

# City Council Seeks to Redefine Public Records

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-- (City Meeting 1 :45 "We have received periodically and we have&hellip; handled like a record.&rdquo;)

Councilman John Whiddon said he understands why at first glance this ordinance might make some community members uncomfortable.

-- (City Meeting 2 :42 "But

I would note that the code&hellip;I would be comfortable with forwarding this.&rdquo;)

Before the ordinance was put to a vote, City Clerk Debra Marljar clarified once more for the council and audience members why the two forms of documents are excluded from city and public records.

-- (City Meeting 3 :26 &ldquo;And if I might I&rsquo;d also just clarify that&hellip;public and we&rsquo;re happy to do so.&rdquo;)

The council unanimously passed the first reading of the ordinance, which will now move to public hearing during the January 24 regular meeting.

In other business the council passed an ordinance requiring businesses that charge a city sales tax to file the number of transactions they have throughout the year that exempts a portion or all of the tax. The city also declared January 2013 as stalking awareness month.