



# Florida Association of City Clerks

## Public Records Exemption

### More Information

Many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings related to neglect or abuse, or other activities that could lead to a criminal prosecution are exposed to threats and other acts of violence.

Municipal Clerks often administer elections. Some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for. Further, Clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances. Occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants.

Please note, there are currently 27 public record exemptions for specific roles, one of which applies to Code Enforcement Officers. Code Officers are covered by the exemption, but not Municipal Clerks. There is language referencing code enforcement work in the resolution template for the purpose of including Municipal Clerks and employees who perform work related to code enforcement proceedings to be included as part of the public record exemption.

**FACC is asking you to adopt a resolution in your municipality urging the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for Municipal Clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a city and providing for an effective date.**