

# RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

## PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



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## **Program Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies**

The records retention and disposition schedules and retention periods governing the records series listed herein are hereby approved. This approval extends to and includes the following standards in the **2021 Program Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies**:

10. Airport Authority Records
11. Animal Services Records
12. Code Enforcement and Inspection Records
13. Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department Records
14. Parks and Recreation Records
15. Planning and Regulation of Development Records
16. Public Housing Authorities, Redevelopment Commissions, and Entitlement Communities Records
17. Public Transportation Systems Records
18. Public Utilities and Environmental/Waste Management Records
19. Street Maintenance, Public Works, and Engineering Records
20. Law Enforcement Records (excluding Sheriff's Offices)
21. Tax Records (for municipalities)

In accordance with the provisions of Chapters 121 and 132 of the *General Statutes of North Carolina*, it is agreed that the records do not and will not have further use or value for official business, research, or reference purposes after the respective retention periods specified herein and are authorized to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the agency or official having custody of them without further reference to or approval of either party to this agreement.

### **Destructions**

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 121-5 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to regulate the destruction of public records. Furthermore, the local government agency agrees to comply with 07 NCAC 04M .0510 when deciding on a method of destruction. The North Carolina Administrative Code states:

“(a) Paper records which have met their required retention requirements and are not subject to legal or other audit holds should be destroyed in one of the following ways:

1. burned, unless prohibited by local ordinance;
2. shredded, or torn up so as to destroy the record content of the documents or material concerned;
3. placed in acid vats so as to reduce the paper to pulp and to terminate the existence of the documents or materials concerned; or
4. sold as waste paper, provided that the purchaser agrees in writing that the documents or materials concerned will not be resold without pulverizing or shredding the documents so that the information contained within cannot be practicably read or reconstructed.

(b) When used in an approved records retention and disposition schedule, the provision that electronic records are to be destroyed means that the data and metadata are to be overwritten, deleted, and unlinked so the data and metadata may not be practicably reconstructed.

(c) When used in an approved records retention and disposition schedule, the provision that confidential records of any format are to be destroyed means the data, metadata, and physical media are to be destroyed in such a manner that the information cannot be read or reconstructed under any means.”

All local government agencies should maintain logs of their destructions either in the minutes of their governing board or in their Records Management file. Confidential records will be destroyed in such a manner that the records cannot be practicably read or reconstructed.

***Public records, including electronic records, not listed in this schedule are not authorized to be destroyed.***

### **Audits and Litigation Actions**

Records subject to audit or those legally required for ongoing official proceedings must be retained until released from such audits or official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule.

### **Electronic Records**

All local government agencies and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources concur that the long-term and/or permanent preservation of electronic records requires additional commitment and active management by the agency. Agencies agree to comply with all policies, standards, and best practices published by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources regarding the creation and management of electronic records.

Local government agencies should consider retention requirements and disposition authorities when designing and implementing electronic records management systems. Any type of electronically-created or electronically-stored information falls under the North Carolina General Assembly's definition of public records cited above. For example, e-mail, text messages, blog posts, voicemails, websites, word processing documents, spreadsheets, databases, and PDFs all fall within this definition of public records. In addition, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6.1(a) specifies:

“Databases purchased, leased, created, or otherwise acquired by every public agency containing public records shall be designed and maintained in a manner that does not impair or impede the public agency's ability to permit the public inspection and examination of public records and provides a means of obtaining copies of such records. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the retention by the public agency of obsolete hardware or software.”

Local government agencies may scan any paper record and retain it electronically for ease of retrieval. If an agency wishes to destroy the original paper records before their assigned retention periods have been met, the agency must establish an electronic records policy, including putting into place procedures for quality assurance and documentation of authorization for records destructions approved by the Government Records Section. This electronic records policy and releases for destruction of records must be approved by the Government Records Section. Agencies should be aware that for the purpose of any audit, litigation, or public records request, they are considered the records custodian obligated to produce requested records, even if said records are being maintained electronically by an outside vendor. Therefore, contracts regarding electronically stored information should be carefully negotiated to specify how records can be exported in case a vendor goes out of business or the agency decides to award the contract to a different vendor.

### **Reference Copies**

All local government agencies and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources agree that certain records series possess only brief administrative, fiscal, legal, research, and reference value. These records series have been designated by retention periods that allow these records to be destroyed when “*reference value ends.*” All local government agencies hereby agree that they will establish and enforce internal policies setting minimum retention periods for the records that Natural and Cultural Resources has scheduled with the disposition instruction “*destroy when reference value ends.*” If a local government agency does not establish internal policies and retention periods, the local government agency is not complying with the provisions of this retention schedule and is not authorized by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to destroy the records with the disposition instruction “*destroy when reference value ends.*”

### **Record Copy**

A record copy is defined as “The single copy of a document, often the original, that is designated as the official copy for reference and preservation.”<sup>1</sup> The record copy is the one whose retention and disposition is mandated by these schedules; all additional copies are considered reference or access copies and can be destroyed when their usefulness expires. In some cases, postings to social media may be unofficial copies of information that is captured elsewhere as a record copy (e.g., a press release about an upcoming agency event that is copied to various social

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<sup>1</sup> Society of American Archivists, *Dictionary of Archives Terminology*.

media platforms). Appropriately retaining record copies and disposing of reference copies requires agencies to designate clearly what position or office is required to maintain an official record for the duration of its designated retention period.

### **Transitory Records**

Transitory records are defined as “record[s] that [have] little or no documentary or evidential value and that need not be set aside for future use.”<sup>2</sup>

North Carolina has a broad definition of public records. However, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources recognizes that some records may have little or no long-term documentary or evidential value to the creating agency. These records are often called transitory records. They may be disposed of according to the guidance below. However, all public employees should be familiar with their appropriate retention schedule and any other applicable guidelines for their office. If there is a required retention period for these records, that requirement must be followed. When in doubt about whether a record is transitory or whether it has special significance or importance, retain the record in question and seek guidance from a DNCR records analyst.

Routing slips and transmittal sheets adding no information to that contained in the transmitted material have minimal value after the material has been successfully transmitted. These records may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of after receipt of the material has been confirmed. Similarly, “while you were out” slips, memory aids, and other records requesting follow-up actions (including voicemails and calendar invites) have minimal value once the official action these records are supporting has been completed and documented. These records may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of once the action has been resolved.

Drafts and working papers, including notes and calculations, are materials gathered or created to assist in the creation of another record. All drafts and working papers are public records subject to all provisions of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, but many of them have minimal value after the final version of the record has been approved, and may be destroyed after final approval, if they are no longer necessary to support the analysis or conclusions of the official record. Drafts and working documents that may be destroyed after final approval include:

- Drafts and working papers for internal and external policies
- Drafts and working papers for internal administrative reports, such as daily and monthly activity reports;
- Drafts and working papers for internal, non-policy-level documents, such as informal workflows and manuals; and
- Drafts and working papers for presentations, workshops, and other explanations of agency policy that is already formally documented.

Forms used solely to create, update, or modify records in an electronic medium may be destroyed in office after completion of data entry and after all verification and quality control procedures, so long as these records are not required for audit or legal purposes. However, if the forms contain any analog components that are necessary to validate the information contained on them (e.g., a signature or notary’s seal), they must be retained according to the disposition instructions for the records series encompassing the forms’ function.


It is further agreed that these records may not be destroyed prior to the time periods stated; however, for sufficient reason they may be retained for longer periods. These schedules supersede previous versions of these schedules and any localized amendments; they are to remain in effect from the date of approval until they are reviewed and updated.

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.


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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ✓ Some records are covered by the *General Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies* and, therefore, are not listed separately here.
- ✓ According to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 121-5(b) and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-3, you may destroy public records only with the consent of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR). The State Archives of North Carolina is the division of DNCR charged with administering a records management program. This schedule is the primary way the State Archives of North Carolina gives its consent. Without approving this schedule, your agency is obligated to obtain the State Archives of North Carolina's permission to destroy *any* record, no matter how insignificant.
- ✓ Each records series listed on this schedule has specific disposition instructions that will indicate how long the series must be kept in your office. In some cases, the disposition instructions are simply "retain in office permanently," which means that those records must be kept in your office forever. In other cases, the retention period may be "destroy in office when reference value ends." An agency may have reference copies of materials, meaning "a copy of a record distributed to make recipients aware of the content but not directing the recipient to take any action on the matter" (from Society of American Archivists, *Dictionary of Archives Terminology*). Your agency must establish and enforce internal policies by setting minimum retention periods for the records that the State Archives of North Carolina has scheduled with the disposition instructions, "destroy when reference value ends."
- ✓ E-mail is a record as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 121-5 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132. It is the content of the e-mail that is critical when determining the retention period of a particular e-mail, including attachments, not the media in which the record was created. It is important for all agency employees and officials to determine the appropriate records series for specific e-mails and retain them according to the disposition instructions listed with the identified record series.
- ✓ The State Archives of North Carolina recommends that all agency employees and officials view the tutorials that are available online through the State Archives website in order to familiarize themselves with records management principles and practices. The State Archives of North Carolina's online tutorials include topics such as records management and scanning guidelines.
- ✓ The State Archives of North Carolina creates security preservation record copies for minutes and selected other records of governing bodies and commissions, adoption records, and maps and plats. Agencies can request copies of the digital images made during this process. Contact the appropriate Records Management Analyst to begin this process.
- ✓ If you have records that are not listed in this schedule, contact a Records Management Analyst. An analyst will discuss the nature of the records with you to determine if the records have historical value. If the records do not have historical value, we will ask you to complete a [Request for Disposal of Unscheduled Records](#) (page A-19) for records that are no longer being created.

## LEGEND FOR RECORDS SCHEDULE

This records retention and disposition schedule applies to records in all media, unless otherwise specified.



– symbol designating that one or more records in this series may be confidential or Includes confidential information.

**Item #** – an identifying number assigned to each records series for ease of reference.

**Series** – “a group of similar records that are . . . related as the result of being created, received, or used in the same activity.” (From Society of American Archivists, *Dictionary of Archives Terminology*). Series in this schedule are based on common functions in government offices.

**Records Series Title** – a short identification of the records in a series, based on their common function.

**Series Description** – a longer description of the records in a series, often including the types of records that can frequently be found in that series. This information is included underneath the Records Series Title.

**Disposition Instructions** – instructions dictating the length of time a series must be retained and how the office should dispose of those records after that time.

**Citation** – a listing of references to statutes, laws, and codes related to the records series. Citations can include:

- Authority: governing the creation of records
- Confidentiality: limiting access to public records
- Retention: setting a retention period

Throughout this schedule, items that cross-reference other items within this schedule are indicated with a SEE ALSO reference. If you hover your cursor over one of these items, you will see the hand tool that will enable you to click on the item to follow the link to that location.

### AUDITS: PERFORMANCE

Records concerning internal and external audits conducted to assess the function of government programs. Includes reports, working papers, corrective measures, and other related records.

SEE ALSO: Audits: Financial (STANDARD 2: BUDGET, FISCAL, AND PAYROLL RECORDS).

*Sample records series title and description with cross-reference included*

***No destruction of records may take place if litigation or audits are pending or reasonably anticipated. See also AUDITS, LITIGATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIONS, page A-5.***



**STANDARD 10: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – AIRPORT AUTHORITY RECORDS**  
 Official records and materials created and accumulated incidental to the operation of a county or municipal airport.

ITEM #	STANDARD 10: AIRPORT AUTHORITY RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
10.01	<b>ACCESS CONTROL RECORDS</b> Records concerning employee or contractor access to facilities or resources.	Destroy in office 1 year after expiration.	
10.02	<b>AIR SPACE CONSTRUCTION</b> Applications to construct structures which may obstruct flight space. Includes correspondence and related records.	Destroy in office after 5 years.	
10.03	<b>AIRFIELD INSPECTION</b> Records concerning airfield inspections on runway conditions, fueling agents, fire and rescue facilities, ground vehicle control and other airport condition information.	Destroy in office after 1 year.	Authority/Retention: 14 CFR 139.301
10.04	<b>AIRPORT MASTER RECORD</b> Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) form 5010 documenting basic information concerning airports.	Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.	

\* No destruction of records may take place if audits or litigation are pending or reasonably anticipated. See AUDITS, LITIGATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION, page A-5.

± The agency hereby agrees that it will establish and enforce internal policies setting minimum retention periods for the records that Natural and Cultural Resources has scheduled with the disposition instruction “destroy when reference value ends.” Please use the space provided.



ITEM #	STANDARD 10: AIRPORT AUTHORITY RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
10.05	<b>LAND DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING STUDIES AND REPORTS</b> Records documenting local government and airport authority land use and development planning.	Retain in office permanently.	
10.06	<b>RADIO LOGS</b> Records of radio calls received and placed.	Destroy in office after 1 year.	

10: Airport Authority

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**STANDARD 11: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS**



Records created and received during the conduct of animal services programs.

NOTE: Some records are covered by General Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies and, therefore, are not listed separately here. See Reference (Reading) File and Reports and Studies (Administration and Management Records).

ITEM #	STANDARD 11: ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
11.01	<b>ANIMAL ABUSE AND CRUELTY RECORDS</b> Includes complaints, citations and/or compliance orders, and other related records.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	See G.S. 14-360 for definition of animal cruelty.
11.02	<b>ANIMAL COMPLAINT RECORDS</b> Includes complaints of animal nuisances.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
11.03	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL RECORDS</b> Records of animal control calls. Includes information regarding animal bites, animals received from residents, strays caught, animals taken to shelter or returned to owner, use of tranquilizer guns, and other related records. Also includes citations and/or compliance orders issued to animal owners for violations of government ordinances.	a) Destroy in office records concerning dangerous animals when known dead or after 10 years. b) Destroy in office animal control citations and compliance orders after 3 years.* c) Destroy in office remaining records after 1 year.	

