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Local Government Record Retention Schedules

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ADMINISTRATION (01)			
Records	Description	Retention	Number
Ad Hoc Narrative Reports	Ad Hoc Narrative Reports that describe agency functions and activities. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	10 years	LG-01-005
Annexation Files	Records documenting the addition and/or incorporation of land into an existing city or county area. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-01-003
Annual Reports	Annual reports that describe agency functions and activities. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-01-004
Audio and Video Recording of Official Meetings	Audio and video of Council Meetings used for the preparation of written minutes. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	90 days after minutes are prepared and verified.	LG-01-006
Certificate of Proof of Insurance	Certificate of Liability Insurance for contractors <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	7 years after contract expires	LG-01-007

City Charter	Includes the constitution and by-laws of an incorporated city.	Permanent	LG-01-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Code Violations	Any violations of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to property.	3 years	LG-01-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Community Service Forms	Records documenting the terms of community service work or documenting the work provided.	3 years after completion of service or project	LG-01-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Correspondence, Administrative	This series includes communications that document formal decisions regarding significant matters.	Permanent	LG-01-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Correspondence, General	This series includes correspondence that documents formal decisions regarding routine matters. If correspondence is related to records like contracts, bid selections, and the like where the retention is longer than five years but it would not be appropriate to keep permanent then the correspondence should be filed with the corresponding record.	5 years	LG-01-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Correspondence, Transitory	This series includes records and communications received or sent that do not document decisions regarding significant matters.	Retain for useful life.	LG-01-013
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Crisis or Disaster Records	Records documenting events and damages to agency property due to storms, riots, fires, drought, floods, and other acts affecting the citizens or agency facilities; may include photos, logs, reports, notes, and correspondence.	5 years	LG-01-014
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Daily Broadcast Logs	Records documenting agency daily broadcast activities via radio or television.	2 years	LG-01-015
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Daily/Monthly Activity Reports	Record of daily/monthly activities.	2 years	LG-01-016
DCA Mandated Surveys	Surveys required by the Department of Community Affairs; includes, but is not limited to, Solid Waste Management Survey and Full Cost Report, Report of Local Government Finances, Independent Authority Bonded Indebtedness Form, Wage and Salary Survey, and Government Management Indicators Survey.	5 years	LG-01-017
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
e-Certified Mail and Return Receipts	Technology implemented to replace the "Green Card" certified mail receipts.	1 year, retain with corresponding documentation.	LG-01-018
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

Easements	Records documenting the granting of access by a property owner to a local government to run wiring, water or sewage pipes, and other public works (or other reasons).	Permanent	LG-01-019
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Emergency Preparedness Plans	Business recovery plans for man-made and natural disasters.	5 years after superseded	LG-01-020
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Emergency Relief Grant Records	Records documenting eligibility for financial assistance following a natural or other type of disaster.	(LG-01-022A) Records documenting federal grant: 5 years after final close out; (LG-01-022B) Other records: 3 years.	LG-01-022A and LG-01-022B
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Federal and State Grant Final Reports	Final narrative summary submitted according to requirements of the funding agency.	5 years after final closeout	LG-01-023
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Historic Preservation Files	Records documenting preservation of local landmarks and buildings.	Permanent	LG-01-024
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Maps, Plats, and Drawings	Records documenting the location of roads, subdivisions, water, and sewage lines.	Permanent	LG-01-025
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Meeting Agendas, Minutes, and Packets	Records documenting proposed and executed proceedings of agency meetings. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Minutes and approved attachments: Permanent; All other records: 5 years	LG-01-002-A and LG-01-002-B
Meeting Notices	Official notification of the time and place of regular and special meetings. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-01-026
Milestone Event Record	Speeches and records documenting events marking a milestone in the local government. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-01-041
Open Records Act Requests and Correspondence	Inquiries from members of the public requesting access to information under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A 50-18-70 et.seq.). <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-01-027
Petitions	Signatures of local residents requesting action by an agency on a specific issue. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-01-028
Photographs or Videos - Other	With no historical significance <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Retain for useful life.	LG-01-031

