TO: City Council

FROM: Carlos Quiles, Chief of Police

DATE: October 20th, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2026-020, Body Worn Camera (BWC) Redaction Fees

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution R2026-020, Public Record Fees - Body Worn Cameras.

This resolution was recommended for adoption after holding a public hearing at the Council meeting by the Public Health & Safety Committee at their October 7, 2026, meeting.

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2) Background:

The Tumwater Police Department implemented its body-worn camera program in March 2026, creating recordings subject to disclosure under the Washington State Public Records Act. State law requires certain private or sensitive information to be redacted before release and allows law enforcement agencies to recover reasonable redaction costs from non-exempt requesters. Research and nearby agency studies estimate that redaction takes two to five minutes for each minute of video; TPD's experience averages 2.4 minutes. TPD therefore proposes charging $0.89 per minute of actual redaction time.

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3) Policy Support:

2026-2032 Strategic Priority: *"Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services"*

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4) Alternatives:

 Reject Resolution R2026-020

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5) Fiscal Notes:

There is no cost to this for the city.

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6) Attachments:

A. Resolution R2026-020, Body Worn Camera (BWC) Redaction Fees
B. Memo from the Chief of Police