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ITEM #	STANDARD 11: ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
11.04 	<b>ANIMAL LICENSING RECORDS</b> Records concerning the licensing of dogs, cats, and other animals. Includes owner and animal information and record of fees paid.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.2 (2)
11.05 	<b>ANIMAL SHELTER RECORDS</b> Records of animals impounded at the shelter, including date of impoundment, length of impoundment, disposition of animal, and any other information required by rules adopted by the State Board of Agriculture. Also includes certificates of animal release (e.g., adoption, reclaim, transfer, return to field) and owner contact records.	Destroy in office 3 years after date of impoundment.	Authority/Retention: G.S. 19A-32.1(j)  Confidentiality (for specific counties): G.S. 132-1.15
11.06	<b>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EUTHANASIA LOG</b> Includes amount of controlled substances used.	Destroy in office after 2 years.	Retention: 21 CFR 1304.04
11.07	<b>HISTORIES OF PET OWNERS</b> Records concerning information for each animal owner who violates government ordinances. Includes complaint forms and other related records.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
11.08	<b>RABIES VACCINATION RECORDS</b> Includes rabies vaccination certificates submitted to agency by area veterinarians.	Destroy in office after 3 years.	Authority: G.S. 130A-189

11: Animal Services


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**STANDARD 12: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS**

Official records and materials created and accumulated during the conduct of local government code enforcement and inspection programs.

NOTE: Some records are covered by the General Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies and, therefore, are not listed separately here.

ITEM #	STANDARD 12: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.01	<p><b>AIR POLLUTION SOURCE INFORMATION</b> Includes records for facilities which are no longer operational.</p>	Destroy in office after 2 years.*	
12.02	<p> <b>BLUEPRINTS AND SPECIFICATIONS</b> Records concerning blueprints and specifications of local government owned buildings and facilities, or drawings submitted when applying for a building permit for new construction. Includes as-built plans and related records concerning approved changes or used in determining code compliance and enforcement of building code.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Blueprints and Specifications (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Retain agency blueprints and specifications for life of structure.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office commercial blueprints and specifications 1 year after completion of project.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office residential blueprints and specifications when reference value ends.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>life of structure</u></p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7

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ITEM #	STANDARD 12: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.03	<p><b>BUILDING AND ROAD PERMITTING AND INSPECTION RECORDS</b> Records documenting applications for permits from property owners to erect new structures or manufactured homes, or to make structural modifications, demolition, fire permits, or the installation of plumbing, electrical, or mechanical systems. Includes permits, inspection reports, inspector’s worksheets, inspection requests, denial reports, sketches, correspondence (including e-mail), and contractor change forms.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office permits, applications, and inspection reports (or worksheets) 6 years after Certificate of Occupancy is issued or project is complete (inactive).</p> <p>b) Destroy in office Certificate of Occupancy 6 years after permit is expired.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office remaining records, including applications for which a permit was never issued, when reference value ends.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u></p>	
12.04	<p><b>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LABS DECONTAMINATION RECORDS</b> Records concerning decontamination compliance.</p>	Destroy in office 3 years after documented decontamination is complete.	
12.05	<p><b>DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS</b> Includes water conservation plans in the event of a drought.</p>	Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.	
12.06	<p><b>EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ENFORCEMENT CASES</b> Includes settled legal matters and penalties.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Violations: Building and Housing, below.</p>	Destroy in office 6 years after settlement.*	

12: Codes & Inspections

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ITEM #	STANDARD 12: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.07	<b>EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS</b> Includes approved and disapproved plans as well as revisions and addenda.	a) Destroy in office approved plans 6 years after approval or last revision and/or addendum.  b) Destroy in office non-approved plans after 3 years.	
12.08	<b>EXEMPTION (VARIANCE) RECORDS</b> Records concerning exemptions and variances concerned with the installation of water, sewer, gas, or electric lines.	a) Destroy in office 5 years after expiration.*  b) Destroy in office records for which an exemption or variance was not issued after 3 years.	Retention: 40 CFR 141.33 15A NCAC 18C .1526
12.09	<b>GOING-OUT-OF-BUSINESS LICENSES</b> Records concerning licenses granted to business to hold going out of business, water and smoke damage, and distress sales.	Destroy in office 1 year expiration.	
12.10	<b>GROUNDWATER MONITORING RECORDS</b> Includes all groundwater monitoring wells and associated groundwater surface elevations.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	Authority: 15 NCAC 2C .0100
12.11	<b>ILLEGAL DUMPING FILE</b> Records concerning illegal dumping complaints received.  SEE ALSO: Violations: Solid Waste Management, below.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	
12.12	<b>INSPECTIONS</b> Inspections conducted by local government agencies concerning enforcement of state and local laws, codes, and ordinances.	Destroy in office after 6 years.*	

12: Codes & Inspections

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ITEM #	STANDARD 12: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.13	<b>LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE RECORDS</b> Includes all monitoring records required by federal, state, and local regulations.	Destroy in office after 12 years.*	Retention: 40 CFR 141.91
12.14	<b>LANDFILL TONNAGE AND COST FILE</b>	Destroy in office after the 5 year reporting period is complete.	
12.15	<b>PERMITS: CONSTRUCTION</b> Records documenting applications and permits regarding sign installation, fencing, swimming pools, driveways, or similar activity required by local ordinance.  SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Miscellaneous (Non-Building) Applications, Licenses, and Permits (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).	a) Destroy in office 3 years after completion of project.  b) Destroy in office applications for which a permit was never issued when reference value ends.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u>	
12.16	 <b>PERMITS: PUBLIC UTILITIES PROJECTS</b> Records documenting permits, approval letters, and other related documentation required by local, state, or federal ordinance, regulation, or statute. Includes records regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.	a) Retain in office approval letters and supporting documentation permanently.  b) Destroy in office permits 6 years after expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial.*	Authority: 40 CFR 122.28 15A NCAC 18C .0300  Confidentiality: 15A NCAC 02H .0115

12: Codes & Inspections

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ITEM #	STANDARD 12: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.17	<p><b>RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECORDS</b> Records concerning issuance of registrations/decals for recreational vehicles. Includes, but is not limited to, golf carts, canoes, and mopeds as well as proof of insurance and renewals.</p>	Destroy in office 1 year after expiration.*	
12.18	<p><b>UNSAFE BUILDINGS FILE</b> Records documenting inspections and notifications to owners of unsafe conditions relative to a particular structure.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Violations: Building and Housing, below.</p>	Destroy in office after 6 years provided all issues have been resolved.*	
12.19	<p><b>VALVE OPERATION FILE</b></p>	<p>Destroy in office when reference value ends. ±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years, if generated</u></p>	
12.20	<p><b>VIOLATIONS: BUILDING AND HOUSING</b> Records documenting violations of building and fire code, minimum housing, and erosion and sediment control. Includes complaints, summons, notices, appeals, and other information created or compiled during the course of investigation and resolution of each alleged violation.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Water Analysis, below.</p>	<p>a) Destroy building code violations in office 6 years after verification of correction.</p> <p>b) Destroy remaining records in office 3 years after verification of correction.*</p>	

12: Codes & Inspections

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ITEM #	STANDARD 12: CODE ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.21	<b>VIOLATIONS: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> Includes complaints, notices of violations, citations, investigation records, court documents, and other related records issued by solid waste environmental enforcement programs.	Destroy in office 7 years after resolution of case.*	
12.22	<b>VIOLATIONS: WATER CONSERVATION</b> Records concerning notices of water conservation violations.	Destroy in office when reference value ends. ± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years, if generated</u>	
12.23	<b>WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND ABATEMENT RECORDS</b>	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	Authority: 15A NCAC 2B .0505
12.24	<b>WASTEWATER QUALITY ANALYSIS RECORDS</b>	a) Destroy in office analysis reports after 3 years.* b) Destroy in office monitoring and calculation sheets after 1 year.*	Authority: 15A NCAC 2B .0505

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
12.25	<p><b>WATER ANALYSIS</b> Records concerning bacteriological, chemical, radiological, and physical analyses and climatological observations as well as records of actions taken to correct violations.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Violations: Building and Housing and Violations: Water Conservations, above.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office records of chemical and radiological analysis after 10 years.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office records of bacteriological and turbidity analysis after 5 years.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office records of actions taken to correct violations 3 years after last corrective action taken.</p> <p>d) Destroy in office remaining records after 5 years.</p>	<p>Retention: 40 CFR 141.33 15A NCAC 18C .1526</p>
12.26	<p><b>WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS RECORDS</b> Records concerning the operations of water supply, treatment, distribution, and collection. Includes backflow prevention reports, flow reports, capacity studies, pump station reports, and similar records that summarize</p>	<p>Destroy in office after 10 years.</p>	<p>Retention: 40 CFR 141.33 15A NCAC 18C .1526</p>
12.27	<p><b>WATER TANKS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND BOOSTER STATIONS FILE</b></p>	<p>Destroy in office after 5 years.*</p>	

12: Codes & Inspections



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**STANDARD 13: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS**


Official records documenting the primary functions of emergency services programs and fire departments.

Footage from body-worn cameras is scheduled by the content captured or the purpose of the footage rather than by its format. Recordings may fit under FIRE INVESTIGATION CASE FILES, DISPATCH RECORDS AND RECORDINGS, PUBLICITY RECORDS (General Schedule), TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS (General Schedule), and other items as appropriate. Footage is only confidential if it fits within an item where confidentiality is conferred by state or federal statute.

ITEM #	STANDARD 13: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
13.01 	<p><b>911 COMMUNICATION RECORDS AND RECORDINGS</b> Records documenting any communications made by the public with 911. Includes transcripts and recordings of 911 calls received, transcripts of text messages received by 911, and computer-aided dispatch (CAD) reports.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Dispatch Records and Recordings, below AND PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Communication Records (STANDARD 20: LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS)</p>	Destroy in office after 30 days, if not made part of a case file.*	<p>Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.5 G.S. 132-1.4(c)(4)</p> <p>Retention: G.S. 132-1.4(i)</p>
13.02 	<p><b>AMBULANCE CALL REPORTS (ACR)/PATIENT CARE REPORTS (PCR)</b> Records concerning equipment used, patient location, nature of call, vital signs and other physical signs, care rendered, medicine ordered, etc.</p>	<p>a) Transfer copy of report to the admitting hospital for inclusion into patient's medical record.</p> <p>b) Destroy original in office after 3 years.*</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 130A-12

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ITEM #	STANDARD 13: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
13.03	<p><b>BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM PLANS</b> Records concerning plans and fire safety systems of commercial, industrial, and government-owned properties.</p>	Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.	
13.04	<p> <b>DISPATCH RECORDS AND RECORDINGS</b> Records and recordings concerning activities during an emergency services dispatch. Includes company run reports and fire journals as well as ambulance dispatch and service run records. Also includes footage from body-worn cameras of EMS and Fire Department personnel when responding to an emergency if not otherwise included in a separate item.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: 911 Communication Records and Recordings, above AND PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Communication Records (STANDARD 20: LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS).</p>	Destroy in office after 30 days, if not made part of a case file.*	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4 G.S. 143-518 45 CFR 164.501 42 U.S.C. 1395x
13.05	<p><b>FIRE ALARM AND AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHER FILE</b> Records documenting licenses and insurance certificates of companies that perform installations of fire alarm and automatic extinguishing systems.</p>	Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.	
13.06	<p><b>FIRE DISPATCH FILE</b> Records concerning fire dispatch zones. Includes maps of fire dispatch zones, census tract information, annexation research, street closings, and other related material.</p>	Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.	

13: EMS & Fire Department

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ITEM #	STANDARD 13: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
13.07	<p><b>FIRE INVESTIGATION CASE FILES</b> Records concerning investigations of fire. Includes reports, photographs, evidence, and other related records.</p> <p> SEE ALSO: PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Case File: Felonies AND Case File: Misdemeanors (STANDARD 20: LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Retain in office permanently when loss of life occurs or if a publicly-owned building is involved.*</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 10 years when arson is involved.*</p> <p>c) Destroy in office after 5 years when cause of fire is determined to be accidental and no loss of life occurs.*</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
13.08	<p><b>FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS</b> Records documenting inspections of and permits issued for fire protection measures and procedures for systems and buildings.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office inspections with no defects after 3 years.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office inspections with noted defects 3 years after defects are corrected.*</p> <p>c) Destroy in office permits 3 years after expiration.</p>	
13.09	<p><b>NORTH CAROLINA FIRE INCIDENT REPORT</b> Includes report required by state statute to document certain fire incidents.</p> <p><i>For retention of copies of fire incident reports filed with other agencies, see: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Reports (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</i></p>	Retain original report permanently.	Authority/Retention: G.S. 58-79-45

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ITEM #	STANDARD 13: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
13.10 	<b>PHARMACEUTICAL AND NARCOTICS RECORDS</b> Records documenting the administration of pharmaceuticals and narcotics to patients as required by the Drug Enforcement Agency.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: 21 CFR 1310.03  Confidentiality: G.S. 130A-12  Retention: 21 CFR 1310.04

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**STANDARD 14: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – PARKS AND RECREATION RECORDS**  
 Records created and received by Parks and Recreation departments.

ITEM #	STANDARD 14: PARKS AND RECREATION RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
14.01	<b>ADMISSION RECORDS</b> Records of admissions to parks or recreation facilities.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
14.02	<b>CITATIONS RECORDS</b> Citations issued by park personnel to persons who violate park rules and regulations.	Destroy in office after 2 years.	
14.03	<b>OFFICIALS FILE</b> Records concerning individuals who officiate games. Includes schedule and correspondence (including e-mail).  SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Payroll and Earnings Records (STANDARD 2: BUDGET, FISCAL, AND PAYROLL RECORDS) or Seasonal and Contract Worker Records (STANDARD 4: HUMAN RESOURCES RECORDS) for disposition of payment records.	Destroy in office after 3 years.	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
14.04	<p><b>PARKS PLANNING FILE</b> Records concerning master plans and working plans for each park property and recreational facility which show layout, topography, and proposed developments and improvements. Includes drainage and resource maps, aerial maps, site analysis drawings, construction plans, and as-built drawings.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Strategic Plan (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS) AND GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Maps: Parks (STANDARD 3: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) If an element of the Strategic Plan, destroy in office when reference value ends.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u></p> <p>b) If not an element of the Strategic Plan, destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.</p>	
14.05	<p><b>POOL RECORDS</b> Records concerning monthly reports indicating operational data, chemicals used, chlorination levels and other information relating to pool construction, maintenance, and health and safety.</p>	Destroy in office after 1 year.	
14.06	<p> <b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b> Records concerning athletic and recreation programs. Includes staff notes, lesson plans, course descriptions, instruction manuals, schedules, team rosters, reservation records, copies of receipts for fees paid, age verification records, and concession operators list.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office program records after 3 years.</p> <p>b) Destroy age verification records when reference value ends.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u></p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.12

14: Parks and Recreation

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
14.07	TICKET STUBS	Destroy in office when reference value ends. ±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>1 year</u>	

14: Parks and Recreation

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**STANDARD 15: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT RECORDS**

Official records and materials created and accumulated during the conduct of local government planning, regulation of development, and zoning programs.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) records are found in Standard 16: Public Housing Authorities, Redevelopment Commissions, and Entitlement Communities Records.