Photographs or Videos for Maintenance or Project Records	This series includes pictures collected by public works, parks, and community development departments during the course of performing and/or documenting routine work and maintenance. Not included in this series are security and surveillance videos.	Photographs and videos documenting work done on historic buildings: Permanent. See LG-01-024. All other records: 5 years.	LG-01-030
Photographs or Videos of Historical Significance	This series consists of photographs and videos that document the history of the locality, including, but not limited to, photographs of historic buildings and photographs and videos of major events. Not included in this series are security and surveillance video.	Permanent	LG-01-029
Policies and Procedures	Standard operating practice for business processes	Permanent. Retain 1 copy	LG-01-032
Printing Service Files	Includes printing requests, cost estimates, mock-ups, proofs, and printing plates.	Retain for useful life.	LG-01-033
Project or Grant Applications	Applications for awards, grants, projects, et cetera.	(LG-01-034A) 2 years, if not awarded. (LG-01-034A) Otherwise, 7 years after completion or award.	LG-01-034A and LG-01-034B

Publications	Newsletters, handbooks, pamphlets, and brochures published by the agency.	Permanent. Retain 1 copy	LG-01-035
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Relocation Assistance Files	Records documenting financial assistance to individuals searching for new homes under the Community Development Program.	5 years	LG-01-036
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Reports, Periodic	Quarterly and other narrative reports (not annual) that describe agency functions and activities.	3 years	LG-01-037
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Resolutions and Ordinances	Local laws and actions adopted by the board of county commissioners.	Permanent	LG-01-038
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Right-of-Way Agreements	Agreements with property owners specifying the terms of access to property for public works purposes.	Permanent	LG-01-039
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Security and Surveillance Video (Static)	Security video includes building or departmental video that monitors activities or traffic of a department or building. Surveillance video includes digital or analog video recordings and images from agency security systems. This series also includes digital and audio voice recordings of radio or telephone communications. Videos from law enforcement body and dash cams, drones cameras, and traffic cameras are not included in this schedule.	(LG-01-042A) Known Incident/Accident: Retain until settlement of claims; (LG-01-042) No known incident/accident: 30 days.	LG-01-042
	<i>Updated:</i> April 25, 2025		
Special Event Records	Speeches and records that reflect special events held or approved by the local government. E.g. parades, art show, auto show, craft show, holiday events.	5 years after the event	LG-01-040
	<i>Updated:</i> October 20, 2016		
Transitory Records	This series includes records with short-term interest that have no documentary or evidential value, such as routine requests for publications, transmittal letters, and agency event notices (holidays, charitable campaigns).	Retain for useful life.	LG-01-045
	<i>Updated:</i> April 25, 2025		
Visitors Logs and Sign-In Sheets	Consists of sign-in forms or sheets generally located at an agency's reception desk to document visitors to the facility.	2 years	LG-01-043
	<i>Updated:</i> October 20, 2016		
Website Information	The website reflects Records stored elsewhere as the copy of record.	Retain until superseded.	LG-01-044
	<i>Updated:</i> October 20, 2016		

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (02)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Calendars, Mailing Lists, Reference Files	Desk calendars and other scheduling media not including Court Calendars, also ancillary lists and notes for reference.	Retain for useful life.	LG-02-001
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Communications Logs	Receipt books containing record of certified mail sent out, logs of telephone calls and messages, VOIP logs, and fax transmissions.	Retain for useful life.	LG-02-002
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Data Input Forms	Data input forms are used to collect information that is entered into an electronic form.	Destroy upon verification.	LG-02-005
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Indexes	Provide a ready reference or pointer into larger sets of records.	Retain until destruction of indexed set of records.	LG-02-003
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Newsclippings and Scrapbooks	Copies of news articles and photos maintained by the agency as a historical records of activities.	(LG-02-004A) Scrapbooks: Permanent; (LG-02-004B) Newspaper Clippings Retain for useful life.	LG-02-004A and LG-02-004B
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

BUILDING (03)

Records	Description	Retention	Number

Blueprints and Specifications As-Built	Plans and specifications submitted by contractors when applying for building permits. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	(LG-03-001A) Exterior Drawings: Life of the Structure; (LG-03-001B) Interior Drawings: 10 years.	LG-03-001A and LG-03-001B
Blueprints and Specifications, Interim and Never Constructed	Plans and specifications submitted by contractors when applying for building permits; these buildings were never constructed or plans were altered prior to construction. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	1 year	LG-03-002
Building Codes	Published code books containing building standards and local changes. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-03-003
Certificates of Occupancy	Records documenting compliance with minimum standards required by the safety fire laws. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Life of building	LG-03-004
Demolition Records	Records relating to the demolition and clearance of buildings deemed unfit for habitation. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-03-005
Rehabilitation Applications	Applications from owners of substandard property for financial assistance to improve property. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after completion	LG-03-006

