, and the dates of the transaction.	CE + 5 years.	By regulation - 50 CFR 21.12(b).
PW5550-03	WILDLIFE RECORDS	Records relating to zoo wildlife, <b>except</b> migratory birds (see item number PW5500-02).		
PW5550-03a	WILDLIFE RECORDS	Records relating to the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, barter, exportation, or importation of wildlife under permit issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of Interior.	Expiration of permit + 5 years.	By regulation - 50 CFR 13.46.
PW5550-03b	WILDLIFE RECORDS	Records relating to the euthanization or disposal of dead zoo animals <b>except</b> as noted in PW5550-03c.	1 year.	By regulation - 9 CFR 2.80(a).
PW5550-03c	WILDLIFE RECORDS	Necropsy reports on dead marine mammals.	3 years.	By regulation - 9 CFR 3.110(g).
PW5550-03d	WILDLIFE RECORDS	Water quality test reports for marine mammal facilities.	1 year.	By regulation - 9 CFR 3.106(a)(3).

#### PART 12: PUBLIC BROADCASTING RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** a) The retention periods in this part are for the records of noncommercial AM or FM radio and television broadcasting stations owned and operated by a local government.

- b) Throughout this part the Federal Communication Commission is referred to as the FCC.
- c) It is an exception to the retention periods given in this part, that records having a substantial bearing on a matter which is the subject of a claim against the licensee, or relating to an FCC investigation or a complaint to the FCC of which the licensee has been advised, shall be retained until the

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licensee is notified in writing that the records may be discarded, or, if the matter is a private one, the claim has been satisfied or is barred by statutes of limitation. In addition, it is an exception to the retention period for item number PW5575-08 that logs involving communications incident to a disaster or which include communications incident to or involved in an investigation by the FCC and about which the licensee has been notified, shall be retained by the licensee until specifically authorized in writing by the FCC to destroy them.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5575-01	APPLICATIONS AND RELATED MATERIALS	A copy of any application tendered for filing with the FCC, together with all related material, including supporting documentation of any points claimed in the application pursuant to Sec. 73.7003, and copies of FCC decisions pertaining thereto. If petitions to deny are filed against the application and have been served on the applicant, a statement that such a petition has been filed shall be maintained in the file together with the name and address of the party filing the petition.	Applications shall be retained until final action has been taken on the application, except that applications for a new construction permit granted pursuant to a waiver showing and applications for assignment or transfer of license granted pursuant to a waiver showing shall be retained for as long as the waiver is in effect. In addition, license renewal applications granted on a short-term basis shall be retained until final action has been taken on the license renewal application filed immediately following the shortened license term.	By regulation - 47 CFR 73.3527(e)(2).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5575-02	ISSUES/PROGRAMS LISTS	For nonexempt noncommercial educational broadcast stations, every three months a list of programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three month period. The list shall include a brief narrative describing what issues were given significant treatment and the programming that provided this treatment. The description of the programs shall include, but shall not be limited to, the time, date, duration, and title of each program in which the issue was treated.	Until final action has been taken on the station's next license renewal application.	By regulation - 47 CFR 73.3527(e)(8)(i).
PW5575-03	CONSTRUCTION PERMIT RECORDS	Records relating to applications for the construction of new stations in the noncommercial educational broadcast services, including copies of applications and all exhibits, letters, and other documents tendered with or incorporated by reference in the application; all correspondence between the applicant and the FCC; any initial and final decisions in any hearings on the application; copies of any petitions filed to deny the application; and documentation relating to any requests for an extension of time to complete construction.		
PW5575-03a	CONSTRUCTION PERMIT RECORDS	If permit is granted.	Until the expiration of the first licensing term (5 years for television licensees and 7 years for radio licensees) or until the grant of the first renewal application of the license in question, whichever later.	By regulation - 47 CFR 73.3527(e)(2).
PW5575-03b	CONSTRUCTION PERMIT RECORDS	If permit is denied.	Until denial of permit by the FCC or, if appealed to a court, until decision of FCC upheld.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5575-04	DONOR LISTS	Lists of donors supporting specific programs broadcast by the station.	2 years.	By regulation - 47 CFR 73.3527(e)(9).
*PW5575-05	EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FILE	Copies of annual employment reports filed with the FCC, including all exhibits, letters, and other documents filed with or incorporated by reference in the report.	Until final action has been taken on the station's next license renewal application.	By regulation - 47 CFR 73.3527(e)(6).
PW5575-06	OPERATIONAL LICENSES AND PERMITS	Station operation and broadcasting licenses and permits from the FCC, <i>except</i> those noted elsewhere in this part.	Expiration or cancellation of license or permit + 3 years.	
PW5575-07	POLITICAL FILES	Record of requests made by or on behalf of political candidates for broadcast time, including a schedule of time purchased or provided free, when spots actually aired, the rates charged (if any), and the classes of time purchased (if any).	2 years.	By regulation - 47 CFR 73.1943(c).
PW5575-08	STATION LOGS	Logs containing technical data on the operation of the station as required by regulations of the FCC (47 CFR 73.1800 and 73.1820).	2 years, but see retention note.	Retention Note: It is an exception to the retention period indicated that logs involving communications incident to a disaster or which include communications incident to or involved in an investigation by the FCC and about which the licensee has been notified, shall be retained by the licensee until specifically authorized in writing by the FCC to destroy them. In addition, logs incident to or involved in any claim or complaint of which the licensee has notice shall be retained by the licensee until such claim or complaint has been fully satisfied or until the same has been barred by statute limiting the time for filing of suits upon such claims.