NOTE: Some records are covered by the Local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and, therefore, are not listed separately here.

ITEM #	STANDARD 15: PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
15.01	<b>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CASE FILES AND INDEXES</b> Cases submitted to the board requesting variances from current zoning ordinances. Includes indexes to cases reviewed by the board.	a) Retain indices in office permanently. b) Destroy in office case files after 6 years.*	Retention: G.S. 1-50(5)

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ITEM #	STANDARD 15: PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
15.02	<p><b>CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS</b>                      Certificates submitted by the Historic Preservation Commission allowing alterations to exterior portions of building and structures on or within historic landmarks and districts. Includes applications and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Retain in office certificates for life of structure and then destroy.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office denied applications when reference value ends. ±                       Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u></p> <p>c) Destroy in office remaining records when reference value ends. ±                       Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u></p>	<p>Authority:                      G.S. 160A-400.9</p>
15.03	<p><b>COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND AMENDMENTS</b>                      Official copies of comprehensive plan and all background surveys, studies, reports, draft versions of plans, and supporting documentation.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Strategic Plan (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Retain in office permanently adopted plan and amendments.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office remaining records 3 years after adoption of plan.</p>	

15: Planning and Regulation of Development

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
15.04	<b>CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RECORDS AND INDEX</b> Records concerning applications for conditional use permits. Permits allow for the construction of buildings, on the condition that impacts on neighborhoods are mitigated. Includes original application, blueprint drawings, investigative reports, planning commission recommendations, cash receipts, and related correspondence (including e-mail). Also includes reference copies of variances or exceptions from zoning regulations granted by the Board of Adjustment.	a) Destroy in office 3 years after discontinuance of use.  b) Destroy in office applications for which a permit was never issued when reference value ends. ±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u>	
15.05	<b>DECLARATIONS AND BY-LAWS FROM TOWNHOUSES, CONDOMINIUMS, PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, COMMON AREAS, ETC.</b>	a) If not filed in Register of Deeds or similar agency, retain in office permanently.  b) If filed in Register of Deeds or similar agency, destroy in office when reference value ends. ±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u>	Authority: G.S. 47C-2-103
15.06	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES</b> Records and reports concerning the environmental impact of major projects proposed by localities and reviewed by local officials.	Retain in office permanently.	
15.07	<b>OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION CASE FILE</b>	Retain in office permanently.	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
15.08	<b>PERMITS: TEMPORARY MANUFACTURED HOME</b> Records created to temporarily authorize the location of a manufactured home on the same lot as a single family residence.	Destroy in office 6 years after permit expires.	Retention: G.S. 1-50(5)
15.09	<b>PERMITS: ZONING COMPLIANCE</b> For residential uses, non-residential uses, and accessory structures.	a) Retain in office permits concerning subdivision, historical structure, major commercial or industrial development, or capital construction, where county or municipality is lead agency, permanently.  b) Destroy in office permits concerning subdivision, historic structures, major commercial or industrial development, or capital construction, where county or municipality is not lead agency, 6 years after last entry.  c) Destroy in office any other permits and related records 6 years after last entry.	Retention: G.S. 1-50(5)
15.10	<b>PETITION &amp; REGULATION RECORDS</b>	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
15.11	<p><b>PLANNING REVIEW CASE FILE</b> For required review of site plan, zoning variance, special permit, change of zoning, subdivision creation or enlargement, municipal or county planning action, or other required review; including, but not limited to, maps, plans, sketches, photographs, engineering reports, environmental impact statement and studies, copies of zoning records, project narrative, correspondence (including e-mail), and record of final determination.</p>	<p>a) Retain plan reviews and related records containing subdivision, historical structure, major commercial or industrial development, or capital construction, where county or municipality is lead agency, permanently.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office plan reviews and related records containing subdivision, historic structures, major commercial or industrial development, or capital construction, where county or municipality is not lead agency, 6 years after last entry.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office any other mandatory reviews and related records 6 years after last entry.</p>	Retention: G.S. 1-50(c)
15.12	<p><b>REZONING RECORDS AND INDEXES</b> Records concerning applications to rezone property within the county or municipality. Includes original applications, review forms, maps of areas involved, copies of investigative reports, copies of relevant planning board minutes, notices of hearings, and development agreements.</p>	Retain in office permanently.	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
15.13	<p><b>SUBDIVISION RECORDS</b> Includes maps, plats, topographical data, names of streets, records of public utilities, action by council, etc. Also includes preliminary subdivision and group development site plans.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Maps: Plats (STANDARD 3: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) If not filed in Register of Deeds or similar agency, retain in office permanently.</p> <p>b) If filed in Register of Deeds or similar agency, destroy in office when reference value ends. ±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 years</u></p>	
15.14	<p><b>VARIANCES</b> Includes zoning variances, watershed variances, and subdivision variances.</p>	Retain official copies permanently in the minutes of the Board of Adjustment or other governing body.	
15.15	<p><b>VIOLATIONS: ZONING</b> Records concerning notices of zoning violations.</p>	Destroy in office after 6 years.*	Retention: G.S. 1-50(5)

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**STANDARD 16: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES, REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS, AND ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES RECORDS**

Official records and materials created and received by public housing authorities, redevelopment commissions, and entitlement communities operated by local government agencies. Where there is a local funding match required to qualify for grant programs, all records should be retained according to the grant requirements listed below.

NOTES: Some records, such as those for Section 8 assistance, are covered by the Local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and, therefore, are not listed separately here. See Bond Closing Records (Budget, Fiscal, and Payroll Records), Grants (Administration and Management Records), and Grants: Financial (Budget, Fiscal, and Payroll Records). 24 CFR Parts 50-58 lay out the environmental review responsibilities of entities but do not establish specific retention requirements, so these records should be handled in accordance with the requirements of the funding source.

ITEM #	STANDARD 16: PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES, REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS, AND ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
16.01	<p><b>APPRAISAL PROJECT FILE</b> Evaluations of properties and structures within proposed projects. File includes financial assessments of the worth of real estate and building within proposed project areas. File may also include assessments of architectural and historical significance and condition of the involved structures and real estate.</p>	<p>a) Retain records with historical value permanently.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office remaining records 5 years after completion of abandonment of project.*</p>	

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ITEM #	STANDARD 16: PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES, REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS, AND ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
16.02	<p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) RECORDS</b> Records concerning the administration of projects funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including both direct grants and regrants. Includes applications, reports, audits, certificates, maps, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Retain records with historical value permanently. b) Destroy in office rejected applications after 1 year. c) Destroy in office remaining records 4 years after execution of the closeout agreement for the grant.</p>	Retention: 24 CFR 570
16.03	<p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) RECORDS: OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCES</b> Records concerning individual activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for which there are outstanding loan balances, other receivables, or contingent liabilities. Includes reports, audits, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) For recipients, destroy in office 3 years after the receivables or liabilities have been satisfied. b) For subrecipients, destroy in office after such receivables or liabilities have been satisfied.</p>	Retention: 24 CFR 570.502(a)(7)(i)(B)
16.04	<p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) RECORDS: SUBJECT TO REVERSION OF ASSETS PROVISIONS OR CHANGE OF USE OF REAL PROPERTY</b> Records concerning real property which was acquired or improved in whole or in part using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Includes reports, audits, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) For recipients, destroy in office 3 years after these provisions no longer apply to the activity. b) For subrecipients, destroy in office when these provisions no longer apply to the activity.</p>	Authority: 24 CFR 570.503(b)(7) 24 CFR 570.505  Retention: 24 CFR 570.502(a)(7)(i)(B)

16: Public Housing

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
16.05	<p><b>CONTINUUM OF CARE RECORDS</b> Records documenting the participation of the agency in funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Includes required Federal compliance records, program records, financial records, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office records documenting the acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation of a project site 15 years after the date site is first occupied/used.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office program participant records 5 years after the expenditure of all funds from the grant under which the program participant was served.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office all remaining records after 5 years.</p>	Retention: 24 CFR 578.103(c)
16.06	<p> <b>CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS</b> Records received by the local agency to screen applicants for admission to covered housing programs and for lease enforcement or eviction.</p>	Destroy in office once the purpose for which the record was requested has been accomplished, including expiration of the period for filing a challenge to the PHA action without institution of a challenge or final disposition of any such litigation.	Confidentiality/ Retention: 24 CFR 5.903(g) 24 CFR 5.905(c)

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ITEM #	STANDARD 16: PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES, REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS, AND ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES RECORDS		
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16.07	 <p><b>EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) RECORDS</b> Records documenting the participation of the agency in funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Includes case management records for program participants, required federal compliance records, program records, financial records, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Destroy records supporting the expenditure of federal funds passed through NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on a fiscal year basis when the DHHS Office of the Controller provides written guidance that records are released from all audits and other official actions.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office records documenting renovation of an emergency shelter 10 years after the date that ESG funds are first obligated for the renovation.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office participant records 5 years after the expenditure of all funds from the grant under which the program participant was served.</p> <p>d) Destroy in office all remaining records after 5 years.</p>	<p>Confidentiality: 24 CFR 576.500(x)</p> <p>Retention: 24 CFR 576.500(y)</p>
16.08	<p><b>FAÇADE PROJECT FILES</b> Records documenting the re-granting of funds received by the agency to restore exteriors of architecturally important structures in project areas. Includes contracts, photographs, and correspondence.</p>	<p>Retain in office permanently.</p>	

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16.09	<p><b>HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM RECORDS</b> Records documenting the participation of the agency in funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Includes records concerning designation as a participating jurisdiction, program records, project records, Community Housing Development Organizations records, financial records, program administration records, records concerning other federal requirements, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office rental assistance records 5 years after termination of assistance.* b) Destroy in office written agreements 5 years after termination.* c) Destroy in office 5 years after the affordability period terminates records of individual tenant income verifications, projects rents and inspections, and documents imposing recapture/resale restrictions. d) Destroy in office records covering displacements and acquisition 5 years after final payment.* e) Destroy in office remaining records after 5 years.*</p>	<p>Authority/Retention: 24 CFR 92.508</p>
16.10	<p><b>HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</b> Records documenting the participation of the agency in funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Includes verifications of disability, grant agreements, performance reports, and other related records.</p>	<p>Destroy in office 5 years after the end of the grant term.</p>	<p>Retention: 24 CFR 582.301(c) 24 CFR 583.305(c)</p>

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16.11	<p><b>HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) RECORDS</b> Records documenting the participation of the agency in funding by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Includes grant agreements, performance reports, and other related records.</p>	Destroy in office after 5 years.	Authority/Retention: 24 CFR 574 24 CFR 5.106(d)
16.12	<p><b>LANDLORD MONITORING RECORDS</b> Records documenting monitoring of landlords of properties used in affordable or subsidized housing programs. Includes certifications and forms and other compliance-related records.</p>	Destroy in office after 5 years.	
16.13	<p><b>REDEVELOPMENT PLANS</b> Records concerning redevelopment projects. Includes documentation of the review and certification process.</p>	<p>a) Retain in office permanently records concerning approved redevelopment projects.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office remaining records 2 years after rejection.</p>	

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**STANDARD 17: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS RECORDS**

Records received and created by area transit systems and authorities necessary to meet all statutory requirements.

NOTE: Some records are covered by the Local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and, therefore, are not listed separately here.

Comply with requirements of the Federal Transit Administration’s **Best Practice Procurement Manual**, Master Agreement MA(11) Section 8 manual.

ITEM #	STANDARD 17: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
17.01	<b>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PARATRANSIT RECORDS</b> Includes driver’s daily assignments, dispatch records, logs of passenger pick-ups and drop-offs, manifests, trip requests, and appeal forms.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	Authority: 2 CFR 200.333
17.02	<b>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PARATRANSIT VOUCHERS</b> Vouchers submitted by private transportation companies for reimbursement for alternative transportation of public transit clients.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	Authority: 2 CFR 200.333
17.03	<b>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PRE-TRIP INSPECTION FORMS</b>	Destroy in office after 1 year.	Authority: 2 CFR 200.333

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
17.04	<b>APPLICATIONS FOR ART-IN-TRANSIT</b> Applications and supporting documentation submitted by regional and national artists for exhibit on agency property.	Destroy in office when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u>	
17.05	<b>APPLICATIONS FOR DISCOUNT PASSES</b> Applications, certificates of disability, and supporting documentation used to apply for discount passes.	Destroy in office 3 years after service is terminated or denied.	
17.06	<b>APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSIT SERVICE</b> Includes customer applications, eligibility assessment records, correspondence (including e-mail), health information, riders' guides, and related records.	Destroy in office 3 years after service is terminated or denied.	
17.07	<b>CUSTOMER (RIDER) IDENTIFICATION RECORDS</b> Records concerning customer identification, approvals, denials, and related information.	Destroy in office when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>client deceases</u>	
17.08	<b>DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) RECORDS</b> Includes company's articles of incorporation, financial statements, signed affidavits, letters of reference, declarations, Federal Schedule A or B, and related correspondence (including e-mail).	a) Destroy in office company-specific records 5 years after company is removed from certified list. b) Destroy in office related DBE program records, including Federal Transit Administration reports, 5 years from date record was created.	Authority: 2 CFR 200.333
17.09	<b>OPERATOR SHIFT INSPECTION RECORDS</b> Reports and similar records of operator's inspections of vehicle at the beginning and end of shift.	Destroy in office after 5 years.	Authority: 2 CFR 200.333

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17.10	<b>ROUTE HISTORY RECORDS</b> Includes descriptions of routes, bus stops, passenger lists, and other related records.	Destroy in office when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>10 years</u>	
17.11	<b>SEAT BELT AND RESTRAINT SYSTEM RECORDS</b> Records concerning the use and installation of seat belts and other restraint systems in vehicles.	Destroy in office when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years, if generated</u>	
17.12	<b>TRANSIT SCHEDULES</b> Printed route schedules and related information used to generate schedules.	Destroy in office when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>6 months</u>	
17.13	<b>VANPOOL DRIVER APPLICATIONS</b> Applications and supporting records submitted by persons operating vanpool vehicles.	a) Destroy in office accepted applications 3 years after person leaves program.  b) Destroy in office applications for persons not accepted for program after 1 year.	