Sewage Disposal System Inspection Reports	Records documenting the inspection of building sewage systems for compliance with building codes. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-03-007
Street Address Lists	Listings of streets and house numbers <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Retain for useful life.	LG-03-008

CEMETERY (04)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Internment Records and Lot Owner Card Files	Provide a cross-reference for other cemetery records by listing name of deceased, location, costs, and date of burial, owner name, date of purchase, and deed number. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-04-001
Registers	Lists of cemetery plots indicating location, purchaser, and deed numbers. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-04-002

EDUCATION (06)

Records	Description	Retention	Number

Accident Reports, Student or Visitor	These records document reports of accidents occurring on school grounds, in the school building, or off-campus while a student participates in a school activity. They contain identifying information about the student, a description of the accident, and actions taken.	5 years	LG-06-046
Accreditation Records	This schedule includes records for preparing, applying, and re-applying for accreditation from an accreditation association, such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Records include self-studies, accreditation review work papers, and certificates of accreditation.	(LG-06-049R) Final report: Permanent; (LG-06-049B) All other records: Retain until next report is issued.	LG-06-049A and LG-06-049B
After-School Program Daily Records	This series consists of non-financial school records documenting daily attendance and activities of the after-school program, such as attendance, late pick up, etc.	2 years	LG-06-033
Attendance Records for Home-Schooled Students	This schedule contains records documenting the required hours of study for home-schooled students.	Retain until student reaches age 18.	LG-06-014
AYP, School Choice and Permissive Transfers	This schedule records requests to transfer schools within a district through permissive transfers or school choice transfer programs.	(LG-06-007A) Approved: Maintain in Student Record; (LG-06-003B) Denied: 3 years	LG-06-007A and LG-06-007B

Busing Plans and Maps	<p>This series includes overall plans designating which neighborhoods are served by each school in the system and showing bus routes used to transport students to and from school. During the latter part of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st, federal mandates were in place to aid in integrating schools. The mandates are no longer in place.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	(LG-06-017A) Plans and Maps: Permanent; (LG-06-017B) Records used to create plans and maps: 25 years	LG-06-017A and LG-06-017B
Certificate of Noncompliance- Loss of Drivers License	<p>Information provided by the local school system to the Department of Drivers' Services as notification that the individual is not qualified to hold a driver's license based on dropping out of school or lack of attendance.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	3 years	LG-06-037
Civil Rights Reports	<p>Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) statistics are reported biannually to the US Department of Education. Schools are required to submit statistical data on race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency, disability, total student enrollment, student proficiency, and educational programs designed to help disadvantaged students succeed. Previous civil rights reporting processes produced final reports.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	(LG-06-058A) Final Report: Permanent; (LG-06-058B) All other records: 3 years	LG-06-058A and LG-06-058B
Class Rolls	<p>This series includes lists of students in each class.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	3 years	LG-06-001

Completed and Graded Student Work	This series consists of assignments and tests that are not returned to students during the school year. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	Return to student or retain until end of school year.	LG-06-044
Declarations of Intent, Home School	This schedule contains notices by parents or guardians that a child will participate in a home study program. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	Retain for useful life.	LG-06-015
Department of Drivers' Services Records	This series includes records required by the Department of Drivers' Services and includes, but is not limited to, information on classroom instruction and logs of time each student drives. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	3 years	LG-06-025
Dropout Reports	This schedule contains reports generated to document students who cease attending school. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	5 years	LG-06-061
Dual Enrollment	This schedule contains individual student files, including the original determination of eligibility. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	3 years and resolution of inconsistencies within a student's record	LG-06-057
Educational Department and Program Operational Records	This schedule contains documentation of the day-to-day operations of an educational department or program, such as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), including correspondence and reports. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	5 years	LG-06-008

Emergency Contact Information	These records are of contact information for individuals who are notified in the event of student accident or illness. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	Retain until superseded or until student graduates or leaves district.	LG-06-038
Emergency Drills	This schedule contains documentation of all emergency drills held on school property, including on school buses. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	3 years	LG-06-030
Enrollment Records - Student Did Not Attend	This schedule contains records relating to students accepted for enrollment who did not attend school. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	1 year	LG-06-002
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice to Guardians	This schedule contains an annual FERPA notice signed by guardians acknowledging that they have received information on FERPA. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	1 year	LG-06-040
Federally-Affected Areas Membership Counts	This schedule contains reports of the number of students whose parents reside or are employed on federal property. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	5 years	LG-06-066
Field Trip Authorizations/Parental Permissions	This schedule contains parents' authorization for students to participate in an off-campus school activity. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	2 years	LG-06-054