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## **PART 13: SOCIAL SERVICES RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5600-01	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Records of local government services for the elderly and disabled, funded through grants from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.		
*PW5600-01a	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other records relating to the performance of local governments designated to receive grants as area agencies on aging or local governments subcontracting for services to older persons such as transportation, homemaker services, multipurpose senior centers, information and referral, nutrition services, etc.	5 years following the end of the federal fiscal year to which the record pertains and until any pending litigation, claim, or audit findings, issuance or proposed disallowed costs or other disputes have been resolved.	
PW5600-01b	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Records relating to all complaints filed concerning a grantee agency.	5 years after the end of grantee's fiscal year and until any pending litigation, claim or audit findings, issuance of proposed disallowed costs, or other disputes have been resolved.	By regulation - 40 TAC 81.21(d).
PW5600-01c	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Training records certifying completion of an approved National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course for vehicle operators providing transportation services authorized under Title III of the Older Americans Act.	Until superseded.	Retention Note: Current certification must be retained to verify that training has been received.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5600-01d	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Administrative, fiscal, personnel, and client case records documenting case management services and nursing facilities.	3 years and 90 days after termination of the contract or until any litigation, claim, or audit is resolved, whichever is longer.	By regulation- 40 TAC 69.158(a) and 40 TAC 19.1924(2)  Retention Note: Any personnel or payroll records in this record group must be kept for the retention period indicated here or for the retention period for the record in Part 3 of Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Local Governments), whichever longer.
*PW5600-01e	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Records relating to services performed by local authorities under the Texas Home Living Program.	6 years from the date the records were created; any audit exception or litigation involving the records is resolved; or the individual becomes 21 years of age.	By regulation - 40 TAC 9.574(a)(b).
*PW5600-01f	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Records relating to services performed by local authorities under the Intermediate Care Facilities/Mental Retardation (ICR/MR) Program.	5 years from the date the records were created; any audit exception or litigation involving the records is resolved; or the individual becomes 21 years of age.	By regulation - 40 TAC 9.213(b).
*PW5600-01g	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Clinical records relating to Nursing Facility Requirements for Licensure and Medicaid Certification.	5 years after medical services end; or for a minor, three years after a resident reaches legal age under Texas law.	By regulation - 40 TAC 19.1910(b).
*PW5600-01h	AGING AND DISABLED, RECORDS OF SERVICES FOR THE	Index of admissions and discharges.	PERMANENT.	By regulation - 40 TAC 19.1912(a).
PW5600-02	CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS	Records of local government services to protect children from abuse and neglect.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5600-02a	CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS	Child placement services (24-hour care and adoption).		
		(1) Case records of children placed in substitute care <i>except</i> for health records and documentation of the termination of parental rights.	Date minor reaches majority age + 5 years.	
		(2) For children placed in substitute care, health records that physicians advise will be of medical importance to the child and information concerning the termination of parental rights or the court order.	PERMANENT.	
		(3) Case records of children placed in adoption.	PERMANENT.	
*PW5600-02b	CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE	Child welfare contracts - Fiscal documents	3 years after the	Retention Note: If audited during the
	RECORDS	maintained by a county to ensure that claims for	date final	three-year period, the county must keep the
		federal matching funds for child welfare contracts	expenditure is	documents until any audit exceptions are
		with the Texas Department of Family and	submitted.	reconciled.
		Protective Services (DFPS) meet applicable		
		federal requirements.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5600-02c	CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS	Contracts with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for services for runaways and at-risk youth.		
		(1) Financial and supporting documents, statistical records, and any other records pertinent to the services for which a claim or cost report was submitted to the department or its agent.	3 years and 90 days after the end of the contract period or 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year in which services were provided (if a provider agreement/contract has no specific termination date in effect) or until all litigation, claims, or audit findings are resolved.	By regulation - 40 TAC 732.262(b).  Retention Note: Contract period means the beginning date through the ending date specified in the original agreement/contract; extensions are considered separate contract periods.
		(2) Records of nonexpendable property acquired under the contract.	3 years after the final disposition of the property.	By regulation - 40 TAC 732.262(b).
*PW5600-02d	CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS	Client files documenting protective services funded through contracts with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).	5 years from the last date of services.	By regulation - 40 TAC 732.262(c) for medical records, and by authority of this schedule for documentation of other child welfare services.
*PW5600-03	PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES RECORDS	Documentation of social services funded through a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission <b>except</b> purchased health services listed in Local Schedule HR (Records of Public Health Agencies).		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5600-03a	PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES RECORDS	Financial and supporting documents, statistical records, and any other records pertinent to the services for which a claim or cost report was submitted to the department or its agent.	3 years and 90 days after the end of the contract period or 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year in which services were provided (if a provider agreement/contract has no specific termination date in effect) or until all litigation, claims, or audit findings are resolved.	Retention Note: Contract period means the beginning date through the ending date specified in the original agreement/contract; extensions are considered separate contract periods.
*PW5600-03b	PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES RECORDS	Records of nonexpendable property acquired under the contract.	3 years after the final disposition of the property.	
*PW5600-03c	PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES RECORDS	Social services client files.	5 years from the last date of services.	
PW5600-04	SOCIAL SERVICE CLIENT CASE FILES	Records of local government programs that provide social services such as emergency assistance, child care programs, services to the aged and disabled, housing and homelessness programs, etc., except for those programs funded by contracts with state agencies, as specified elsewhere in this section.		
PW5600-04a	SOCIAL SERVICE CLIENT CASE FILES	Denied applicant records including application, eligibility worksheet, note of eligibility decision, reason for denial, and explanation of appeal process.	3 years.	
PW5600-04b	SOCIAL SERVICE CLIENT CASE FILES	Eligible applicant records documenting services provided including application for services, eligibility verification, case assessment, referrals to community resources, etc.	5 years from last date of service.	
*PW5600-05	VOLUNTEER SERVICE FILES	Information about individual volunteers and duties they perform.	US or date of separation + 3 years.	

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## **PART 14: VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5625-01	CLIENT FILES	Original records documenting the work of veterans service officers with their clients and copies of documents that by law, regulation, or administrative policy of authorizing federal or state agencies are retained by the agent after filing originals with the agency.	3 years.	

## **PART 15: GAMING RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5650-01	BINGO APPLICATIONS AND LICENSES	Copies of applications to conduct bingo games and copies of bingo licenses.		
PW5650-01a	BINGO APPLICATIONS AND LICENSES	Applications.	1 year.	
PW5650-01b	BINGO APPLICATIONS AND LICENSES	Licenses and license renewals.	Until superseded, but see retention note.	<b>Retention Note:</b> If a bingo license is 2 years old and has not been superseded by a new license, it may be disposed of.
PW5650-02	REPORTS OF PROCEEDS	Reports of proceeds of bingo operators licensed to operate in counties and cities.		
PW5650-02a	REPORTS OF PROCEEDS	If the city or county has imposed a gross receipts tax on bingo proceeds.	FE + 3 years.	
PW5650-02b	REPORTS OF PROCEEDS	If the city or county has <b>not</b> imposed a gross receipts tax on bingo proceeds.	AV.	