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**STANDARD 18: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL/WASTE MANAGEMENT RECORDS**

Official records and materials created and accumulated for use by municipal and county sanitation, water, sewage, electrical, and gas operations. Also contains environmental management records accumulated for use by erosion and sediment control, flood control, and monitoring of pollution. Comply with applicable provisions of G.S. §132-1.7 regarding confidentiality of public infrastructure detailed plans and drawings.

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
18.01	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL: COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Strategic Plan (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) If an element of the Strategic Plan, destroy in office when reference value ends. ±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years once superseded or obsolete.</u></p> <p>b) If not an element of the Strategic Plan, destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.</p>	<p>Authority: G.S. 130A-309.09A</p>
18.02	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL: CUSTOMER USAGE RECORDS</b></p> <p>Includes reports, plans or similar records submitted by industrial users or publicly-owned treatment works concerning intended or actual use of the wastewater treatment system.</p>	<p>Destroy in office after 3 years.*</p>	<p>Retention: 40 CFR 403.12(o)(3)</p>
18.03	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL: DAILY DISPOSAL TICKETS</b></p> <p>Record and/or receipts concerning the disposal of materials at the landfill.</p>	<p>Destroy in office after 3 years.*</p>	

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18.04	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL: DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORTS</b> Includes discharge and non-discharge monitoring reports submitted to state and/or federal regulatory agencies. Also includes copies of monthly reports required by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office NPDES reports 5 years from date of submission.* b) Destroy in office annual reports 5 years from date of submission.* c) Destroy in office daily reports after 3 years.</p>	<p>Retention: 40 CFR 122.41(3)(j)(2) 15A NCAC 2B .0506</p>
18.05	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL: LANDFILL MONITORING REPORTS</b> Gas and groundwater monitoring records and reports.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Audits: Performance (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Retain official reports permanently. b) Destroy in office remaining records after 3 years.</p>	<p>Retention: 15A NCAC 13B .1626(10)</p>
18.06	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL: LANDFILL OPERATIONAL PLAN</b> Describes the intended schedule of construction, description of on-site waste handling procedures during active life of the facility, contingency plans, description of maintenance of installed equipment, and any other information pertaining to the operation, maintenance, monitoring, or inspections as may be required by federal and state law.</p>	<p>Destroy when superseded or obsolete.*</p>	<p>Authority: G.S. 130A-309.09D</p>

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
18.07	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL: LANDFILL PERMITS</b> Permits and related records of landfills owned or operated by agency. Includes amendments and hazardous waste management permits.	a) Retain construction and operation permit for life of system and then destroy.  b) Destroy in office all other permits and related records after the 5-year reporting period is complete.	Retention: G.S. 130A-294 (b1) (4)
18.08	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL: NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS FOR IMPROPER DISCHARGE OR DISPOSAL FILE</b> Notices issued by agency concerning improper non-stormwater discharge or disposal. Includes improper disposal of waste or products, chlorinated pool discharge, vehicle maintenance facility runoff, food service waste, and other unregulated commercial and industrial discharges.	Destroy in office one year after resolution.	
18.09	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL: OUTSIDE WASTE CLEARANCE RECORDS</b> Records allowing parties outside the operator's jurisdiction to dispose of waste at landfill.	Destroy in office 3 years after expiration of agreement.	
18.10	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL: REPORTS SUBMITTED TO U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)</b>	Destroy in office after 2 years.*	
18.11	<b>EROSION CONTROL: EROSION AND SEDIMENT AFFIDAVITS</b> Forestry and agricultural affidavits clarifying land use exempt from land-disturbing activity standards.	Destroy in office after 6 years.	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
18.12	<b>EROSION CONTROL: EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL EXHIBIT RECORDS</b>	Destroy in office when reference value ends. ±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>record expires.</u>	
18.13	<b>EROSION CONTROL: EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTIONS</b> Inspections conducted by agency. Includes inspection requests, notices of violations, denial reports, sketches, plans, correspondence (including e-mail), and similar records concerning the construction, modification or demolition of existing and new roads and construction sites.	Destroy in office 6 years after final site inspection.*	
18.14	<b>EROSION CONTROL: EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PERMITS</b> Records concerning permits, including permit logs, issued for site construction.	a) Destroy in office records concerning approved permits 3 years after expiration of permit.  b) Destroy in office non-approved permits after 3 years.	
18.15	<b>EROSION CONTROL: EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS</b> Includes approved and disapproved plans submitted to agency. Includes revisions, addendums, and records delineating who is financially responsible for the project.	a) Destroy approved plans in office 3 years after expiration.  b) Destroy non-approved plans after 3 years.	Authority: 15A NCAC 04B .0118

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
18.16	<p><b>EROSION CONTROL: TROUT BUFFER VARIANCES</b> Includes denials and waivers.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Variances (STANDARD 15: PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office 6 years after approval of permit.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 3 years plans for which a permit was not issued.</p>	<p>Authority: 15A NCAC 04B .0125</p>
18.17	<p><b>FLOOD CONTROL: FLOOD CERTIFICATIONS</b> Records concerning lot reviews for construction projects submitted to agency.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Permits: Zoning Compliance (STANDARD 15: PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.</p>	
18.18	<p><b>FLOOD CONTROL: FLOOD STUDIES</b> Reviews of stream crossings for construction projects submitted to agency.</p>	<p>Retain in office for life of structure and then destroy.*</p>	
18.19	<p><b>UTILITIES: DAILY WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATORS LOGS</b> Records concerning water distribution and treatment.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office records concerning the operation of wastewater treatment facilities after 5 years.*</p> <p>b) Destroy in office records concerning the operation of water treatment facilities after 3 years.*</p>	<p>Authority: 15A NCAC 18C .1301</p>

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18.20 	<p><b>UTILITIES: ELECTRIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS FACILITY ENGINEERING AND SYSTEM PLANS</b> Includes authorizations to construct, building plans, and specifications of privately owned utilities.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Strategic Plan (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) If an element of the Strategic Plan, destroy in office when reference value ends. ±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>retain permanently</u>.</p> <p>b) If not an element of the Strategic Plan, destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7
18.21	<p><b>UTILITIES: ELECTRIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS PERMITS AND APPROVAL RECORDS</b> Permits, approval letters, and other related documentation required by local, state, or federal ordinance, regulation, or statute and issued by agency.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office permits 5 years after expiration, cancellation, revocation or denial.*</p> <p>b) Retain approval letters and supporting documentation permanently.</p>	
18.22	<p><b>UTILITIES: ELECTRIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR RECORDS</b> Records documenting installation, location, specifications, and maintenance history of meters, lines, pipes, pumps, and similar system equipment.</p>	Destroy in office 3 years after equipment is no longer owned and/or operational.	
18.23 	<p><b>UTILITIES: ELECTRIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLANS</b></p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Strategic Plan (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	Retain in office for life of system and then destroy.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7

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18.24	<b>UTILITIES: ELECTRIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS SYSTEM PROJECT RECORDS</b>	a) Retain project pre-approval and final approval letters for life of system and then destroy.  b) Destroy in office remaining records 5 years after project is completed.	
18.25	<b>UTILITIES: LANDLORD AGREEMENTS</b> Agreements to automatically transfer utility accounts to landlords when their tenant vacates a property.	Destroy in office 3 years after expiration of agreement.	
18.26	 <b>UTILITIES: MAPS (UTILITY INSTALLATIONS &amp; DISTRIBUTIONS)</b> Includes maps, plats, charts, and similar records showing the location of water mains, valves, hydrants, meters, etc., throughout the system.  SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Maps, All Other (STANDARD 3: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) RECORDS).	Retain for life of system and then destroy.	Authority: 15A NCAC 18C .0300  Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7

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18.27	<p><b>UTILITIES: METER INSTALLATION, TESTING AND CALIBRATION RECORDS (ELECTRIC, WATER, GAS)</b> Includes records concerning the installation or planned installation of meters and connecting any facility to utility system owned or operated by the agency.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office records verifying installation of meter 3 years after equipment is no longer owned and/or operational.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office notice to property owners of approval of utility installation after 2 years.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office remaining records after reference value ends.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u></p>	
18.28	<p><b>UTILITIES: PUBLIC UTILITIES INSPECTION FORMS</b> Records relating to the inspection of sanitation, electric, water, gas and sewer utilities submitted to or conducted by agency.</p>	<p>Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.</p>	

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18.29 	<b>UTILITIES: PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEM ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR RECORDS</b> Includes records documenting installation, authorizations to construct, building plans, location, specifications, and maintenance history, for hydrants, pipes, pumps, valves, and similar system equipment. Includes drainage system maintenance and repair records.	a) Retain in office as built plans and specifications for life of system and then destroy.  b) Destroy in office 5 years after equipment is no longer owned and/or operational if unlike replacement occurred.  c) Destroy in office 3 years after equipment is no longer owned and/or operational if like replacement occurred.  d) Destroy in office background surveys, studies, reports, drafts, and other records when superseded or obsolete.	Authority: 15A NCAC 18C .0300 15A NCAC 2H .0115  Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7
18.30	<b>UTILITIES: RECYCLING WATER RECORDS</b> Backwash recycling groundwater records.	Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.	Authority: 40 CFR 141.76(d)
18.31	<b>UTILITIES: SERVICE INTERRUPTION RECORDS</b> Includes reports, logs, or similar records documenting service interruptions.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	

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18.32	<b>UTILITIES: TAP AND HOOK UP RECORDS</b> Applications, permits, contracts, logs, or similar records documenting location and installation of water and wastewater hookup and taps.	a) Destroy in office permits and contracts 3 years after termination or cancellation.*  b) Destroy in office denied applications and remaining records when reference value ends. ±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.1(c)
18.33	<b>UTILITIES: WATER AND WASTEWATER PERMITS AND APPROVAL RECORDS</b> Permits, approval letters, and other related documentation required by local, state, or federal ordinance, regulation, or statute for systems owned or operated by agency. Includes records regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.	a) Retain approval letters and supporting documentation permanently.  b) Destroy in office permits and other records 5 years after expiration, cancellation, revocation or denial.*	Retention: 15A NCAC 18C .0300 15A NCAC 2H .0115 40 CFR 122.28
18.34	<b>UTILITIES: WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE OPERATION REPORTS</b>	Destroy in office after 3 years.	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
18.35	<p><b>WATER QUALITY: LABORATORY OPERATIONS RECORDS</b> Includes documentation of all analytical quality control practices, reporting units, forms, test methods, and related procedures pertaining to certification obtained by agency.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Audits: Performance (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office samples, raw data, analysis reports and related documentation after 5 years.*</p> <p>b) Destroy in office records concerning certification 2 years after expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial.*</p>	<p>Authority: 15A NCAC 02H .0805(7)(G) 15A NCAC 02H .1100</p>
18.36	<p><b>WATER QUALITY: PRETREATMENT PROGRAM RECORDS</b> Includes annual pretreatment reports, records of monitoring activities and results, water quality records and other related documentation.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office permits and supporting documentation 5 years after expiration, cancellation, revocation, or denial.*</p> <p>b) Destroy in office remaining records after 3 years.*</p>	<p>Retention: 15A NCAC 02H .0908(f)(1) 40 CFR 503.17</p>
18.37	<p><b>WATER QUALITY: PUBLIC WATER SANITARY SURVEY RECORDS</b> Includes reports, summaries, studies, correspondence (including e-mail), and other related records documenting the sanitary condition of system.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Audits: Performance (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office 10 years after completion of survey.*</p> <p>b) Destroy in office documentation of corrective measures 2 years after their implementation.</p>	<p>Retention: 40 CFR 141.33 15A NCAC 18C .1526</p>

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18.38	<b>WATER QUALITY: SEWER JETTING AND VECTORING RECORDS</b> Records documenting the routine cleaning of wastewater lines.	Destroy in office after 3 years.	
18.39	<b>WATER QUALITY: SLUDGE TREATMENT RECORDS</b> Includes analyses, certification statements, site restrictions, monitoring records, vector attraction reduction requirements, trip tickets, residual records, control plans and other related documentation conducted by or for agency.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	Retention: 40 CFR 503.17
18.40	<b>WATER QUALITY: STORMWATER DEVIATION PERMITS</b> Permits issued to single lots. Includes applications, certifications of installations, and related records.	a) Destroy in office permits and contracts 3 years after termination or cancellation.*  b) Destroy in office inspections submitted by owner when superseded or obsolete.	
18.41	<b>WATER QUALITY: VIOLATION RECORDS</b> Includes all documentation of actions taken to correct federal, state or local violations of water and wastewater management standards by agency.	Destroy in office after 5 years.*	Retention: 40 CFR 141.33 15A NCAC 18C .1526
18.42	<b>WATER QUALITY: WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSPECTIONS AND TESTS</b> Includes non-compliance inspections and test records conducted by a facility.	Destroy in office after 5 years.	

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**STANDARD 19: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS – STREET MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ENGINEERING RECORDS**


Official records and materials created and accumulated for constructing and maintaining municipal and county-maintained streets and other public works projects, and engineering records.