Georgia High School Association Files	These records document school participation in the state high school association Athletics Programs. Records in this series include, but are not limited to, annual physical examination and eligibility reports for all student athletes and Emergency Action Plan.	5 years	LG-06-045
<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>			
Gifted and Talented Program Documentation	This schedule contains core documentation about the program's admission criteria and requirements.	Permanent	LG-06-009
<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>			
Grade Distribution and Failure Reports	This schedule contains a statistical analysis of student grades and attendance.	3 years	LG-06-027
<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>			
Grade Reports	This schedule contains reports of test scores and average course grades for individual students.	1 year after date distributed	LG-06-052
<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>			
Graduate and Class Ranking Lists	This schedule contains listings of graduates and ranking in class.	Permanent	LG-06-028
<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>			

Home Schooled Student Extracurricular Participation Files	<p>This schedule contains records documenting homeschooled students' participation in public school extracurricular activities. Records include, but are not limited to, written parental notification of the student's intent to participate in a particular activity, a copy of the student's most recent progress report, and written verification that the student is currently passing all courses, meets all the qualification requirements to participate in the activity.</p>	5 years	LG-06-016
Honor Rolls	<p>This schedule lists students placed on various honor rolls for academic achievement.</p>	(LG-06-029A) Grades K-8: 2 years; (LG-06-029B) Grades 9-12: 5 years.	LG-06-029A and LG-06-029B
Learning Resources Services (GLRS) Files	<p>These records document programs for students with disabilities through the Georgia Learning Resources Services.</p>	5 years	LG-06-010
Migrant Education Program - Student Records	<p>This schedule contains records of individual students that qualify for the Migrant Education Program. Records include applications, Certificates of Eligibility, annual verification of eligibility status, education records, and student health records.</p>	4 years after student leaves system	LG-06-048
Pickup Cards	<p>This schedule contains the record of individuals that guardians permit to pick up their student(s).</p>	Retain until the end of the school year.	LG-06-039

Private School Attendance	Non-public schools are required to submit reports on their student enrollment to local superintendents. The reports document the name, age, and residence of each student who attend private school or are home-schooled.	26 years	LG-06-064
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Private Tutor Records	This schedule contains teaching certificates and other required documentation for individuals who home-school students.	5 years	LG-06-069
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Public Health Inspection Records	This series documents a school's compliance with the Department of Public Health's requirements for food service safety. Records include, but are not limited to, permit applications to the county health department, a Certified Food Safety Manager certificate, and county health inspection reports.	(LG-06-024A) County Health Inspection Reports: 10 years; (LG-06-024B) Permit application and Certified Food Safety Manager Certificate: 1 year after expiration	LG-06-024A and LG-06-024B
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Race and Ethnicity Forms	This schedule contains records documenting the race/ethnicity of individual students within the school system.	3 years	LG-06-059
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Receipts of Responsibility for Property	These records document school board property temporarily in the use or possession of an employee or student. They include receipts for textbooks and locker assignments issued to students.	Retain 1 year after the item is returned to the property manager.	LG-06-021
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		

Requests for Transcripts	This schedule contains records documenting requests from current and former students for copies of their records.	1 year	LG-06-041
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Requests to Use School Bus	This schedule contains information about schedules, timing, and distance for individual buses.	3 years	LG-06-019
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Safe and Drug-Free Schools Records	This schedule contains records documenting the activities and initiatives sponsored by this federally-funded program.	3 years	LG-06-063
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Scholarships and Awards	This series documents the selection of outstanding students to receive scholarships.	Retain for useful life.	LG-06-060
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
School Bus Drivers Physical Exams	This schedule contains physical examinations of bus drivers to ensure that they meet the health requirements to drive a school bus.	2 years or until replaced with new certificate, whichever is longer.	LG-06-020
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
School Bus Schedules	This schedule contains information about schedules, timing, and distance for individual buses.	1 year or until superseded	LG-06-018
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		