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## **PART 16: CEMETERY RECORDS**

Retention Note: This part applies to the records of cemeteries operated by counties, cities, or any other local government.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5675-01	CREMATION RECORDS	Records relating to the cremation of human remains in a cemetery crematorium showing name and age of deceased (if known), date of cremation, and disposition of cremated remains.	PERMANENT.	
PW5675-02	INTERMENT RECORDS	Records showing name and age of deceased (if known), date of interment, and type and location of interment.	PERMANENT.	
PW5675-03	DISINTERMENT RECORDS	Court or health department exhumation orders, copies of disinterment permits, reports concerning the disinterment and subsequent disposition of the exhumed remains, and similar records relating to the disinterment or exhumation of human remains.	PERMANENT.	
PW5675-04	CEMETERY MAPS AND PLATS	Maps, plats, or similar records showing the location of all graves and gravesites in the cemetery.	PERMANENT.	
PW5675-05	CEMETERY REGISTERS	Ledgers, registers, or similar records showing all cemetery lots by plat number with the name of the purchaser, purchase price, and date of purchase.	PERMANENT.	
PW5675-06	DEEDS (CEMETERY)	Deed books or copies of deeds or comparable instruments of ownership of lots and gravesites, including similar records relating to deed transfers.	PERMANENT.	

### PART 17: COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
PW5700-01	COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES AND MEMORABILIA	Register containing data on historical places and memorabilia required of county historical commissions by the Local Government Code, Section 318.006(b).	PERMANENT.	

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### **PART 18: MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*PW5725-01	OIL AND GAS RECORDS	Records relating to drilling for oil and gas on land owned by municipalities or other local governments.		
*PW5725-01a	OIL AND GAS RECORDS	Permits.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial of permit + 5 years.	
*PW5725-01b	OIL AND GAS RECORDS	Inspection reports.	3 years.	
*PW5725-01c	OIL AND GAS RECORDS	Oil and gas lease and production records, and division orders.	Expiration, cancellation, or revocation of associated lease + 5 years.	

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## LOCAL SCHEDULE UT (Second Edition)

#### RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR RECORDS OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES

This schedule establishes mandatory minimum retention periods for records maintained in water districts and by local government-owned water and wastewater, solid waste, electric, gas, or other special utility districts. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. A records control schedule of a local government may not set a retention period that is less than that established for the record in this schedule. Original paper records may be disposed of prior to the expiration of their minimum retention periods if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, Chapter 204 or Chapter 205, as applicable, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopted under those chapters. Actual disposal of such records by a local government is subject to the policies and procedures of its records management program.

Destruction of local government records contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and administrative rules adopted under it, including this schedule, is a Class A misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a third degree felony (Penal Code,

Section 37.10). Anyone destroying local government records without legal authorization may also be subject to criminal penalties and fines under the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapter 552).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Government Code, Section 441.158, provides that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall issue records retention schedules for each type of local government, including a schedule for records common to all types of local government. The law provides further that each schedule must state the retention period prescribed by federal or state law, rule of court, or regulation for a record for which a period is prescribed; and prescribe retention periods for all other records, which periods have the same effect as if prescribed by law after the records retention schedule is adopted as a rule of the Commission.

The retention period for a record applies to the record regardless of the medium in which it is maintained. Some records listed in this schedule are maintained electronically in many offices, but electronically stored data used to create in any manner a record or the functional equivalent of a record as described in this schedule must be retained, along with the hardware and software necessary to access the data, for the retention period assigned to the record, unless backup copies of the data generated from electronic storage are retained in paper or on microfilm for the retention period.

Unless otherwise stated, the retention period for a record is in calendar years from the date of its creation. The retention period applies only to an official record as distinct from convenience or working copies created for informational purposes. Where several copies are maintained, each local government should decide which shall be the official record and in which of its divisions or departments it will be maintained. Local governments in their records management programs should establish policies and procedures to provide for the systematic disposal of copies.

A local government record may not be destroyed if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, public information request, administrative review, or other action involving the record is initiated prior to the destruction of the record until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it or until the expiration of the retention period of the record, whichever is later.

If a record described in this schedule is maintained in a bound volume of a type in which pages were not meant to be removed, the retention period, unless otherwise stated, dates from the date of last entry.

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If two or more records listed in this schedule are maintained together by a local government and are not severable, the combined record must be retained for the length of time of the component with the longest retention period. A record whose minimum retention period on this schedule has not yet expired and is less than permanent may be disposed of if it has been so badly damaged by fire, water, or insect or rodent infestation as to render it unreadable, or if portions of the information in the record have been so thoroughly destroyed that remaining portions are unintelligible. If the retention period for the record is **permanent** in this schedule, authority to dispose of the damaged record must be obtained from the director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. A Request for Authority to Destroy Unscheduled Records (Form SLR 501) should be used for this purpose.

Certain records listed in this schedule are assigned the retention period of AV (as long as administratively valuable). This retention period affords local governments the maximum amount of discretion in determining a specific retention period for the record described.

### Use of Asterisk (\*)

The use of an asterisk (\*) in this second edition of Local Schedule UT indicates that the record is either new to this edition, the retention period for the record has been changed for the record, or substantive amendments have been made to the description of or remarks concerning the record. An asterisk is not used to indicate minor amendments to grammar or punctuation.

#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SCHEDULE

AV - As long as administratively valuable CFR - Code of Federal Regulations FE - Fiscal year end LA - Life of asset TAC - Texas Administrative Code US - Until superseded

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## **RECORDS OF UTILITY SERVICES**

**Retention Notes:** a) This schedule should be used by water districts and by local government-owned water and wastewater, solid waste, electric, and gas utility departments.

b) For administrative, financial, personnel, and support services records not included in this schedule, see Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments).

### **PART 1: GENERAL RECORDS**

**Retention Note:** The records listed in this part are those common to two or more of the utility operations covered in Parts 2-5 of this schedule.