ITEM #	STANDARD 19: STREET MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ENGINEERING RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
19.01	<p><b>APPRAISAL REPORTS</b> Records appraising privately owned land for compensation in eminent domain projects.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Easements and Right-of-Way Agreements (STANDARD 6: LEGAL RECORDS).</p>	Destroy in office after 10 years.	
19.02	<p><b>CEMETERY DEEDS</b> Copies of deeds for the purchase of agency-owned cemetery plots. Includes applications or deed slips.</p>	<p>a) Retain 1 copy of deed in office permanently.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office remaining records when reference value ends.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>retain permanently</u>.</p>	
19.03	<p><b>CEMETERY INTERMENT RECORDS</b> Includes name of deceased, date of interment, and location of plot.</p>	<p>Retain in office permanently.</p> <p><i>Retention Note: If these records are maintained as an electronic database, a copy should be maintained on paper or microfilm and updated regularly.</i></p>	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
19.04	<b>EXCAVATION PERMITS</b> Applications, permits, and billing information for individuals and contractors requesting to work in the county or municipal right-of-way for demolitions or excavations.	a) Destroy in office billing records after 3 years.* b) Destroy in office applications and permits 1 year after expiration. c) Destroy in office applications for which a permit was never issued when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>2 years</u>	
19.05	<b>GRAVE OPENING ORDERS</b> Authorizations to dig graves in agency-owned cemeteries.	Destroy in office after 1 year.	
19.06	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE RECORDS</b> Records documenting the general maintenance and upkeep of infrastructure, including roads, traffic lights, and other public works.	Destroy in office after 3 years.	
19.07	<b>PLANNING FILE</b> Includes long-range and immediate plans for paving streets and other projects.	Destroy in office 5 years after superseded or obsolete.	
19.08	 <b>PROJECT RECORDS - CANCELLED</b> Background information for public works and engineering projects explored but not undertaken. Records are used as a reference file and include maps, project information, and the reason that the project failed.	a) Retain records with historical value permanently. b) Destroy in office remaining records when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7

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19.09 	<p><b>PROJECT RECORDS – CORE</b> Records used to document the design and construction of public works and engineering projects. Includes final as-built plans and specifications; certificate of completion/closure; policy correspondence (including e-mail), covenants; final estimates and budgetary summaries; geo-technical reports; environmental mitigation agreements; permits for right-of-way use, photographs documenting key aspects of construction as-built; final specifications; and as-built structural calculations.</p>	Destroy originals after life of structure ends.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7

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19.10	<p> <b>PROJECT RECORDS – ENGINEERING &amp; COMPLIANCE</b> Records used to document the engineering and technical areas of a public works and engineering project, as well as compliance with regulatory requirements. Includes superseded plans and specifications, agreements for construction and finance, billing information, change orders, force orders, work orders, construction claims, contract documentation, contracts, reports, diaries and narratives, EEO information, material certifications, material testing reports, notice to proceed, permit of entry, postings, pre-construction conference records, final progress payments, punch lists, regulations, shop drawings, and subcontractor information. File also includes environmental review records and proof of compliance with any mitigation measures required as a condition of project authorization.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Grants (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS); GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Grants: Financial (STANDARD 2: BUDGET, FISCAL, AND PAYROLL RECORDS); GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Payroll and Earnings Records (STANDARD 2: BUDGET, FISCAL, AND PAYROLL RECORDS.)</p>	Destroy in office 6 years after completion or termination of project.*	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7

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19.11	<p><b>PROJECT SHEETS FILE</b> Local forms listing property owners, lot or tract size, right-of-way data, tax value, and compensation.</p>	Destroy in office after 5 years.	
19.12	<p><b>RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION WORKING RECORDS</b> Includes records of negotiations on acquisition of rights-of-way related to public works and engineering projects, such as 10-day letter of notification, notification of intent to acquire, notice of condemnation action, and other correspondence (including e-mail) relating to right-of-way acquisitions.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Easements and Right-of-Way Agreements (STANDARD 6: LEGAL RECORDS).</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
19.13	<p><b>STREET NAME AND HOUSE NUMBER FILES</b> Records relating to the assignment of street names and house numbers. May also include records documenting street name changes, and non-temporary street openings and closings.</p>	Retain in office permanently.	

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19.14 	<p><b>STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE AND ANALYSIS RECORDS</b> Records used for maintenance, review, and analysis of permanent and temporary structures owned by third parties that extend, cross or abut the public right-of-way.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Blueprints and Specifications (STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS).</p>	Destroy records pertaining to structure 3 years after the end of life of the structure.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.7
19.15	<p><b>SURVEY FIELD RECORDS</b> Records used to document and establish easements and rights-of-way, and to locate reference points used during street and utility projects. Records include traverse information, tie sheets, sketches, field notes, plats, interpretation of field notes, alignments, profiles of projects, plans, grade sheets, estimates, databank ties, and other miscellaneous documents used to establish grades, rights-of-way and easements.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Easements and Right-of-Way Agreements (STANDARD 6: LEGAL RECORDS).</p>	<p>a) Retain records with historical value permanently.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office remaining records when superseded or obsolete.</p>	
19.16	<p><b>TRAFFIC ANALYSIS</b> Analysis of vehicle traffic within agency jurisdiction.</p>	Destroy in office after 5 years.	

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19.17	<b>TRAFFIC VIDEO RECORDINGS AND DATA</b> Recordings and other data used to monitor traffic levels.	Destroy in office after 30 days.*	


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**STANDARD 20: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS - LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS (EXCLUDING SHERIFF'S OFFICES)**

Records received and created by any local government law enforcement agency (excluding sheriff's offices) necessary to meet all statutory requirements. Comply with applicable provisions of G.S. §132-1.4 regarding confidentiality of law enforcement records and G.S. §153A-98 and G.S. §160A-168 regarding confidentiality of personal information of law enforcement officers.



Please note: Records created by county sheriff's offices fall under the purview of the Records Retention Schedule of County Sheriff's Offices.

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.01	<p><b>ALARM CALL REPORTS</b> Reports completed by officers responding to alarm calls. Includes listings of alarm type, time received, time arrived, reason for activation, and other related information. Includes forms completed by businesses and residences naming emergency contacts, location of safe, or other related information.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 30 days if not made part of a case file.</p>	
20.02	<p><b>ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAMS</b> Records documenting alternative sentencing programs. Includes work release and weekender service.</p>	Destroy in office 3 years after individual leaves program.	
20.03	<p><b>ARREST PROCESSING RECORDS</b> Records used to track a defendant's time and activities while in arrest processing. Includes time of arrival and time to and from each workstation.</p> 	Destroy in office 1 year after date of arrest.*	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4

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20.04 	<b>ARREST REPORTS</b> Reports concerning arrests made by officers.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office 5 years from date of arrest if report is not made part of a case file.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
20.05	<b>AUCTION RECORDS</b> Records concerning abandoned and unclaimed articles or found property in possession of law enforcement sold at public auction. May include auction receipts of monies received for items sold.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
20.06 	<b>CASE FILE: FELONIES</b> Includes investigative reports, complaint reports, fingerprint cards, original arrest reports, copies of warrants, special expenditure report, statements of seized and returned property, interview sheets; case status reports, photographs, court orders, correspondence; officer's notes, court dispositions, audio or video recordings, and other related records.  SEE ALSO: Electronic Recordings of Interrogations, below.	a) Destroy in office records concerning solved cases 20 years after disposition of case and exhaustion of any appeals.*  b) Retain in office records concerning unsolved cases until solved, and then follow disposition instructions in part (a).	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.07 	<p><b>CASE FILE: MISDEMEANORS</b> Includes investigative reports, complaint reports, fingerprint cards, original arrest reports, copies of warrants, special expenditure reports, statements of seized and returned property, interview sheets, case status reports, photographs, court orders, correspondence, officer’s notes, court dispositions, audio or video recordings, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office records concerning solved malicious misdemeanor cases 3 years after disposition of case and exhaustion of any appeals.*</p> <p>b) Retain in office records concerning unsolved malicious misdemeanor cases until solved, and then follow disposition instructions in part (a).</p> <p>c) Destroy in office records concerning all misdemeanor cases not covered in (a) or (b) after 3 years.*</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
20.08 	<p><b>COMMUNICATION RECORDS</b> Recordings, printouts, and logs of telephone, radio, dispatch, 911 emergency calls or texts, and computer aided dispatch (CAD) systems incoming and/or outgoing communications. Includes time and date of call, contents of call, location of call, name of unit sent to scene, and other related information.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: PROGRAM RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, 911 Communication Records and Recordings AND Dispatch Records and Recordings.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 30 days if not made part of a case file.</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.09 	<b>COMPLAINTS</b> Records concerning complaints to which a unit responded. Includes logs listing name and address of victim, time, date, nature of complaint, responding officer's name, action taken, and other related information.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office 3 years after resolution if not made part of a case file.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.1(a)
20.10	<b>COMPOSITE INTERVIEWS</b> Summaries of interviews used to determine the physical description of suspects.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>20 years</u>	
20.11 	<b>CRIME ANALYSIS RECORDS</b> Records used to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity. Includes crime reports, photographs, complaints, copies of citations, criminal profile information, and interoffice memoranda generated or accumulated in connection with investigations or directed patrols.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>20 years</u>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4 G.S. 132-1.7(a2)  Authority/ Confidentiality/ Retention 28 CFR 23.20


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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.12 	<p><b>DETENTION FACILITY INCIDENT REPORTS</b> Detention facility incident reports. Include narratives of incidents, lists of those involved, statements and interview reports, inmates’ refusal of medical treatment, inmates’ refusal to press charges, and other related records.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Litigation Case Records (STANDARD 6: LEGAL RECORDS).</p>	<p>c) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>d) Destroy in office after 3 years if not made part of a case file.*</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.1(a)
20.13	<p><b>DETENTION FACILITY OPERATIONAL RECORDS</b> Records concerning all activities occurring during shifts at detention facilities. Includes end of duty (shift change reports, key and radio control lists, equipment and inmate/non-inmate housing check lists, cell inspection reports, laundry exchange and controlled property lists, tour reports, etc.) and inmate accountability (rosters, commitment and release reports, cell locations, etc.) records.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>    N/A    </u></p>	
20.14	<p><b>DETENTION FACILITY PHYSICAL FORCE RECORDS</b> Reports made by any officer or employee of a detention facility who applies physical force to an inmate or arrestee.</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.15	<p><b>DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION AND NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (DCI-NCIC) ENTRIES</b> Records and logs listing entries and inquiries made against DCI-NCIC networks and concerning missing persons, wanted persons, stolen vehicles or other property, and other related topics.</p>	Destroy in office 1 year after period covered by audit.*	Authority: 28 USC 534
20.16	<p><b>DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION AND NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (DCI-NCIC) VALIDATION RECORDS</b> Requests and proofs of verification for DCI-NCIC or other law enforcement information networks.</p>	Destroy in office after 1 year.*	Authority: 28 USC 534
20.17	<p><b>DNA SAMPLING RECORDS</b> Records documenting the collection of DNA samples from persons for qualifying offenses. Includes copies of judgments. Original samples are forwarded to the State Crime Lab.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office 1 year from date sample was obtained if not made part of a case file.</p>	Authority: G.S. 15A-266.8

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20.18 	<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECORDS</b> Restraining orders and related records.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office after expiration of restraining order if not made part of a case file.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
20.19	<b>DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING RECORDS</b> Records and reports generated when individuals suspected of being under the influence of or impaired by illegal drugs or alcohol are chemically tested. Includes reports used for persons arrested for driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs and breathalyzer analysis reports.  SEE ALSO: Laboratory Case Records, below.	a) Transfer original Driving While Impaired (DWI) reports to county Clerk of Superior Court's office.  b) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  c) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u>	

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20.20 	<b>ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS OF INTERROGATIONS</b> Electronic recordings generated by audio and/or video recording devices of custodial interrogations in an investigation of a juvenile or any person in a criminal investigation.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>Same as a) above</u>	Authority: G.S. 15A-211  Confidentiality: G.S. 7B-3001(b) G.S. 132-1.4A
20.21 	<b>FIELD OBSERVATIONS</b> Records concerning field observations of suspicious persons or vehicles. Includes subject's name, address, and physical description; date, time, and location of occurrence; reason for stop; name of officer conducting interview; and other related information.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>20 years</u>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4

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20.22 	<p><b>FINGERPRINT CARDS</b> Records used to verify a subject’s identity. Includes fingerprints and all necessary information required to identify an individual. Also includes records of latent finger and palm prints that were found at the scene of a crime without identification of suspects</p> <p><i>Original fingerprint records are forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation.</i></p> <p>SEE ALSO: Juvenile Case History Identification Records, below.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 3 years if not made part of case file.</p>	<p>Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4</p> <p>Authority: G.S. 15A-502</p>
20.23	<p><b>FORCIBLE ENTRY RECORDS</b> Records concerning forcible entries made by law enforcement personnel.</p>	Destroy in office after 1 year.	
20.24	<p><b>FUGITIVE WARRANTS CASE RECORDS</b> Records concerning fugitive warrants sent to a department from another jurisdiction requesting assistance in finding an individual. Includes fugitive profile and warrant.</p>	<p>Destroy in office when reference value ends.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>Same as felonies</u> or misdemeanors.</p>	

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20.25 	<p><b>IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPHS</b> Photographs (mugshots) of persons arrested in association with formal investigations. Also includes driver’s license photos or negatives.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Juvenile Case History Identification Records, below.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 3 years if not made part of a case file.</p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
20.26	<p><b>INCIDENT RESPONSE REPORTS</b> Reports completed by officers responding to incidents. Includes victim, suspect, and witness information; damaged and stolen property reports; statement sheets; Miranda waiver forms; and other related records.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of case file.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>retain permanently</u></p>	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
20.27	<p><b>INMATE CLASSIFICATION RECORDS</b> Records concerning classification information gathered by the detention facility while inmates are incarcerated. Also includes incident reports, behavioral or disciplinary reports, interviews, classification level assigned, requested housing moves, and other related records.</p>	Destroy in office 3 years after inmate is released or transferred from the facility.*	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.28	<b>INMATE COMMITMENT RECORDS</b> Copies of judgment and commitment papers received from the Clerk of Superior Court's office used to validate time spent incarcerated.	Destroy in office when reference value ends.± Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years, if generated</u> .	
20.29	<b>INMATE DEATH REPORTS</b> Reports filed by office upon the death of an inmate. A report must be sent to the county health director and N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, within five days of the death.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 153A-224(b)
20.30	<b>INMATE FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> Records concerning individual inmate funds maintained by a detention facility for use by the inmate while incarcerated. Includes balance sheets listing inmate's name and number, amount of funds, dates of deposits and withdrawals, and other related information.	Destroy in office 3 years after inmate is released or transferred from the facility.*	

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20.31 	<b>INMATE GRIEVANCE RECORDS</b> Records concerning grievances filed by inmates and actions taken.	a) If legal action is taken and case adjudicated, destroy in office 5 years after final disposition.  b) If legal action is taken and case non-adjudicated (out-of-court claims), destroy in office 5 years after final disposition or expiration of relevant statute of limitations.  c) Destroy remaining records in office 3 years after inmate is released or transferred from the facility.*	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.1(a)
20.32	<b>INMATE MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR VISITOR RECORDS</b> Records concerning telephone calls and mail sent and received by inmates and individuals visiting inmates confined in county or municipal detention facilities. Includes logs listing inmate's name, date and time of call or mail, visitor's signature and address, and other related information.	Destroy in office after 1 year.*	
20.33	<b>INMATE MEAL RECORDS</b> Records concerning the planning and scheduling of inmate meals. Includes food service daily shift reports, daily meal sheets, food order forms, kitchen checklists, lists of inmates receiving meals and other related records. File also includes records concerning requests for special diets made by inmates.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Retention: 10A NCAC 14J .1723