School Censuses	<p>This schedule contains a compilation of numbers of school-aged children.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	<p>(LG-06-003A) 2012 and Prior: Permanent; (LG-06-003B) Post-2012: Retain for useful life.</p>	LG-06-003A and LG-06-003B
School Handbooks	<p>This schedule contains handbooks documenting school operating procedures; content, objectives, and evaluation criteria for school courses, including adult and community education programs; and behavior policies/codes of conduct. Also included in this schedule are parental and student confirmations of receipt of the materials.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	<p>(LG-06-013A) Handbooks: Permanent; (LG-06-013B) Confirmations of receipt: Retain until the end of the school year.</p>	LG-06-013A and LG-06-013B
School Psychologist/Psychometrist Student Files	<p>This schedule contains records, such as evaluations, created by the school system psychologist or psychometrist.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	5 years	LG-06-050
School Social Worker and Visiting Teacher Records	<p>These records are created by school social workers or visiting teachers, including records related to individual students, such as DFACS referrals, residency verifications, annual reports, threat assessments, and statistical reports of caseload.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	<p>(LG-06-062A) Records related to individual students: Retain until student turns 21; (LG-06-062B) Annual reports: 15 years; (LG-06-062C) Periodic reports: 3 years</p>	LG-06-062A, B, and C
School System Rezoning Records	<p>This schedule contains documents relating to revising student attendance zones to maximize the use of school facilities.</p> <p><i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i></p>	<p>(LG-06-026A) Approved Plan: Permanent; (LG-06-026B) All other records: 3 years</p>	LG-06-026A and LG-06-026B

Section 504 Plans	These records document the school's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which requires students with disabilities to receive an appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. These records may include applications, documentation, evaluations of disability, and student 504 plans.	5 years after the termination of the 504 Plan.	LG-06-032
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Special Education Program Documentation	This schedule contains core documentation of admission criteria and requirements for the Special Education Program.	Permanent.	LG-06-031
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Standardized Test Results	This schedule contains records documenting the administration and Individual students' test results of state-required standardized student testing programs.	3 years after posting results to student record.	LG-06-068
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Standardized Test Summary Reports	This schedule contains records documenting state-required standardized student test summaries showing overall school or system results.	10 years.	LG-06-067
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Student Discipline Records	These records document disciplinary actions against individual students while enrolled in the school system. Records may include office referrals, teacher reports, incident reports, Due Process Disciplinary Hearing Files, audio/video recordings, and evidence.	Retain until student turns 22.	LG-06-053
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		

Student Excuses	Communications from a student's parent or guardian to indicate why the student is absent.	Retain until end of school year.	LG-06-004
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Student Health Records	This schedule contains records documenting student health information, including clinic visits, clinic distribution of medications, Student Health Management Plans, suicide ideation forms, and health exams for extracurricular activities.	2 years after graduation or date of last attendance	LG-06-047
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Student Parking Records	This schedule contains records documenting students' permission to park a vehicle on campus. This may include vehicle information, tag number, driver's license number, and decal number.	Retain until superseded or student graduates/leaves school.	LG-06-042
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Student Records, District Created	This schedule contains the official record of the individual students for their period of enrollment at school.	(LG-06-035A) Transcripts: Permanent; (LG-06-035B) All other documents: 80 years	LG-06-035A and LG-06-035B
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Student Records, Personal and Non-District Created	The records required or presented to the school district while the student is enrolled and those not created by the school district; including birth certification, immunizations, medical, legal, and optional testing records (ACT, SAT, etc.).	Retain 1 year after given to student/parent at graduation or at time of withdrawal or 1 year after student leaves school district.	LG-06-034
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		

Student Records, Special Education	This schedule contains individual student records for the special education program and occupational and physical therapy programs. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	Retain until age 22 and notification of parents.	LG-06-051
Student Remediation Files	The records document assistance, instruction, and remediation provided to students who fail to pass the high school graduation exam. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	4 years after graduation or last attempt to complete	LG-06-036
Student Requests for Early Release from School	Requests for early release from school for appointments, work, or travel purposes. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	Retain until end of school year.	LG-06-005
Student Sign-Out Sheets	This schedule records students leaving campus for work, lunch, or other purposes, usually maintained in a log. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	Retain until end of school year.	LG-06-006
Student Support Services	This series covers all student support services, including the Student Support Team (SST), the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), and the Early Intervention Program (EIP). These services assist students at risk of falling behind grade-level expectations. Records include students' selection for the program and documentation of assistance. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	2 years after student leaves the school district	LG-06-065

Teacher Disciplinary Actions	This schedule contains records used to investigate complaints against teachers. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	(LG-06-055A) Founded: 40 years after settlement of case; (LG-06-055B) Unfounded: 1 year after investigation completed	LG-06-055A and LG-06-055B
Teacher Lesson Plans, Student Folders, and Work Files	This series documents of teaching plans including subject, class period, activity, and/or project; planning activities; schedules; and teacher's working files on individual students. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	2 years	LG-06-043
Teacher's Record of Student Attendance	This series consists of the attendance register documenting daily attendance in each class. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	(LG-06-056A): Pre-1940: Permanent; (LG-06-056B): Post-1940: 2 years	LG-06-056A and LG-06-056B
Title I Program Records	This schedule contains records documenting the application, receipt, and expenditure of Title I education funds for such programs as Even State, Migratory Children, and Comprehensive School Reform. <i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>	3 years after the financial report for the grant year	LG-06-022