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-01	COMMUNICATIONS WITH REGULATORY AUTHORITY, RECORD OF	Record maintained by a municipality as a utility regulatory authority detailing contacts by regulated utilities or their affiliates or representatives with the municipality.	2 years.	
UT5000-02	COMPLAINTS			
UT5000-02a	COMPLAINTS	Record of complaints from customers or applicants for public utility services <b>except</b> that complaints requiring no further action by the utility need not be recorded. Includes the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint, and the adjustment or disposition made.	Final settlement of complaint + 2 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 291.81(b)(4) for water and sewer utilities, and by authority of this schedule for all others.
*UT5000-02b	COMPLAINTS	Complaints to the Public Utility Commission about electric service providers.	Determination by the Public Utility Commission + 2 years.	By regulation - 16 TAC 25.30 (c)(3) for electric service providers.
*UT5000-02c	COMPLAINTS	Complaints to public water utilities regarding quality, outage, or pressure.	2 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(A)(iii).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-03	CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS	Forms or other written requests submitted by utility customers requesting confidentiality of personal information (address, telephone number, and social security number) in account records, including any subsequent written instructions to rescind requests for confidentiality.		
UT5000-03a	CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS	If indication of confidentiality <b>is</b> made in a customer account history (item number UT5000-05).	AV after indication made.	
UT5000-03b	CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS	If indication of confidentiality <b>is not</b> made in a customer account history (item number UT5000-05).	Until destruction of all records that contain personal information about the customer.	Retention Note: This record consists only of separate forms used by a utility to determine the wishes of a customer concerning confidentiality. It does not include confidentiality requests made on return portions of statements, service applications, etc.
*UT5000-04	CUSTOMER BILLING RECORDS	Monthly or other periodic billing detail records on each customer utility account documenting utility charges and payments.		
*UT5000-04a	CUSTOMER BILLING RECORDS	Electric service providers.	2 years.	By regulation - 16 TAC 25.25(e).
*UT5000-04b	CUSTOMER BILLING RECORDS	Electric service providers for services other than electricity and all other government utilities, if records <b>do not document</b> the payment of any monies remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.	FE + 3 years.	
*UT5000-04c	CUSTOMER BILLING RECORDS	Electric service providers for services other than electricity and all other government utilities, if records <b>document</b> the payment of any monies remittable to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.	FE + 5 years.	
*UT5000-04d	CUSTOMER BILLING RECORDS	Authorization forms used to enroll in electronic funds transfer or other automatic payment methods.	US or close of account.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-05	CUSTOMER ACCOUNT HISTORIES	Account history of each customer of a utility, including all information (name, address, account number, etc.) necessary to provide and bill for services.	Close of account + 2 years.	
UT5000-06	CUSTOMER USAGE REPORTS AND PLANS	Reports, plans, or similar records that by law or regulation must be submitted to a utility from customers concerning intended or actual use of the utility system (e.g. statements of intent to irrigate acreage submitted to an irrigation district, industrial user discharge reports submitted to publicly-owned treatment works, etc.).	3 years.	By regulation - 40 CFR 403.12(o)(3) for industrial user discharge reports and by authority of this schedule for all others.
UT5000-07	DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE RECORDS	Records relating to the actual or threatened disconnection or discontinuance of utility service to a customer for non-payment or violation of terms of service, including termination notices, attending physician statements, energy assistance grant notifications, deferred payment agreements, and resolution of dispute review documents.	1 year.	
*UT5000-08	EQUIPMENT HISTORY RECORDS			
UT5000-08a	EQUIPMENT HISTORY RECORDS	Records on individual items of equipment, machinery, apparatus, or other physical components integral to the functioning of a utility system, including records of installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair. See also item number UT5000-09.	LA.	
*UT5000-08b	EQUIPMENT HISTORY RECORDS	Records of the calibration of testing and monitoring instruments, except those to monitor air emissions.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 319.7(c) for instrumentation used in monitoring waste discharge, and by authority of this schedule for all others, except those to monitor air emissions.
*UT5000-08c	EQUIPMENT HISTORY RECORDS	Records of the calibration of instrumentation used to monitor air emissions.	2 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 111.111.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-09	EQUIPMENT INVENTORY RECORDS	Registers, index cards, or similar records providing an inventory of equipment, machinery, apparatus, and other physical components installed or in use in a utility system, showing location, date of installation, and similar data.		
UT5000-09a	EQUIPMENT INVENTORY RECORDS	For a complete inventory that is periodically revised and reprinted.	US + 1 year.	
*UT5000-09b	EQUIPMENT INVENTORY RECORDS	For an inventory that is maintained on cards or similar discrete media.	LA, but see retention note.	Retention Note: Records of individual items may be pulled from a card or similar file and destroyed when the item is junked or salvaged.
UT5000-10	MAPS AND PLATS	Maps and plats of local government-owned utility systems showing service areas, facilities, and infrastructure. See also item number UT5000-14.		
UT5000-10a	MAPS AND PLATS	Landfills.	PERMANENT.	
UT5000-10b	MAPS AND PLATS	All other utilities.	US.	Retention Note: Review before disposal; some maps may merit PERMANENT retention for historical reasons.
UT5000-11	METER READING RECORDS	Books, cards, sheets, or similar records, such as those maintained in automated systems, showing monthly or other periodic utility consumption recorded on each meter, including those provided by customers in customer-read programs.	3 years.	
UT5000-12	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS	Manuals detailing procedures for the operation and maintenance of utility systems and equipment.	US.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-13	PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS	Studies, reports, analyses, research data, projections, graphic material, and similar planning documents by outside consultants or in-house staff relating to comprehensive planning, capital improvements, land use and open space, economic development and outlook, regional and intergovernmental cooperation, growth patterns, demographics, long range forecasts and projections, and other aspects of utility planning not listed elsewhere in this schedule.		
UT5000-13a	PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS	Special planning studies or reports prepared by order or request of the governing body or considered by the governing body (as reflected in its minutes) or ordered or requested by a state or federal agency or a court.	PERMANENT.	
UT5000-13b	PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS	All other planning reports or studies.	10 years.	Retention Notes: a) Review before disposal; many records of this type may merit PERMANENT or long-term retention for administrative or historical reasons. See also item number GR1000-39.  b) Be certain that planning documents do not fall within other records series. For example, excavation and construction plans are included under item number UT5000-14(a) and plans required for a solid waste landfill disposal site are included under item number UT5050-07(b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-14	PRIVATE UTILITY PLANS AND MAPS	Excavation and construction plans, maps and diagrams, and similar records concerning the transmission and distribution systems of privately owned electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, and cable television companies maintained by a local government.		
*UT5000-14a	PRIVATE UTILITY PLANS AND MAPS	Excavation and construction plans.	Completion of work + 3 years.	
*UT5000-14b	PRIVATE UTILITY PLANS AND MAPS	Maps.	US.	Review before disposal; some maps may merit <b>PERMANENT</b> retention for historical reasons.
UT5000-15	RATE SCHEDULES, REGULATIONS, AND CHANGE DOCUMENTATION	Tariffs containing schedules of all rates, tolls, charges, and regulations pertaining to all services provided by a utility, including notices of intent to change rates and associated rate change or rate appeal documentation.		
UT5000-15a	RATE SCHEDULES, REGULATIONS, AND CHANGE DOCUMENTATION	Maintained by a local government as operator of a utility (including superseded tariffs).	PERMANENT.	
UT5000-15b	RATE SCHEDULES, REGULATIONS, AND CHANGE DOCUMENTATION	Maintained by a municipality or other local government as a regulatory authority.  (1) Tariffs.	US.	
UT5000-15c	RATE SCHEDULES, REGULATIONS, AND CHANGE DOCUMENTATION	(2) All other documentation.  Received and maintained by a local government as an entity to be affected by proposed change.	5 years. AV.	
UT5000-15d	RATE SCHEDULES, REGULATIONS, AND CHANGE DOCUMENTATION	Rate appeal documentation maintained by a local government appealing a rate determination.	AV after final disposition of the appeal.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5000-16	SERVICE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT RECORDS			
UT5000-16a	SERVICE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT RECORDS	Service applications, unless needed for (b).	1 year.	
UT5000-16b	SERVICE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT RECORDS	Receipts, refund cards, and related records documenting customer deposits and refunds.	FE of refund of deposit or its credit to unpaid balance + 3 years.	
*UT5000-16c	SERVICE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT RECORDS	Records of unclaimed deposits for water and sewer utilities.	7 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 291.84(g)(3) for water and sewer utilities.
*UT5000-16d	SERVICE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT RECORDS	Records of unclaimed deposits except for water and sewer utilities.	4 years.	By regulation - 16 TAC 25.24(i)(3) for electric service providers, and by authority of this schedule for all others except water and sewer utilities.
*UT5000-17	SERVICE INTERRUPTION RECORDS	Reports, logs, or similar records detailing location, time, and cause of interruption of utility services or operations, including any written reports of service interruptions submitted to a regulatory authority as required by law or regulation.	5 years.	
UT5000-18	STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FILES	Standards and specifications for materials, supplies, and services.	AV.	Retention Note: Standards and specifications related to records series listed in Local Schedule GR (Records Common to All Governments) such as bid proposals (item number GR1075-01) and construction project files (item number GR1075-16) should be maintained for the retention period adopted for those records.
UT5000-19	WORK ORDERS	Work orders, service orders, and similar records requesting, authorizing, and describing work to be done by utility personnel.	2 years.	