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20.34	 <p><b>INMATE MEDICAL RECORDS</b>                      Records concerning medical examinations, diagnoses, and treatments of inmates. Includes medical information sheets and screening forms, medical histories as provided by inmate, receipt and/or release forms for medications and medical articles, laboratory and x-ray reports, blood pressure records, sick bay transfer forms, special diet authorizations, psychological evaluation forms, suicide watch sheets, progress notes, health assessment forms, dental forms, doctors' orders, transportation records to outside clinics or hospitals, and other related records. May also include authorization records for release of medical information to detention facility staff, informed consent forms, refusal of treatment forms, and release of financial responsibility forms.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Juvenile Detention Records, below.</p>	Destroy in office 10 years after inmate's release or parole.	Confidentiality: G.S. 8-53 45 CFR 164.502
20.35	<p><b>INMATE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION RECORDS</b>                      Records concerning changes to be made to an inmate's incarceration file. Includes personal identification changes, superior court calendar, long form dismissals and other related records.</p>	Destroy in office 30 days after receipt.*	

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20.36	<b>INMATE RESEARCH REQUESTS</b> Requests filed by inmates seeking use of a facility's law library or similar collection containing research materials.	Destroy in office 1 year from date of request.	
20.37 	<b>JUVENILE CASE FILES</b> Includes incident and arrest reports, detention orders, disposition instructions, name and address of person having legal and/or physical custody of child, correspondence with county, municipal, or state juvenile services, and other related records.	a) Destroy in office records when juvenile reaches 21 years of age if adjudicated for an offense that would have been a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult.  b) Destroy in office records related to all other cases when juvenile reaches 18 years of age.	Confidentiality: G.S. 7B-3001(b)  Retention:
20.38 	<b>JUVENILE CASE HISTORY IDENTIFICATION RECORDS</b> Includes fingerprints and photographs.	a) Transfer to the State Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation.  b) Destroy in office agency copies when reference value ends.*±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>same for felonies and misdemeanors</u>	Confidentiality/ Retention: G.S. 7B-2102
20.39 	<b>JUVENILE DETENTION RECORDS</b> Records concerning medical and non-medical information gathered on juvenile inmates held in county or municipal detention facilities.	a) Destroy in office medical records when juvenile reaches 30 years of age.  b) Destroy in office non-medical records when juvenile reaches 18 years of age.	Confidentiality: G.S. 7B-3001(b)

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
20.40 	<b>LABORATORY CASE RECORDS</b> Records concerning cases examined in a crime laboratory; includes reports, notes, charts, and other related records	Retain in office permanently.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4
20.41 	<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS</b> Tapes and digital recordings generated by mobile and fixed audio and video recording devices.  Does not include Electronic Recordings of Interrogations, above.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office after 30 days if not made part of a case file.	Confidentiality: G.S. 132-1.4A G.S. 153A-98
20.42	<b>MULTIPLE FIREARMS SALES REPORTS</b> Reports received from dealers reporting the sale of multiple firearms.	Destroy in office when reference value ends, but within 20 days after receipt.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u>	Retention: 18 USC 923(g)(3)(b)
20.43	<b>MULTIPLE FIREARMS SALES REPORTS DESTRUCTION RECORDS</b> Records submitted after 6 months to the U.S. Attorney General's Office certifying that all multiple firearm sales reports received from dealers have been destroyed.	Destroy in office after 1 year.	Authority: 18 USC 923(g)(3)(b)

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20.44	<b>ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS CITATIONS</b> Citations issued for violations of municipal and county ordinances.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
20.45	<b>PAWNSHOP RECORDS</b> Pawnshop cards and property records submitted to municipal and county law enforcement offices.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office after 1 year if not made part of a case file.	Authority: G.S. 66-391
20.46	<b>PERMISSION TO SEARCH RECORDS</b> Authorizations for officers to search property, and if necessary, confiscate property deemed pertinent to an investigation.	a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors  b) Destroy in office when reference value ends if not made part of a case file.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years</u>	

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20.47 	<b>PERMITS: CONCEALED WEAPONS AND HANDGUNS</b> Applications and supporting documentation filed to carry concealed weapons or purchase handguns. Includes background checks and other related records.	a) Destroy in office all approved applications after 5 years. b) Destroy in office denied applications and related records 5 years from date of denial or resolution of petition filed with district court, whichever is longer. c) Destroy in office background checks and related records concerning approved applications when permit is issued.	Authority/ Confidentiality: G.S. 14-415.17 G.S. 132-1.4 G.S. 132-1.7
20.48	<b>PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) FILE</b> Allegation, investigation, and incident review records documenting investigations into allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.	Destroy in office 6 years after inmate's release.*  <i>Retention Note: If a minor is involved in the incident, records should be retained until the minor reaches age 30.</i>	Authority: 28 CFR Part 115
20.49	<b>PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) DATA FILE</b> Aggregated data for every allegation of sexual abuse at county or municipal lockups.	Destroy in office after 10 years.	Authority/Retention: 28 CFR Part 115.187 28 CFR 115.189(d)
20.50	<b>PRISONER TRANSPORT RECORD</b> Verification forms completed by receiving party of prisoner patient.	Destroy in office after 1 year.	

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20.51	<p><b>PROPERTY RECORDS</b> Records concerning confiscated property, evidence, stolen or recovered property, and unclaimed property. Includes descriptions of property and its value, serial numbers, and other related records. Records may also be filed with original incident report.</p>	Destroy in office 3 years after final disposition of property.	
20.52	<p><b>PURSUIT LOGS</b> Logs concerning pursuits by law enforcement personnel.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 3 years if not made part of a case file.</p>	
20.53	<p><b>RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RECORDS</b> Records concerning a law enforcement ride-along program.</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
20.54	<p><b>SEXUAL OFFENDER RECORDS</b> Records concerning sexual offenders living within jurisdiction.</p>	<p>a) Destroy in office records of persons registered in the "Sexually Violent Predator Program" when individual is known dead or after 90 years.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office records of persons registered in the "Sex Offender and Public Protection Program" after court petition and review by the state; or after 30 years or length of court order, whichever is greater; or when individual is known dead.</p>	<p>Authority: G.S. 14-208</p> <p>Retention: G.S. 14-208.6A</p>

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20.55	<p><b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS</b> Records concerning traffic accidents. Includes general correspondence, property receipts, collision reports, waivers signed by involved parties agreeing to settle damages among themselves, and other related records.</p>	<p>a) Transfer original collision report to the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles within 10 days of accident.</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 3 years records concerning accidents not meeting N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles reporting requirements, but for which a report was made.</p> <p>c) Destroy in office duplicate reports when reference value ends.±</p> <p>Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>same for felonies and misdemeanors.</u></p>	Confidentiality: 18 USC 2721
<p>20.56</p> 	<p><b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND WARNINGS</b> Citations issued to drivers violating motor vehicle and traffic laws. Includes voided citations and warnings that do not require a fine or court appearance.</p>	<p>a) Transfer original citations to county Clerk of Superior Court's office.</p> <p>b) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for: Case File: Felonies Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>c) Destroy remaining records in office after 1 year.</p>	

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20.57	<p><b>TRESPASS RECORDS</b>                      Authorizations by property owners, lessees, or managers for law enforcement officers to take action deemed appropriate to remove unauthorized persons and issue trespass warnings.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for:                      Case File: Felonies                      Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office 1 year after expiration if not made part of a case file.</p>	<p>Authority:                      G.S. 14-159.12-13</p>
20.58	<p><b>VEHICLE TOWING RECORDS</b>                      Includes recovery authorizations and consent forms completed by owners to have vehicle towed, removed, stored, or left at the scene.</p>	<p>a) If records are made part of a case file, follow disposition instructions for:                      Case File: Felonies                      Case File: Misdemeanors</p> <p>b) Destroy in office after 1 year if not made part of a case file.</p>	



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**STANDARD 21: PROGRAM OPERATIONAL RECORDS - TAX RECORDS (FOR MUNICIPALITIES)**

Records received and created by a municipality for the purposes of collecting taxes. For County Tax Administration records, please refer to the separate County Tax Administration Program Schedule.

ITEM #	STANDARD 21: TAX RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
21.01 	<b>ANIMAL LICENSING RECORDS</b> Records concerning the licensing of dogs, cats, and other animals by the municipality. Includes owner and animal information and record of fees paid.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 160A-212  Confidentiality: G.S. 105-259 G.S. 132-1.1(b) G.S. 132-1.2 G.S. 160A-208.1
21.02	<b>BEER AND WINE TAXES AND RECORDS</b> Records concerning the levy of privilege taxes on beer and wine.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 105-133.77-79
21.03 	<b>BICYCLE LICENSE PLATE RECORDS</b> Records concerning issuance of license plates for bicycles.	Destroy in office after 1 year.*	Confidentiality: G.S. 105-259 G.S. 132-1.1(b) G.S. 132-1.2 G.S. 160A-208.1

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
21.04	<p><b>DELINQUENT TAXPAYER RECORDS</b> Records concerning taxpayers who have not paid real and personal property taxes due, including unpaid notices.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Delinquent Taxpayer Records: Advertisement of Tax Liens Against Real Property, below.</p>	Destroy in office after 10 years or 3 years after final settlement or 1 year after released by governing board, whichever comes first.*	
21.05	<p><b>DELINQUENT TAXPAYER RECORDS: ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX LIENS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY</b> Records concerning the municipal taxation officer's publication in the newspaper of delinquent taxpayer and tax sales notices.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Delinquent Taxpayer Records, above.</p>	Destroy in office after 10 years.*	Authority: G.S. 105-369
21.06	<p><b>MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX RECORDS</b> Records concerning motor vehicle rental tax assessments.</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	
21.07	<p><b>MUNICIPAL VEHICLE TAX RECORDS</b> Records concerning municipal vehicle taxes levied annually.</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 20-97(b)
21.08	<p><b>PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX RECORDS</b> Records concerning prepared food and beverage tax assessments.</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	

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	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
21.09	<p><b>PRIVILEGE LICENSES, TAXES, AND FEE RECORDS</b> Records concerning the licensing of occupations, businesses, trades, professions, and forms of amusement or entertainment and associated fees and taxes.</p> <p>SEE ALSO: Animal Licensing Records (above), Beer and Wine Taxes and Records (above), Municipal Vehicle Tax Records (above), Taxicab and Limousine Tax Records (below).</p>	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 160A-194
21.10	<p><b>ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX RECORDS</b> Records concerning the administration of room occupancy tax records for those municipalities who have adopted room occupancy taxes.</p> 	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 160A-215  Confidentiality: G.S. 105-259 G.S. 132-1.1(b) G.S. 132-1.2 G.S. 160A-208.1

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21.11 	<b>SCHEDULE "B" LICENSES</b> Receipts of licenses issued by municipality in accordance with Article 2, Schedule B of the Revenue Laws of North Carolina. Applies to privilege licenses issued to attorneys-at-law and other professionals, installment paper dealers, and pawnbrokers.	a) Destroy in office 3 years after close of license tax year stubs or detailed settlement records.  b) Destroy in office stubs 1 years after audit if settlement records are kept.	Authority: G.S. 105-41 G.S. 105-83 G.S. 105-88 G.S. 153A-152 G.S. 160A-211  Confidentiality: G.S. 105-259 G.S. 132-1.1(b) G.S. 132-1.2 G.S. 160A-208.1
21.12	<b>TAX ABSTRACTS AND LISTS</b> Records concerning real and personal property in the municipality, based on assessment lists. Includes name and address of taxpayer along with descriptions of property owned and estimated value.	Destroy in office after 10 years or two revaluation cycles.	Authority: G.S. 105-309 G.S. 105-296
21.13	<b>TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY FILE</b> Records concerning property that is exempt from taxation.	Destroy in office 5 years after property exemption has expired or at end of life of structure, whichever comes first.	
21.14	<b>TAX LEDGER CARDS OR SHEETS</b>	Destroy in office 5 years after superseded or obsolete.	

21. Tax Records (Municipal)

\* No destruction of records may take place if audits or litigation are pending or reasonably anticipated. See AUDITS, LITIGATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION, page A-5.

± The agency hereby agrees that it will establish and enforce internal policies setting minimum retention periods for the records that Natural and Cultural Resources has scheduled with the disposition instruction "destroy when reference value ends." Please use the space provided.

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ITEM #	STANDARD 21: TAX RECORDS		
	RECORDS SERIES TITLE	DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS	CITATION
21.15	<b>TAX LEVY/SEIZURE RECORDS</b> Inventory of property taken from property owner by the municipal tax collector to pay back taxes.	a) Destroy in office after 3 years execution forms if levy and sale of personal property is made. If levy and sale are conducted by municipal law enforcement agency, execution forms are to be retained by that agency.  b) If levy, seizure, and sale are not made, destroy in office forms when reference value ends.±  Agency Policy: Destroy in office after <u>3 years,</u> if generated.	Authority: G.S. 105-366 G.S. 105-367
21.16	<b>TAX LIEN SALES</b> Records concerning sales held to satisfy tax liens.	Destroy in office 10 years after sale.	
21.17	<b>TAX REBATES</b> Records concerning tax rebates given or received.	Destroy in office after 10 years.	
21.18	<b>TAX SCROLLS</b> Records indicating property (real estate and personal) valuation and taxes due.	Destroy in office after 10 years.	
21.19	<b>TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINE TAX RECORDS</b> Records concerning the levy of privilege taxes on taxicabs and limousines.	Destroy in office after 3 years.*	Authority: G.S. 20-97(d)

\* No destruction of records may take place if audits or litigation are pending or reasonably anticipated. See AUDITS, LITIGATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION, page A-5.

± The agency hereby agrees that it will establish and enforce internal policies setting minimum retention periods for the records that Natural and Cultural Resources has scheduled with the disposition instruction “destroy when reference value ends.” Please use the space provided.

## MANAGING PUBLIC RECORDS IN NORTH CAROLINA

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### ***Q. What is this “records retention and disposition schedule”?***

- A.** This document is a tool for the employees of local government agencies across North Carolina to use when managing the records in their offices. It lists records commonly found in agency offices and gives an assessment of their value by indicating how long those records should be retained. This schedule is also an agreement between your agency and the State Archives of North Carolina.

This schedule serves as the inventory and schedule that the State Archives of North Carolina is directed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 121-5(c) and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-8 to provide. It supersedes all previous editions, including all amendments.

