

CITY OF MONTGOMERY
RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Texas Local Government Records Act (Title 6, Subtitle C, Local Government Code), provides that each local government must establish an active and continuing records management program; and the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** desires to adopt a plan to prescribe policies and procedures consistent with the Local Government Records Act and in the interests of cost-effective and efficient recordkeeping; now therefore:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF RECORDS OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY. All documents, papers, letters, books, maps, photographs, sound or video recordings, electronic media, or other information-recording media, regardless of physical form or characteristic and regardless of whether public access to it is open or restricted under the laws of the state, created or received by the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** or any of its officers or employees pursuant to law or in the transaction of public business, are declared to be the records of the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** and shall be created, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance or procedures authorized by it and in no other manner.

SECTION 2. RECORDS DECLARED PUBLIC PROPERTY. All records as defined in Sec. 1 of this plan are declared to be the property of the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY**. No official or employee of the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** has, by virtue of his or her position, any personal or property right to such records even though he or she may have developed or compiled them. The unauthorized destruction, removal from files, or use of such records is prohibited.

SECTION 3. POLICY. It is declared to be the policy of the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** to provide for efficient, economical, and effective controls over the creation, distribution, organization, maintenance, use, and disposition of all records of this office through a comprehensive system of integrated procedures for the management of records from their creation to their ultimate disposition, consistent with the requirements of the Local Government Records Act and accepted records management practice. This policy shall apply to all employees, agents, independent contractors, and volunteers of the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY**.

SECTION 4. RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER. The CITY SECRETARY will serve as Records Management Officer for the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** as provided by law and will develop policies and procedures to ensure that the maintenance, preservation, security, destruction, electronic storage, and other disposition of the records of this office are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Records Act. All **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** department heads shall cooperate with the Records Management Officer to ensure the implementation of policies and procedures regarding the City of Montgomery records.

SECTION 5. RECORDS CONTROL SCHEDULES. Appropriate records control schedules issued by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall be adopted by the Records Management Officer for use in **CITY OF MONTGOMERY**, as provided by law. The Records Management Officer shall prepare amendments to the schedules as needed to reflect new records created or received by this office, or revisions to retention periods established in a records retention schedule issued by the Commission. Any destruction of records of the **CITY OF MONTGOMERY** will be in accordance with these schedules and the Local Government Records Act.