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## PART 2: WATER AND WASTEWATER RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5025-01	MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS RECORDS	Records of microbiological analyses of water and wastewater systems.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(D)(i).
*UT5025-02	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS RECORDS	Records of chemical analyses of water and wastewater systems.	10 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(E)(ii).
UT5025-03	GROUNDWATER MONITORING RECORDS	For water and wastewater permits containing a groundwater monitoring requirement, records from all groundwater monitoring wells and associated groundwater surface elevations.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 319.7(c) for waste discharge permits and by authority of this schedule for all others.
UT5025-04	INSPECTION RECORDS	Logs, reports, or similar records of inspection of septic tanks, catch basins, or other private sector water-related facilities by water or wastewater personnel.	3 years.	
UT5025-05	LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE RECORDS	Records of all sampling data and analyses, reports, surveys, letters, evaluations, schedules, state determinations, and other information required by the Environmental Protection Agency to demonstrate compliance with requirements concerning corrosion control treatment, source water treatment, lead service line replacement, public education and supplemental monitoring, water quality parameters, and monitoring of lead and copper in source and tap water.	12 years.	By regulation - 40 CFR 141.91.
UT5025-06	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5025-06a	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS	Permits and approvals from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other county, state, and federal agencies as required by law or regulation concerning wastewater treatment and disposal, water use, water districts, environmental protection; and any reports, correspondence, or other documentation bearing directly on the application for, the issuance of, or the renewal of the permit or approval.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 5 years.	
*UT5025-06b	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS	Records concerning any variance or exemption granted to a system.	Expiration of variance or exemption + 5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(C)(i).
*UT5025-07	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Internal records, reports, logs, or similar records that document or summarize the operations of water supply, treatment, and distribution facilities, stations, and systems; and wastewater collection and treatment facilities, plants, and systems.		
UT5025-07a	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Records of monitoring activities, including records concerning measurements and analyses performed and concerning calibration and maintenance of flow measurement and other instrumentation.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 319.7(c) for wastewater operations, 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(B) for public water systems, and by authority of this schedule for all others.
UT5025-07b	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Periodic logs or reports compiled on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	
UT5025-07c	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Annual or biennial reports.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5025-08	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES	Periodic monitoring, financial, and operational reports submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, or other agencies and local governments as required by law or regulation on the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater and for monitoring the quality of any water in the state.		
UT5025-08a	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES	Periodic reports compiled and submitted on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	
UT5025-08b	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES	Annual and biennial reports or special reports ordered or required by a regulatory authority.	PERMANENT.	
*UT5025-09	SANITARY SURVEYS	Surveys, studies, reports, summaries, or communications examining the overall sanitary condition of water and wastewater systems.	10 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(E)(iii).
UT5025-10	TAP AND HOOK-UP LOGS	Logs, log sheets, or comparable documents providing a record of water or sewer tap and hook-up permits issued showing location, date of installation, and similar data.	PERMANENT.	
*UT5025-11	VIOLATION REPORTS	Reports, correspondence, and similar records relating to actions taken to correct violations of federal, state, or local primary drinking water regulations; or of other water or wastewater-related laws, ordinances, or regulations.	3 years after last action taken with respect to the particular violation.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(B)(i).
UT5025-12	WATER AND WASTEWATER PERMIT FILES			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5025-12a	WATER AND WASTEWATER PERMIT FILES	Applications for and similar records relating to the issuance and renewal of permits by a local government for the installation of septic tanks, water and sewer taps and hookups, and water meters; for waste discharge; and for other water or wastewater-related installations or activities required by ordinance, regulation, or statute (for logs of such permits see item numbers UT5025-10 and UT5025-13).	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial of the permit + 5 years.	
*UT5025-12b	WATER AND WASTEWATER PERMIT FILES	Records concerning variances or exemptions.	Expiration of variance or exemption + 5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 290.46(f)(3)(C)(i) for public water systems and by authority of this schedule for all others.
UT5025-13	WATER AND WASTEWATER PERMIT LOGS	Logbooks, registers, or comparable documents providing a record of water and wastewater permits issued by a local government or any of its departments or subdivisions.	PERMANENT.	
UT5025-14	WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE RECORDS			
UT5025-14a	WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE RECORDS	Records of operators of public water and wastewater treatment plants that apply sewage sludge to land for beneficial use or prepare/provide sewage sludge to persons who prepare, apply, sell, or give away sewage sludge for land application for beneficial use. Includes sludge sample analyses; certification statements; and descriptions of how pathogen requirements, vector attraction reduction requirements, site restrictions, and management practices are met.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 312.47(a) and (b).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5025-14b	WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE RECORDS	Records of operators of public water and wastewater treatment plants that prepare sewage sludge that is to be placed on a surface disposal site including sludge sample analyses, certification statements, and descriptions of how pathogen requirements and vector attraction reduction requirements are met.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 312.67(a)(1).
UT5025-14c	WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE RECORDS	Monitoring information relating to sewage sludge use and disposal activities.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 305.125(11)(B).
UT5025-14d	WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE RECORDS	Trip tickets completed by transporter and retained by generator of sludge.	5 years.	
UT5025-15	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT FILES	Studies, staff reports, surveys, and similar monitoring and planning records relating to the control and abatement of actual or potential water pollution in a municipality designed to meet the pollution abatement responsibilities of cities pursuant to provisions of the Water Code, Section 26.177.	5 years.	

