



MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4

TITLE: MEETINGS - EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

CHAPTER: 1000 NUMBER: 1210 DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____ Brett Bishop, Chair

1. POLICY: Before convening in executive session, the Chair shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place, and the time the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the Chair.

An executive session may be conducted for one or more of the following purposes:

- a. To consider matters affecting national security;
- b. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- c. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- d. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- e. To consider, in the case of an export trading company, financial and commercial information supplied by private persons to the export trading company;
- f. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;
- g. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when the Board of Commissioners elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;



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- h. To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public;

- i. To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Other Exemptions from the Act. Neither the Open Public Meetings Act nor these procedures require an open public meeting with regard to: 1) That portion of a meeting of a quasi-judicial body which relates to a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as distinguished from a matter having general effect on the public or on a class or group; or 4) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement, or that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. RCW 42.30.110.