Title IIA Program Records	<p>The Title II, Part A program is designed to increase student achievement; improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders; increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective at improving student academic achievement; and provide students from low-income families and minority students greater access to effective teachers, principals, and other school leaders. This series includes records documenting financial and programmatic records and supporting documents.</p>	<p>5 years after submission of Completion Report to GA DOE.</p>	<p>LG-06-023</p>
Video of Special Education Services	<p>This schedule contains video recordings monitoring Special Education classroom instruction, interactions, and monitoring teachers.</p>	<p>3 months</p>	<p>LG-06-012</p>
Vocational Education Program	<p>This schedule contains records documenting the operation of vocational education programs.</p>	<p>5 years</p>	<p>LG-06-011</p>

ELECTIONS (07)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Absentee Ballot Records - Registrar	Absentee ballot applications	<p>2 years</p>	<p>LG-07-001</p>

Absentee Voter Lists - Registrar	List of certified absentee voters <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-002
Appointment and Resignation Records	Records relating to the appointment and resignation of election officials. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-003
Appointment Files - Precinct Managers, Clerks, and Voting Equipment Custodians	Oaths, lists, orders and correspondence relating to the appointment of Precinct Managers, Clerks, and Voting Equipment Custodians. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-004
Appointment, Commissioning, and Resignation Papers of Registrars and Deputy Registrars	Certificates, appointments, notifications, resignations, oaths of office <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-005
Ballot Samples and Labels	Samples or facsimiles of ballots and ballot labels <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-006
Budget Estimates - Registrar	Records and working papers related to the cost estimates for holding an election. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	4 years	LG-07-007
Budget Estimates - Superintendent	All records relating to election budgetary needs. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	4 years	LG-07-008

Calls for Elections	Records relating to the calling of bond elections, special elections, nonpartisan primaries, and recall elections by a governing authority.	2 years	LG-07-009
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Calls for Special Primaries and Elections	Records related to the announcement of a special primary or election.	2 years	LG-07-010
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Campaign Disclosure Violation/Complaint Records - Superintendent	Complaints received and reports to State Ethics Commission	5 years	LG-07-011
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Campaign Financial Disclosure Reports - County Offices/Referendums - Superintendents Copy	Disclosure reports for county offices and county referendums	5 years	LG-07-012
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Campaign Financial Disclosure Reports - Municipal Authority	Financial disclosure reports filed by municipal office candidates.	5 years	LG-07-013
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Candidate Filing Papers	All records relating to the qualifying of candidates.	2 years	LG-07-014
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Certificates of Elections	Certifications of elected candidates	Permanent	LG-07-015
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

Certification of Recall Petitions - Municipal Authority	Certificates from the election superintendent regarding a recall petition.	2 years	LG-07-016
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Certified Electors List - City Clerk	List of eligible voters	2 years	LG-07-017
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Challenge to Qualifications of Electors	Records relating to the challenge to the qualifications of electors.	2 years after removal or rejection from list	LG-07-018
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Challenges to Qualifications of Candidates	Complaints, petitions, correspondence relating to qualification challenges	2 years	LG-07-019
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Change of Polling Place	Records relating to the changing of a polling place.	2 years	LG-07-020
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Collection of Qualifying Fees	Receipts, correspondence, and transmittals regarding the collection of qualifying fees.	2 years	LG-07-021
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Computing and Canvassing the Vote Records	All records related to the process of computing, tallying, and canvassing the vote.	2 years	LG-07-022
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Contested Election/Primary Records	Records related to the resolving of a contested election or primary.	2 years after resolution of dispute	LG-07-023
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Correspondence - Superintendent	All correspondence related to the general administration of the office.	2 years	LG-07-024
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Court Orders for Opening Voting Machines	Records relating to the examination procedures for voting machines.	2 years	LG-07-025
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Declaration of Intent to Accept Contributions - Superintendent	Declarations by candidates or their campaigns to accept contributions.	5 years	LG-07-026
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Election Offenses	Superintendent's records relating to the investigation and/or prosecution of election offenses.	2 years after close of case	LG-07-027
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Election Returns (copies), Ballots, and Other Election Materials	Copies of election returns filed with election superintendent, used and voided ballots, tally sheets, oaths, and numbered lists of voters.	2 years	LG-07-028
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Electors List - Municipal Authority	Elector lists delivered from the county board of registrars.	2 years	LG-07-029
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Electors List Purchase Records - Registrar	Statements verifying that purchased copies of the electors list will not be used for commercial purposes.	2 years	LG-07-030
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Electors Lists	List of all qualified electors for a given primary or election. This is the registrar's retained copy.	5 years	LG-07-031
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Electors Lists Receipts - Registrar	Receipts for the delivery of electors lists	2 years	LG-07-032
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Electors Lists, Marked - Registrar	Marked copy of voter list	5 years	LG-07-033
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Electors' Change of Residence Cards	Records relating to the change of address for electors.	Retain last change of address	LG-07-034
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
General and Consolidated Returns	Records related to consolidating voting results.	2 years	LG-07-035
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
List of Convicted Felons - Clerk of Superior Court	List of individuals who have been disenfranchised for a felony conviction.	2 years	LG-07-036
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