## PART 3: SOLID WASTE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT RECORDS

**Retention Notes:** a) This section applies to facilities owned, operated, or leased by a local government for the collection, handling, transfer, storage, processing, and disposal of solid waste, including medical waste and sludge generated by water supply or wastewater treatment plants, and hazardous waste except for radioactive materials.

b) For Radiation Control Records see item number HR4750-07.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5050-01	AIR POLLUTION CONTROL MONITORING RECORDS	Documentation required by solid and hazardous waste permits to assure compliance with air pollution control standards including stack sampling analyses, emissions monitoring, or other tests related to air emissions to prove satisfactory equipment performance <b>except</b> for sewage sludge incineration. See also item number UT5050-07(c)(2).	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 101.8(d).
UT5050-02	ASBESTOS DISPOSAL RECORDS			
UT5050-02a	ASBESTOS DISPOSAL RECORDS	Waste shipment record.	2 years.	By regulation - 40 CFR 61.154(e)(4).
UT5050-02b	ASBESTOS DISPOSAL RECORDS	Map or diagram showing location, depth and area, and quantity of asbestos-containing waste within the disposal site.	Until closure of site.	By regulation - 40 CFR 61.154(f).
*UT5050-03	GROUNDWATER MONITORING RECORDS	Records of solid waste and hazardous waste collection, storage, processing, and disposal facilities that have a groundwater monitoring requirement, including analyses of samples, measurements of indicator parameters, certifications, and any other demonstrations, findings, testing, and analytical data relating to groundwater monitoring and corrective action.	Life of the facility including the post-closure care period.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.125(d) for solid waste landfill disposal sites, 30 TAC 335.117(a)(1) and (b)(1) for hazardous waste storage, processing, and disposal facilities, and by authority of this schedule for all others.
UT5050-04	HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING RECORDS	Documentation of classroom instruction and on-the-job training of hazardous waste personnel sufficient to demonstrate appropriate training in compliance with federal requirements for personnel training.		
UT5050-04a	HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING RECORDS	Current personnel.	Until closure of facility.	By regulation - 40 CFR 264.16(e).
UT5050-04b	HAZARDOUS WASTE TRAINING RECORDS	Former employees.	Date of termination + 3 years.	By regulation - 40 CFR 264.16(e).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5050-05	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Documents maintained to provide a record of solid waste or hazardous waste shipments, including manifests, trip tickets, shipping papers, bills of lading, daily logs, and other similar approved documentation.		
UT5050-05a	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Manifests and trip tickets retained by operators of collection, storage, processing, or disposal facilities to document the type and quantity of solid waste delivered <b>except</b> solid waste disposal sites that receive special wastes and facilities that handle used oil filters, waste tires, sewage sludge, hazardous waste, or Class I industrial waste.		
		(1) If the ticket is the only source document used for billing purposes.	1 year.	
		(2) If another document is used for billing purposes.	AV.	
*UT5050-05b	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Bills of lading and other shipping records of used oil filters which must be retained by the generator of the filters, transporter of the filters, storage facility at which the filters were stored, and processor of the filters.	3 years after the date the filters were transported, stored, or processed.	By regulation - 30 TAC 328.25(b).
*UT5050-05c	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Manifests, work orders, invoices, or other documentation used to support activities related to the accumulation, handling, and shipment of used or scrap tires or scrap tire pieces.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 328.58(f).
UT5050-05d	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Trip tickets or similar documentation retained by the operators of facilities that apply prepared sewage sludge, water treatment sludge, and domestic septage to the land for beneficial uses or place it on a surface disposal site.	5 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5050-05e	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Manifests and trip tickets and other tracking records retained by operators of solid waste landfill disposal sites to document the delivery of special wastes such as medical wastes (bulk human blood and blood products, microbiological waste, sharps, etc.); wastewater, sewage, and water-supply treatment sludge; septic tank pumpings; grease and grit trap wastes; and other solid waste requiring special handling to protect human health or the environment.	Life of facility including post-closure care period.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.125(b)(10).
*UT5050-05f	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Manifests or shipping papers retained by operators of storage, processing, or disposal facilities to document the delivery of hazardous waste or Class I industrial waste except for solid waste landfill disposal sites that receive special wastes.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 335.15(1) and (4).
*UT5050-05g	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Waste shipping records retained by transporters to document the collection and deposit of solid wastes and hazardous waste <b>except</b> sewage sludge. Includes manifests, waste shipping control tickets, shipping papers, bills of lading, daily logs, or other similar approved documentation.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 328.58(f) for used or scrap tires; 30 TAC 335.14(a)-(d) for municipal hazardous wastes or Class I industrial solid wastes; 30 TAC 328.25(b) for used oil filters; and by authority of this schedule for all others.
UT5050-05h	MANIFESTS AND TRIP TICKETS	Trip tickets or similar documentation retained by transporters of sewage sludge, water treatment sludge, septage, chemical toilet waste, or grit trap waste.	5 years.	
UT5050-06	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5050-06a	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS	Permits, registrations, and other approvals from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and any other local, state, or federal agency, as may be required by law or regulation concerning the collection, handling, transfer, storage, processing, transportation, and disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste by a local government except for the operation of solid waste landfill disposal sites. Includes any reports, correspondence, or other documentation bearing directly on the application for, the issuance of, or the renewal of the permit or license and any variances or exemptions granted to a facility.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial + 5 years.	
*UT5050-06b	OPERATIONAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS	Permits from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality concerning the operation of a solid waste landfill disposal site, including any reports, correspondence, or other documentation bearing directly on the application for, the issuance of, or the renewal of the permit and any modifications to the permit.	Life of the facility including the post-closure care period.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.125(a) and (d).
UT5050-07	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Internal operational records and reports on any aspect of the collection, handling, transfer, storage, processing, and disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste by a local government <b>except</b> those reports that might be included elsewhere in this schedule, such as item numbers UT5050-06 and UT5050-11.		