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### ***Q. How do I get this schedule approved?***

- A.** This schedule must be approved by your governing body for use in your agency. That approval should be made in a regular meeting and recorded as an action in the minutes. It may be done as part of the consent agenda, by resolution, or other action.
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### ***Q. Am I required to have all the records listed on this schedule?***

- A.** No, this is not a list of records you must have in your office.
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### ***Q. What is “reference value”?***

- A.** Items containing “reference value” in the disposition instructions are generally records that hold limited value, which is typically restricted to those documenting routine operations within the office. A minimum retention period should be established by the office for any items containing the phrase “destroy in office when reference value ends” in the disposition instructions.
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### ***Q. Do the standards correspond to the organizational structure of my agency?***

- A.** Records series are grouped into standards to make it easier for users to locate records and their disposition instructions. You may find that the groupings reflect the organizational structure of your agency, or you may find that records are located in various standards depending on the content of the record. The intent of the schedule’s organization is to provide an easy reference guide for the records created in your agency.
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### ***Q. What if I cannot find some of my records on this schedule?***

- A.** Sometimes the records are listed in a different standard than how you organize them in your office. Be sure to check the Index and utilize the search function on the PDF version of the schedule to facilitate the location of records series. If you still cannot locate your records on the schedule, contact a Records Management Analyst. We will work with you to amend this records schedule so that you may destroy records appropriately. The Request for Change in Records Schedule form (see page A-17) can be used for such requests.
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### ***Q. What are public records?***

- A.** The *General Statutes of North Carolina*, Chapter 132, provides this definition of public records:  
“Public record” or “public records” shall mean all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data-processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or

characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance in connection with the transaction of public business by any agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions. Agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions shall mean and include every public office, public officer or official (state or local, elected or appointed), institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department, authority or other unit of government of the state or of any county, unit, special district or other political subdivision of government.

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**Q. Is any person allowed to see my records?**

- A. Yes, except as restricted by specific provisions in state or federal law. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6 instructs:

“Every custodian of public records shall permit any record in the custodian’s custody to be inspected and examined at reasonable times and under reasonable supervision by any person, and shall, as promptly as possible, furnish copies thereof upon payment of any fees as may be prescribed by law. ... No person requesting to inspect and examine public records, or to obtain copies thereof, shall be required to disclose the purpose or motive for the request.”

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**Q. What about my confidential records?**

- A. Not all government records are open to public inspection. Exceptions to the access requirements in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6 and the definition of public records in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 are found throughout the General Statutes. You must be able to cite a specific provision in the General Statutes or federal law when you restrict or deny access to a particular record.
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**Q. Am I required to make available to the public copies of drafts that have not been approved?**

- A. Yes, even if a report, permit, or other record has not been finalized, it is still a public record subject to request. Any record that is not confidential by law must be provided when a request is received, whether it is “finished” or not.
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**Q. What do I do with permanent records?**

- A. Permanent records should be maintained in the office that created the records, forever.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) is charged by the General Assembly with the administration of a records management program (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 121-4 (2) and § 132-8.1) and the maintenance of “a program for the selection and preservation of public records considered **essential** to the operation of government and to the **protection of the rights and interests of persons**” (§ 132-8.2). Permanent records with these characteristics require preservation duplicates that are human-readable (paper or microfilm). Some examples of these characteristics include:

- Affect multiple people, without regard to relation
- Have significance over a long span of time
- Document governance
- Document citizenship

Examples of records with these characteristics:

- Minutes of governing bodies at the state and local levels are the basic evidence of our system of governance, and are routinely provided for the public to read.

- Records, such as deeds and tax scrolls, about land document changes in ownership and condition. Counties maintain offices expressly for the purpose of making those records available to the public. Other records in local and state governments document potential public health hazards, such as hazardous materials spills.
- Adoptions, marriages, and divorces document changes in familial relationships and document citizenship. Though adoptions are confidential (not available for public inspection), they document citizenship and changes in inheritance and familial succession.
- Court records, such as wills, estates, and capital cases, affect people within and across family groups, are made available for public inspection, and often involve transactions related to the examples above.

See the Human-Readable Preservation Duplicates policy issued by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/digital-records/digital-records-policies-and-guidelines/human-readable-preservation>) and check with a records analyst to determine whether your permanent records require a preservation duplicate.

### ***Q. What is historical value?***

- A.** Historical records document significant events, actions, decisions, conditions, relationships, and similar developments. These records have administrative, legal, fiscal, or evidential importance for the government or its citizens. Two criteria for determining historical value are inherent interest and extraordinary documentation:
- Inherent interest is created by non-routine events, by the involvement of famous parties, and by compelling contexts. For instance, foreclosure proceedings from the 1930s have high historical value because they date from the era of the Great Depression.
  - Extraordinary documentation is found in records that shed light on political, public, or social history. For instance, the records from the replevin case that returned the Bill of Rights to North Carolina hold more historical value than most property case files because of the political history intertwined with this case.

SANC has further elaborated selection criteria that help distinguish records with historical value:

- Do they protect the rights and property of citizens?
- Do they have a long-term impact on citizens?
- Do they document the core functions of an agency?
- Do they document high-level decision-making that shapes an agency's policies or initiatives?
- Do they summarize an agency's activities?

Call a Records Management Analyst for further assistance in assessing historical value.

### ***Q. What if I do not have any records?***

- A.** Nearly every position in government generates, receives, or uses records. Computer files of any kind, including drafts and e-mail, are public records. Even if your records are not the official or final version, your records are public records. Not all records have high historical, legal, or fiscal value, but they all must be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate records schedule.



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***Q. I have a lot of unsorted records. What's a good first step for getting a handle on these records?***

- A.** We encourage you to create a file plan of what records you have. When you create this plan, you can match each record to its placement on this schedule or on the appropriate retention schedule. A sample file plan is available on Page A-21. Having a file plan can help you strategize how to best organize your physical or digital records. A file plan is also useful in disaster planning and scheduling destructions.

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***Q. May I store our unused records in the basement, attic, shed, etc.?***

- A.** Public records are public property. Though we encourage agencies to find places to store records that do not take up too much valuable office space, the selected space should be dry, secure, and free from pests and mold. Your office must ensure that records stored away from your main office area are well protected from natural and man-made problems while remaining readily available to your staff and the public.

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***Q. Our old records are stored in the attic, basement, or off-site building, etc. Are we required to provide public access to these records?***

- A.** Yes, as long as the records are not confidential by law. You should also be aware that confidentiality can expire.

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***Q. Aren't all our old records at the State Archives of North Carolina?***

- A.** Probably not. The State Archives of North Carolina collects only very specific types of records from local government offices. Contact a Records Management Analyst for more information about which records are held or can be transferred to the State Archives of North Carolina for permanent preservation.

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***Q. I found some really old records. What should I do with them?***

- A.** Call a Records Management Analyst. We will help you examine the records and assess their historical value.

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***Q. Can I give my old records to the historical society or public library?***

- A.** Before you offer any record to a historical society, public library, or any other entity, you must contact a Records Management Analyst. Permanent records must be kept either in your offices or at the State Archives of North Carolina.

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***Q. Whom can I call with questions?***

- A.** If you are located west of Statesville, call our Western Office in Asheville at (828) 250-3103. If you are east of Statesville, all the way to the coast, call our Raleigh office at (919) 814-6900.

## AUDITS, LITIGATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL ACTION

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**Q. Why is there an asterisk in the disposition instructions of so many items on this schedule?**

**A. No record involved in a pending or ongoing audit, legal, or other official action may be destroyed before that audit or action is resolved.**

A legal hold or litigation hold means that records that are the subject of the legal hold or litigation hold must be preserved and thus must not be destroyed until officially released from the hold. A legal hold or litigation hold is placed when either an official discovery order is served on the agency requesting the production of the records in question (for a litigation, regulatory investigation, audit, open records request, etc.) or litigation is pending and the agency is thus on notice to preserve all potentially relevant records. You must also ensure that for a claim or litigation that appears to be reasonably foreseeable or anticipated but not yet initiated, any records (in paper or electronic formats) relevant to such a claim or litigation are preserved and not destroyed until released by your General Counsel. The records in question must not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it regardless of the retention period set forth in this schedule.

We have used an asterisk (\*) in the disposition instructions to mark records series that are commonly audited, litigated, or may be subject to other official actions. However, any record has this potential. Records custodians are responsible for being aware of potential actions, and for preventing the destruction of any record that is, or may be reasonably expected to become, involved in an audit, legal, or other official action.

Records used during routine audits may be destroyed when the governing body accepts the audit, if the records have completed the retention period listed in this schedule. If time remains in the retention period, the records must be maintained for the remainder of the period. The auditor's working papers must be kept according to the schedule. (See also GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, Audits: Performance, STANDARD 1: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT RECORDS, Audits: Financial, STANDARD 2: BUDGET, FISCAL, AND PAYROLL RECORDS.) Should a dispute arise over an audit, the records that were audited should be retained until that dispute is resolved.

The attorney representing the agency should inform records custodians when legal matters are concluded and records will no longer be needed. Following the conclusion of any legal action, the records may be destroyed if they have met the retention period in the schedule. Otherwise, they should be kept for the remaining time period.

## TRANSITORY RECORDS

Transitory records are defined as “record[s] that [have] little or no documentary or evidential value and that need not be set aside for future use.”<sup>3</sup>

According to North Carolina General Statutes § 121 and § 132, every document, paper, letter, map, book, photograph, film, sound recording, magnetic or other tape, electronic data processing record, artifact, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received in connection with the transaction of public business by any state, county, municipal agency, or other political subdivision of government is considered a public record and may not be disposed of, erased, or destroyed without specific approval from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources recognizes that some records may have little or no long-term documentary or evidential value to the creating agency. These records are often called “transitory records.” The following questions and answers discuss types of transitory records commonly created in state government. They may be disposed of according to the guidance below. However, all public employees should be familiar with the General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies, their office’s Program Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, and any other applicable guidelines for their office. If any of these documents require a different retention period for these records, follow the longer of the two retention periods. When in doubt about whether a record is transitory, or whether it has special significance or importance, retain the record in question and seek guidance from the analyst assigned to your agency.

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### ***Q. What do I do with routing slips, fax cover sheets, “while you were out” slips, memory aids, etc.?***

- A.** Routing slips and transmittal sheets adding no information to that contained in the transmitted material have minimal value after the material has been successfully transmitted. These records may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of after receipt of the material has been confirmed.

Similarly, “while you were out” slips, memory aids, and other records requesting follow-up actions (including voicemails) have minimal value once the official action these records are supporting has been completed and documented. Unless they are listed on the General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies or your office’s Program Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, these records may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of once the action has been resolved.

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### ***Q. What about research materials, drafts, and other working papers used to create a final, official record?***

- A.** Drafts and working papers are materials, including notes and calculations, gathered or created to assist in the creation of another record. All drafts and working papers are public records subject to all provisions of General Statute § 132, but many of them have minimal value after the final version of the record has been approved, and may be destroyed after final approval, if they are no longer necessary to support the analysis or conclusions of the official record. Drafts and working documents which may be destroyed after final approval include:

- Drafts and working papers for internal and external policies

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<sup>3</sup> Society of American Archivists, *Dictionary of Archives Terminology*.

- Drafts and working papers for internal administrative reports, such as daily and monthly activity reports
- Drafts and working papers for internal, non-policy-level documents, such as informal workflows and manuals; and
- Drafts and working papers for presentations, workshops, and other explanations of agency policy that are already formally documented.

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***Q. What if I have forms designed and used solely to create, update, or modify records in an electronic medium?***

- A.** If these records are not required for audit or legal purposes, they may be destroyed in office after completion of data entry and after all verification and quality control procedures. However, if the forms contain any analog components that are necessary to validate the information contained on them (e.g. a signature or notary's seal), they should be retained according to the disposition instructions for the records series encompassing the forms' function.

See also the State Archives of North Carolina's guidance on digital signatures found at: <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/digital-records/digital-records-policies-and-guidelines/digital-signature-policy>

## DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

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### ***Q. When can I destroy records?***

- A.** Each records series listed on this schedule has specific disposition instructions that indicate how long the series must be kept in your office. In some cases, the disposition instructions are “Retain in office permanently,” which means that those records must be kept in your offices forever.
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### ***Q. How do I destroy records?***

- A.** After your agency has approved this records retention and disposition schedule, records should be destroyed in one of the following ways:
- 1) burned, unless prohibited by local ordinance;
  - 2) shredded, or torn so as to destroy the record content of the documents or material concerned;
  - 3) placed in acid vats so as to reduce the paper to pulp and to terminate the existence of the documents or materials concerned;
  - 4) sold as waste paper, provided that the purchaser agrees in writing that the documents or materials concerned will not be resold without pulverizing or shredding the documents so that the information contained within cannot be practicably read or reconstructed.

The provision that electronic records are to be destroyed means that the data, metadata, and physical media are to be overwritten, deleted, and unlinked so that the data and metadata may not be practicably reconstructed.

The data, metadata, and physical media containing confidential records of any format are to be destroyed in such a manner that the information cannot be read or reconstructed under any means.

— N.C. Administrative Code, Title 7, Chapter 4, Subchapter M, Section .0510

Without your agency’s approval of this records schedule, no records may legally be destroyed.

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### ***Q. How can I destroy records if they are not listed on this schedule?***

- A.** Contact a Records Management Analyst. An analyst will discuss the nature of the records with you to determine if the records have historical value. If the records do have historical value, we will discuss the possibility of transferring the records to the State Archives of North Carolina to be preserved permanently.

If the records do not have historical value, we will ask you to complete a [Request for Disposal for Unscheduled Records](#) form if the records are no longer being created. If the records are an active records series, an analyst will help you develop an amendment to this schedule so that you can destroy the records appropriately from this point forward.

**Q. *Am I required to tell anyone about the destructions?***

- A.** We recommend that you report on your records retention activities to your governing board on an annual basis. This report does not need to be detailed, but it is important that significant destructions be entered into the minutes of the Board. See a sample destructions log that follows (and is available online at the State Archives of North Carolina website, <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/rm-tools>).