List of Disqualified Voters	List of voters who have been disqualified for mental incompetency.	2 years	LG-07-037
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Lists of Deceased Individuals	Monthly list prepared by Vital Statistics and sent to the Voter Registrar.	2 years	LG-07-038
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Lists of Persons Assisting Electors	Records documenting statutory compliance with providing assistance to electors.	2 years	LG-07-039
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Lists of Persons Assisting Voters	Names of individuals who assisted voters.	2 years	LG-07-040
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Nomination Petitions and Examination Files	Records relating to the examination of petitions.	2 years after election or litigation; whichever is later.	LG-07-041
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Notice of No Election	Notification of no election	2 years	LG-07-042
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Notices of Qualifying Fees	Records relating to the establishment of qualifying fees for county primaries and elections.	2 years	LG-07-043
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Oaths of Assisted Electors - Registrar	Duplicate copy of oath administered to electors requiring voting assistance. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-044
Oaths of Electors Needing Assistance	Records documenting assistance provided to qualified electors. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-045
Official List of Qualified Candidates, Constitutional Amendments, and Questions	Lists the names of all qualified political candidates, constitutional amendments, and other questions certified to be on the election ballot. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-046
Poll Operation and Procedure Records	Records relating to the preparing, opening, operating, and closing of a polling location during election day, <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-047
Polling Place Change Notices	Notices of polling place change <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-07-048
Precinct Boundary Changes	All records relating to the change of precinct boundaries. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-07-049

Precinct Boundary Files	All records relating to the change in precinct boundaries including but not limited to maps, plats, notifications, reports, correspondence, and minutes.	Permanent	LG-07-050
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Publication of Qualifying Fees for County Office - County Officials	All records related to the fixing and publishing of qualifying fees for each county office.	2 years	LG-07-051
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Qualification Fees	Records relating to the fixing and publication of qualification fees.	2 years	LG-07-052
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Racial Breakdown of Electors	Registrar's retained copy of certified report submitted to the Secretary of State.	Permanent	LG-07-053
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Recall of Elected Officials	Records relating to the recall process of elected officials.	2 years	LG-07-054
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Recall of Probate Judge Records	Records related to the recall process of a Probate Judge.	2 years	LG-07-055
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Recount Records	All records related to recounting or re-canvassing the votes cast in an election.	2 years	LG-07-056
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Registration Cancellations	Records relating to the removal of names from electors list.	2 years	LG-07-057
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Registration Renewal Cards	Cards returned by electors requesting to remain registered.	2 years	LG-07-058
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Removals of Registrars for Cause	Complaints, notices, court orders, and related documents	2 years	LG-07-059
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Requests for Reimbursement of Precinct Boundary Change Cost	Requests to the Secretary of State for reimbursement boundary changes	2 years	LG-07-060
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Requests for Reimbursement of Precinct Boundary Change Cost - Municipal Authority	Requests to the Secretary of State for reimbursement boundary changes	2 years after reimbursement	LG-07-061
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Rules and Regulations - County Political Bodies	Rules and regulations governing the conduct of conventions for political parties operating in the county.	Permanent	LG-07-062
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Special Registration Drive Notices	Notices of voter registration locations and hours	2 years	LG-07-063
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Vote Count Discrepancies	Records relating to the reporting and resolving of count discrepancies.	4 years	LG-07-064
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Voter Registration Cards	Registration cards as required by law	(LG-07-065A) Permanent for active status; (LG-07-065B) 2 years after deletion for inactive status	LG-07-065A and LG-07-065B
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Voter Registration Correspondence	Records relating to the registration of voters.	2 years	LG-07-066
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Voter Registration Maintenance Files	Records relating to registered voters not required by law.	2 years	LG-07-067
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Voters Certificates - Registrar	Certificates of persons who voted	2 years	LG-07-068
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Voting Machine Custodian/Vote Recorders Oaths	Oaths of voting machine custodians and records of the vote filed with the city/county clerk.	2 years	LG-07-069
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Voting Machine Petitions	Referendum records on the use of voting machines by municipal governments.	2 years	LG-07-070
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Voting Machine/Vote Recorder Certificates	Certificates assuring that vote recorders and machines are in proper order.	2 years	LG-07-071
Write-in Candidate Notifications	Records relating to qualifying as a write-in candidate for municipal office.	2 years	LG-07-072