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5050-07a	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Solid waste management operations <b>except</b> solid waste landfill disposal sites, sewage sludge disposal operations, and waste tire facilities.		
		(1) Records of solid waste management and monitoring activities, including documentation of compliance with standards such as strip charts and instrument calibration.	3 years.	
		(2) Periodic logs or reports compiled on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	
		(3) Annual or biennial reports.	PERMANENT.	
*UT5050-07b	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Operating record of solid waste landfill disposal sites including required plans and related documents such as the approved Site Development Plan, the Final Closure Plan, the Post-Closure Plan, the Landfill Gas Management Plan; documentation of groundwater monitoring and corrective actions; cost estimates and financial assurance documentation relating to closure and post-closure; copies of correspondence and responses relating to the operation of the facility; and any other documents specified by the approved permit.	Life of the facility including the post-closure care period.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.125(d).

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5050-07c	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Sludge disposal operations for sewage sludge, water treatment sludge, septage, chemical toilet waste, or grit trap waste.		
		(1) Records of disposal of sewage sludge and domestic septage on a surface disposal site, including sludge sample analyses; certification statements; descriptions of how pathogen requirements, vector attraction reduction requirements, site restrictions, and management practices are met; and identification of land on which disposal operations are carried out.	5 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 312.67(a)(2) for sewage sludge and 30 TAC 312.67(b)(1) and (b)(2) for domestic septage.
		(2) Records of disposal of sewage sludge, water treatment sludge, septage, chemical toilet waste, or grit trap waste by firing in a sewage sludge incinerator, including measurements of the concentration of metals in the sludge fed to the incinerator, information verifying compliance with air pollution control requirements, and a calibration and maintenance log for the instruments used to monitor the exit gas and combustion temperatures.	5 years.	By regulation - 40 CFR 503.47(a).
*UT5050-07d	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Records of waste tire facilities including a description of events at the facility relating to routine maintenance, fires, thefts, spraying for vectors, etc.; the annual report required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; a log containing copies of all monthly reimbursement vouchers; a record of the dates and documentation of calibration by the manufacturer of the scale; and a log containing copies of the monthly operations reports.	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5050-07e	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Hazardous waste operations.		
		(1) Operating record of hazardous waste storage, processing, and disposal facilities, including a description of and quantity of each hazardous waste received; the method and date of its treatment, storage, or disposal; the location of each hazardous waste in the facility and the quantity at each location; a map or diagram of each cell or disposal area; results of waste analyses; reports of incidents that require implementation of the contingency plan; testing or analytical data and corrective action taken; and other records as required by federal regulation.	Until closure of the facility.	By regulation - 40 CFR 265.73(b)(1).  Retention Note: The retention period for the hazardous waste operating record is extended automatically during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the facility.
		(2) General inspection reports for hazardous waste storage, processing, and disposal facilities.	3 years.	By regulation - 40 CFR 265.73(b)(5).  Retention Note: The retention period for the inspection reports is extended automatically during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the facility.
		(3) Annual or biennial reports.	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5050-07f	OPERATIONS RECORDS	Affected and small-remote Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators.		
		(1) Records and reports required by 30 TAC 113.2076(c).	5 years.	By regulation – 30 TAC 113.2076(c).
		(2) Records of the annual equipment inspections, any required maintenance, and any repairs not completed within ten operating days of an inspection.	5 years.	By regulation – 30 TAC 113.2076(d).
		(3) Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	By regulation – 30 TAC 113.2076(d).
UT5050-08	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES	Periodic monitoring, financial, and operational reports submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, or other agencies or local governments as required by law or regulation on the management of solid waste or hazardous waste.		
UT5050-08a	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES	Periodic reports compiled and submitted on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	Retention Note: Reports of monitoring programs related to specific permits such as hazardous waste operations and solid waste disposal landfill sites shall be maintained for the retention period required for the operations records.
UT5050-08b	REPORTS TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES	Annual or biennial reports or special reports ordered by a regulatory authority.	PERMANENT.	
UT5050-09	SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS AND LICENSES			

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5050-09a	SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS AND LICENSES	Applications, copies of permits or licenses, and related documentation concerning the issuance of permits or licenses by a local government for the collection, handling, transfer, storage, processing, transportation, and disposal of solid waste by private concerns or individuals as may be required by local ordinance; and similar records relating to the review by a local government of waste disposal plant permits submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial of the permit + 3 years.	
UT5050-09b	SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS AND LICENSES	Records concerning any variance or exemption granted to a permittee.	Expiration of variance or exemption + 3 years.	
UT5050-10	SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT AND LICENSE LOGS	Logbooks, registers, or comparable documents providing a record of solid waste management permits and licenses issued by a local government.	PERMANENT.	
UT5050-11	TONNAGE REPORTS	Daily tonnage reports of solid waste handled and processed in a sanitary landfill, disposal plant, composting plant, or resource recovery facility. See also item numbers UT5050-05 and UT5050-07.		
UT5050-11a	TONNAGE REPORTS	If figures are totaled on a monthly report.	60 days.	
UT5050-11b	TONNAGE REPORTS	If figures <b>are not</b> totaled on a monthly report.	3 years.	
UT5050-12	TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE RECORDS			
*UT5050-12a	TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE RECORDS	Documentation that solid waste or hazardous waste was taken to an authorized facility.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.1211(h) for medical waste, 30 TAC 330.32(c) for solid waste, and by authority of this schedule for all others.

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5050-12b	TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE RECORDS	Records of the cleaning and disinfecting of vehicles used to transport medical waste.	3 years.	By regulation - 30 TAC 330.1211(d) and 330.1221(d).
UT5050-12c	TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE RECORDS	Annual summary reports of waste shipment activities.	PERMANENT.	
*UT5050-13	UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL MONITORING	Records of all data resulting from any monitoring activities, including the chemical and physical characteristics of injected fluids or other records required by an underground injection well permit.	3 years following well plugging and abandonment.	By regulation - 30 TAC 331.67(c) for Class I hazardous well and 30 TAC 331.169(c) for Class I salt cavern solid waste disposal well.
*UT5050-14	UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMITS	Copies of injection well permits filed by rule (30 TAC, Chapter 331) of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality with the health and pollution control authorities of the counties, cities, and towns where the wells are located.	3 years following well plugging and abandonment.	By regulation - 30 TAC 331.67(c).