**Destructions Log**

<b>County/Municipality</b>				
<b>Division</b>		<b>Section</b>		<b>Branch</b>
<b>Location(s) of Records</b>				

Records Series	Required Retention	Date Range	Volume (file drawers or MB)	Media (Paper, Electronic)		Date of Destruction	Method of Destruction	Authorization for Destruction
				P	E			

## ELECTRONIC RECORDS: E-MAIL, BORN-DIGITAL RECORDS, AND DIGITAL IMAGING

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### ***Q. When can I delete my e-mail?***

**A.** E-mail is a public record as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 121-5 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132. Electronic mail is as much a record as any paper record and must be treated in the same manner. **It is the content of each message that is important.** If a particular message would have been filed as a paper memo, it should still be filed (either in your e-mail program or in your regular directory structure), and it should be retained the same length of time as its paper counterparts. **It is inappropriate to destroy e-mail simply because storage limits have been reached.** Some examples of e-mail messages that are public records and therefore covered by this policy include:

- Policies or directives;
- Final drafts of reports and recommendations;
- Correspondence and memoranda related to official business;
- Work schedules and assignments;
- Meeting agendas or minutes
- Any document or message that initiates, facilitates, authorizes, or completes a business transaction; and
- Messages that create a precedent, such as issuing instructions and advice.

*From the Department of Cultural Resources E-Mail Policy (Revised July 2009),  
available at the State Archives of North Carolina website*

Other publications (available online at the [State Archives of North Carolina website](#)) that will be particularly helpful in managing your e-mail include tutorials on managing e-mail as a public record and on using Microsoft Exchange.

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### ***Q. May I print my e-mail to file it?***

**A.** We do not recommend printing e-mail for preservation purposes. Important metadata are lost when e-mail is printed.

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### ***Q. I use my personal e-mail account for work. No one can see my personal e-mail, right?***

**A.** The best practice is to avoid using personal resources, including private e-mail accounts, for public business. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 states that records “made or received pursuant to law or ordinance *in connection with the transaction of public business* by any agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions” are public records (emphasis added). The fact that public records reside in a personal e-mail account is irrelevant.



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***Q. We have an imaging system. Are we required to keep the paper?***

- A.** You may scan any record, but you will need to receive approval from the Government Records Section in order to destroy paper originals that have been digitized. Your agency must develop an electronic records policy and then submit a Request for Disposal of Original Records Duplicated by Electronic Means. You can find these templates in the Digital Imaging section of the State Archives of North Carolina website (<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/digital-records/digital-records-policies-and-guidelines#digital-imaging>). Contact a Records Management Analyst for further instructions on how to develop a compliant electronic records policy.

**Permanent records** must have a security preservation copy as defined by State Archives of North Carolina's [Human-Readable Preservation Duplicate Policy](#) (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-8.2):

Preservation duplicates shall be durable, accurate, complete and clear, and such duplicates made by a photographic, photo static, microfilm, micro card, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces and forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original shall have the same force and effect for all purposes as the original record whether the original record is in existence or not. ... Such preservation duplicates shall be preserved in the place and manner of safekeeping prescribed by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

**The preservation duplicate of permanent records must be either on paper or microfilm.**

**Non-permanent records** may be retained in any format. You will need to take precautions with electronic records that you must keep more than about 5 years. Computer systems do not have long life cycles. Each time you change computer systems, you must convert all records to the new system so that you can assure their preservation and provide access.

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***Q. Computer storage is cheap. Can I just keep my computer records permanently?***

- A.** The best practice is to destroy all records that have met their retention requirements, regardless of format.

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***Q. What are the guidelines regarding the creation and handling of electronic public records, including text messages and social media?***

- A.** There are numerous documents available on the State Archives of North Carolina website (<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/digital-records/digital-records-policies-and-guidelines>). Topics covered include shared storage, cloud computing, e-discovery, trustworthy digital public records, digital signatures, e-mail, social media, text messages, websites, digital imaging, metadata, file formats, database indexing, and security backups.

Note that e-mail, text messages, and social media should be handled according to their content. Therefore, this schedule does not include a records series that instructs you on how to handle one of these born-digital records by format; instead of focusing on how the information is disseminated, consider what content is contained in the e-mail, text message, or social media post. For instance, an e-mail requesting leave that is sent to a supervisor should be kept for 3 years. On the General Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies, see Leave Records (Standard 4: HUMAN RESOURCES RECORDS).

## GEOSPATIAL RECORDS

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### ***Q. Why should geographic information system (GIS) datasets be retained and preserved?***

- A.** Geospatial records are public records and need to be retained and preserved based on their legal, fiscal, evidential and/or historical value according to an established retention schedule. Local agencies involved in GIS operations should work with the State Archives of North Carolina in order to appraise, inventory, and preserve their geospatial records according to established best practices and standards to insure both their short- and long-term accessibility.

Due to the complexity and transitory nature of these records, geospatial records retention and long-term preservation is a community-wide challenge. GIS files have become essential to the function of many local agencies and will continue to frequently be utilized in agency decision-making processes in the near and far future. Accessibility of GIS records over time has legal, fiscal, practical, and historical implications. The availability of GIS records can help safeguard the local government's legal and fiscal accountability and aid agencies in conducting retrospective and prospective studies. These studies are only possible when essential data from the past are still available.

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### ***Q. What GIS datasets should be preserved by local governments?***

- A.** The following types of geospatial records have been designated as having archival value:
- Parcel data
  - Street centerline data
  - Corporate limits data
  - Extraterritorial jurisdiction data
  - Zoning data, address points
  - Orthophotography (imagery)
  - Utilities
  - Emergency/E-911 themes

For more information, see **GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, STANDARD 3: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) RECORDS.**

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### ***Q. How often should we capture the datasets retained for their legal, fiscal, evidential or historical value?***

- A.** Consult the retention schedule for frequency of capture. The frequency of capture is based on the significance of the record as well as its alterability.

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**Q. *What data formats, compression formats, and media should be used to preserve the data?***

- A.** Archiving practices should be consistent with North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council (GICC) approved standards and recommendations. (Examples: Content Standards for Metadata; Data Sharing Recommendations). Consult the GICC website at <https://it.nc.gov/about/boards-commissions/gicc>.

You should also comply with guidelines and standards issued by the State Archives of North Carolina, which are available on its website.

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**Q. *Who should be responsible for creation and long-term storage of archived data?***

- A.** The creating agency, NCOneMap, and the State Archives of North Carolina may all have responsibility for archiving data. If you choose to upload your data to NCOneMap, consult with your county's GIS department to determine whether data will be uploaded by your agency or by the whole county. If you choose not to upload your data to NCOneMap, your agency must comply with standards (for metadata, file naming, data sharing, and long term preservation) and procedures adopted by the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.

## SECURITY PRESERVATION COPIES OF RECORDS

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***Q. What is the advantage to having security preservation copies of records stored with the State Archives?***

- A.** Having duplicate copies of essential records in a separate location mitigates the risk that you may lose the only physical copy of a given record in a disaster or other records loss event. Maintaining offsite duplicates of records, regardless of format, is a good practice to adopt.

The State Archives creates duplicate copies on microfilm because of the durability of the medium. Silver negative microfilm does not decay for hundreds of years, ensuring that your records maintain their integrity over time.

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***Q. What records will the State Archives back up for us?***

- A.** The State Archives provides security imaging services for minutes of major decision-making boards and commissions. We will also image records of adoptions for Social Services agencies as well as maps and plats from Registers of Deeds offices. Once those records are imaged, they are converted to security microfilm. We will store the silver negative (original) microfilm in our security vault. Contact the Records Management Analyst in charge of imaging coordination for the most current information.
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***Q. How do I start the process of backing up the above listed records?***

- A.** We have three processes for creating backup film copies of these records. First, you can send photocopies of your approved minutes to us in the mail. Simply include a copy of the **Certification of the Preparation of Records for Security Preservation Copy** form (available online at the [State Archives of North Carolina website](#)) with each shipment. For more detailed instructions, contact a Records Management Analyst.

Secondly, you can bring us your original books. We will film them and return them to you. This process is most useful when you have more minutes to film than you are willing to photocopy. It is important to remember that a representative of your office or ours must transport the original books in person so that the custody of the records is maintained. You should not mail or ship your original minutes. Contact the Records Management Analyst in charge of imaging coordination to schedule an appointment for your books to be imaged. We will make every effort to expedite the filming so that your books will be returned to you as quickly as possible.

Finally, you can submit these records to the State Archives electronically. Please see our procedures in "[Transfer of Minutes in Digital Formats for Microfilming](#)" or contact the Records Management Analyst in charge of imaging coordination for more information.

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***Q. In the event of a records loss, how do I obtain copies of the security preservation copies stored at the State Archives?***

- A.** Contact the Records Management Analyst in charge of imaging coordination who will help you purchase copies of the microfilm from our office. You can then send those reels to a vendor who can either make new printed books or scan the film to create a digital copy.

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***Q. Can I obtain digital copies of the security preservation records?***

- A.** Yes, you can request digital copies of records when you submit them to the State Archives for initial reproduction. Contact the Records Management Analyst in charge of imaging coordination to initiate a request for digital duplicates.

## DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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### ***Q. What should I do in case of fire or flood?***

- A.** Secure the area, and keep everyone out until fire or other safety professionals allow entry. Then, call our Raleigh office at (919) 814-6903 for the Head of the Government Records Section or (919) 814-6849 for the Head of the Collections Management Branch. If you're in the western part of the state, call our Asheville Office at (828) 250-3103. On nights and weekends, call your local emergency management office.

#### ***DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE OR CLEAN ANY RECORDS.***

Damaged records are extremely fragile and require careful handling. Our staff are trained in preliminary recovery techniques, documenting damage to your records, and authorizing destruction of damaged records. Professional vendors can handle larger disasters.

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### ***Q. What help do you give in case of an emergency?***

- A.** We will do everything we can to visit you at the earliest opportunity in order to provide hands-on assistance. We can assist you in appraising the records that have been damaged so that precious resources (and especially time) are not spent on records with lesser value. We can provide lists of professional recovery vendors that you can contact to preserve your essential and permanent records.
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### ***Q. What can I do to prepare for an emergency?***

- A.** We provide training on disaster preparation that includes a discussion of the roles of proper inventories, staff training, and advance contracts with recovery vendors. If you would like to have this workshop presented, call a Records Management Analyst.
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### ***Q. What are essential records?***

- A.** Essential records are records that are necessary for continuity of operations in the event of a disaster. There are two common categories of records that are considered essential:
- **Emergency operating records** – including emergency plans and directives, orders of succession, delegations of authority, staffing assignments, selected program records needed to continue the most critical agency operations, as well as related policy or procedural records.
  - **Legal and financial rights records** – these protect the legal and financial rights of the Government and of the individuals directly affected by its activities. Examples include accounts receivable records, Social Security records, payroll records, retirement records, and insurance records. These records were formerly defined as “rights-and-interests” records.

Essential records should be stored in safe, secure locations as well as duplicated and stored off-site, if possible.

## STAFF TRAINING

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### ***Q. What types of workshops or training do you offer?***

- A.** We have a group of prepared workshops that we can offer at any time at various locations throughout the state. Contact a Records Management Analyst if you are interested in having one of the workshops presented to your agency. We will work with you directly to develop training suited to your specific needs. Our basic workshops are:
- Managing public records in North Carolina
  - Disaster preparedness and recovery
  - Digital communications

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### ***Q. Will you design a workshop especially for our office?***

- A.** Yes, we will. Let a Records Management Analyst know what type of training you need.

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### ***Q. Are workshops offered only in Raleigh?***

- A.** No, we will come to your offices to present the workshops you need. We have no minimum audience requirement. We will also do presentations for professional associations, regional consortiums, and the public.

To arrange a workshop, please call the State Records Center at 919-814-6900 or contact a Records Management Analyst (<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/local/analysts>).

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### ***Q. Is there a fee for workshops?***

- A.** Not at this time.

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### ***Q. Are the workshops available in an online format?***

- A.** We can offer a virtual workshop for your agency upon request. For descriptions of available webinars, see <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/training/webinars>. You can also find several online tutorials available on the State Archives of North Carolina website (<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/government/training/online-tutorials-and-resources>).



## Request for Change in Local Government Records Schedule

Use this form to request a change in the records retention and disposition schedule governing the records of your agency. Submit the signed original and keep a copy for your file. A proposed amendment will be prepared and submitted to the appropriate state and local officials for their approval and signature. Copies of the signed amendment will be sent to you for insertion in your copy of the schedule.

### AGENCY INFORMATION

Requestor name

Location and Agency [e.g., County/Municipality + Department of Social Services]

Phone and e-mail

Mailing Address

### CHANGE REQUESTED

Specify title and edition of records retention schedule being used: \_\_\_\_\_

Add a new item

Delete an existing item

Standard Number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

Change a retention period

Standard Number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Records Series in Schedule or Proposed Title:

Inclusive Dates of Records:

Proposed Retention Period:

Description of Records:

Justification for Change:

Requested by:

Signature

Title

Date

Approved by:

Signature

Requestor's Supervisor

Date





## Request for Disposal of Unscheduled Records

### AGENCY INFORMATION

Requestor name

Location and Agency [e.g., County/Municipality + Department of Social Services]

Phone and e-mail

Mailing Address

In accordance with the provisions of N.C. GEN. STAT. § 121 and § 132, approval is requested for the destruction of records listed below. These records have no further use or value for official administrative, fiscal, historical, or legal purposes.

RECORDS TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	INCLUSIVE DATES	QUANTITY	RELEVANT STATUTORY REGULATIONS	PROPOSED RETENTION PERIOD

Requested by:

Signature Title Date

Approved by:

Signature Requestor's Supervisor Date

Concurred by:

Signature Assistant Records Administrator State Archives of North Carolina Date



## Request for Disposal of Original Records Duplicated by Electronic Means

*If you have questions, call (919) 814-6900 and ask for a Records Management Analyst.*

This form is used to request approval from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to dispose of non-permanent paper records that have been scanned, entered into databases, or otherwise duplicated through digital imaging or other conversion to a digital environment. This form does not apply to records that have been microfilmed or photocopied or to records with a permanent retention.

<b>Agency Contact Name:</b>		<b>Date (MM-DD-YYYY):</b>
<b>Phone (area code):</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	
<b>County/Municipality:</b>	<b>Office:</b>	
<b>Mailing address:</b>		

<b>Records Series Title</b> A group of records as listed in records retention schedule	<b>Description of Records</b> Specific records as referred to in-office	<b>Inclusive Dates</b> (1987-1989; 2005-present)	<b>Approx. Volume of Records</b> (e.g. "1 file cabinet," "5 boxes")	<b>Retention Period</b> As listed in records retention schedule

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Requestor's Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Concurred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Records Administrator  
State Archives of North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### File Plan

<b>County/Municipality</b>				
<b>Division</b>		<b>Section</b>		<b>Branch</b>

Records Series	Records Creator	Records Owner (if record copy is transferred within the agency)	Media (Paper, Electronic, Scanned)			Required Retention	Location(s) of Records
			P	E	S		

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