### **PART 4: ELECTRIC UTILITY RECORDS**

Retention Note: In addition to retention periods listed in this schedule and other commission schedules, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) adopts certain rules, as listed below, of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relating to the preservation and retention of electric utility records. Authorities that provide electricity must follow the retention periods in the federal schedule (see 18 CFR 125.3) for records listed and follow retention periods set in this and other TSLAC schedules for records not listed in the federal schedule. In accordance with 18 CFR 125.2(a)(3), if a record is listed in both the federal and a TSLAC schedule and the retention period given on a TSLAC schedule is longer, the longer retention period must be followed.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission adopts the following rules of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by reference: 18 CFR 125.2(a)(1)-(3), 125.2(j), and 125.3.

Record	Record Title	Record Description	Retention	Remarks
Number			Period	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5075-01	CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	Applications for and certificates of convenience and necessity issued by the Public Utility Commission.		
UT5075-01a	CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	Denied applications.	AV.	
UT5075-01b	CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	Approved applications and issued certificates.	PERMANENT.	
UT5075-02	GROSS RECEIPTS ASSESSMENT REPORT	Annual or quarterly gross receipts assessment reports submitted to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.	FE + 5 years.	
UT5075-03	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Internal reports, logs, or charts that document or summarize the operations of electric utility facilities, plants, and systems.		
UT5075-03a	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Recording instrument charts.	1 year.	
UT5075-03b	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic reports and logs compiled on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	
UT5075-03c	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic surveys to secure data for compliance reports submitted to regulatory authorities (e.g., voltage surveys).	3 years.	
UT5075-03d	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
UT5075-04	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	Reports or plans, as required by law or regulation, submitted to the Public Utility Commission as regulatory authority by local government owned electric utilities <b>except</b> reports listed elsewhere in this schedule.		
UT5075-04a	REPORT'S AND PLANS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	Annual and biennial reports or special reports ordered or required by a regulatory authority.	PERMANENT.	
UT5075-04b	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	Periodic reports compiled and submitted on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	
UT5075-04c	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	Construction reports (including preliminary, monthly progress, quarterly status, and annual cost and schedule variance analyses).	PERMANENT.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5075-05	REPORTS AND PLANS TO MUNICIPALITY AS REGULATORY AUTHORITY	Reports prescribed by state law or regulation or local policy received by a municipality as regulatory authority from electric utilities.	5 years.	
UT5075-06	RIVER FLOW DATA	River flow data collected in connection with hydroelectric plant operations.	PERMANENT.	

## PART 5: GAS UTILITY RECORDS

Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
UT5100-01	GAS LEAK INVESTIGATION REPORTS	Reports of investigation of gas leaks.	2 years.	
UT5100-02	ODORIZATION RECORDS			
UT5100-02a	ODORIZATION RECORDS	List of odorization equipment in use, showing location, brand name and model number, and date last serviced.	US + 1 year.	
UT5100-02b	ODORIZATION RECORDS	Malodorant injection reports.	2 years.	
*UT5100-02c	ODORIZATION RECORDS	Malodorant concentration test reports.	2 years.	By regulation - 16 TAC 8.215(e)(1) and (3).
UT5100-03	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Internal reports, logs, or charts that document or summarize the operations of gas utility facilities, plants, and systems, <b>except</b> those noted elsewhere in this schedule.		
UT5100-03a	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Recording and gas measuring instrument charts.	1 year.	
UT5100-03b	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic reports and logs compiled on less than an annual basis <b>unless</b> includable in subsection (d).	3 years.	
UT5100-03c	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic surveys to secure data for compliance reports submitted to regulatory authorities <b>unless</b> includable in subsection (d).	3 years.	

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Record Number	Record Title	Record Description	Retention Period	Remarks
*UT5100-03d	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Periodic reports, logs, or surveys necessary to demonstrate compliance with natural gas pipeline safety rules of the Texas Railroad Commission, including accident reports.	5 years.	By regulation - 16 TAC 8.105.
UT5100-03e	OPERATIONS REPORTS	Annual reports.	PERMANENT.	
UT5100-04	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE RAILROAD COMMISSION	Reports or plans, as required by law or regulation, submitted to the Railroad Commission as regulatory authority by local government owned gas utilities <b>except</b> reports listed elsewhere in this schedule.		
UT5100-04a	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE RAILROAD COMMISSION	Annual and biennial reports or special reports ordered or required by a regulatory authority.	PERMANENT.	
UT5100-04b	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE RAILROAD COMMISSION	Periodic reports compiled and submitted on less than an annual basis.	3 years.	
UT5100-04c	REPORTS AND PLANS TO THE RAILROAD COMMISSION	Construction reports.	PERMANENT.	
UT5100-05	REPORTS AND PLANS TO MUNICIPALITY AS REGULATORY AUTHORITY	Reports prescribed by state law or regulation or local policy received by a municipality as regulatory authority from gas utilities.	5 years.	

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## Appendix B

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Records Management Officer (RMO) Approval Signature:	Date

Information from the Records Retention Schedule			Disposition Method: See legend below		Enter "X" after approved →			
Records Series Title	Retention Period	From-To Dates of Records	Action	Volume	Actual Disposition Date	Initial	See Att	
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#### Legend

**Retention Period Codes**: FE/Fiscal year; AC/See Ret Schedule; US/Until superseded; CE/Calendar year; LA/Life of Asset; AV/Administratively Valuable; PM/Permanent

**Actions:** R/Recycling (open records only); S/Shred; B/Burn; P/Pulp; D/Delete electronic records; A/Transfer to Archives; AR/Archival Review needed. **Disposition Date:** AFTER NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL-Date put in recycling; added to locked bin for confidential shredding; deleted; or sent to Archives. **See Att (See Attachment):** Put an X in this field if there is an attachment giving more detail about the records being destroyed.

## Appendix C

## Office of the City Secretary

## Items in this box:

City Secretary Meeting Notes & Citizens to be Heard Comments – 2018-2020

Record Number GR1000-09 & GR1000-50

Retention Period: AV