FINANCIAL (08)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Accounting Records	Records include: accounts payable files; accounts receivable files; bank statements; cancelled checks, vouchers, and EFTS; cash balances and reconciliations; Bank Loans; Credit card records; Collection Records; cost accounting records; deposit slips and reconciliations; invoices; journal entries (journal vouchers); outstanding obligations; payment schedules; purchase orders; receipts; returned checks; reconciliations; refund/disbursement requests; moving expenses; agency-paid individual memberships and activities in professional organizations; registration fees; and travel authorization and reimbursement records.	5 years	LG-08-001
Audit Reports/Annual Financial Statements	Reports prepared by external auditors examining and verifying the agency's financial activities for a defined period of time.	Permanent	LG-08-002

Bids and Competitive Selection Records	Records documenting quotes by vendors to supply products or services to an agency. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	(LG-08-005A) Capital Improvement Projects: 11 years; (LG-08-005B) All Other Records: 7 years	LG-08-005A and LG-08-005B
Budget Maintenance Records and Reports	Records documenting changes made in the agency's initial budget including change requests, request authorizations, funds transfers, and other records. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	6 years	LG-08-006
Budget Request Records	Records documenting the preparation of a budget request package and reporting of the status of funds, requesting amendments of allotments, and reporting program performance. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after the end of the fiscal year	LG-08-007
Capital Improvement Bonds, Retired	Document the repayment of funds raised through bond issues. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-08-004
Contracts and Agreements	Records documenting services and products provided to an agency for a specified cost and period of time. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	(LG-08-010A) Capital Improvement Projects: 10 years after expiration; (LG-08-010B) Other Contracts: 7 years after expiration	LG-08-010A and LG-08-010B
Cooperative Federal Programs Budget Preparation, Project, and Allocation Records	Records used to develop, estimate, propose, and plan preliminary budget requests for cooperative state/federal programs and reflects the process by which annual budget allotments are distributed. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after the end of the fiscal year	LG-08-008

Depreciation Schedules	Records documenting useful life and depreciation of agency-owned equipment and property, usually for insurance purposes.	4 years	LG-08-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Federal and State Grant Project Files - Education Agencies and Non Education Agencies	Records documenting grants from federal and state agencies.	3 years after submission of final report or denial of application	LG-08-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Federal Revenue Sharing Records	Records documenting federal, state, county, and municipal revenue-sharing; includes summaries, expenditures, and investments.	5 years after submission of final report	LG-08-013
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Final Budgets	Includes the final approved budget for an agency.	Permanent	LG-08-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Franchise Records	Records documenting franchises granted to utility companies or other organizations allowing them to provide services to local residents.	7 years after superseded	LG-08-014
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
General Ledger and Trial Balances	Record of final entry for all financial transactions	7 years	LG-08-015
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Insurance Claims Documentation	Insurance claims records documenting accidents, property damage, or other incidents involving government owned vehicles or contractors.	5 years after settlement	LG-08-016
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Internal Auditing Records	Records documenting the conduct of an internal review of agency financial accounts and processes.	5 years or two successive audits, whichever is longer	LG-08-003
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Signature Authorizations	Records documenting the certification of employees who are authorized to sign fiscal and contractual documents.	7 years after authorization expires	LG-08-017
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

HEALTH SERVICES (09)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Adult Client Health Records	Records pertaining to clients older than 18 years of age (0427-016)	10 years from date of last service	
Certificates of Need	Records documenting the issuance of certificates of need for local government-operated health care facilities. Note: Where financial expenditures and contracts are associated with the CON - use the retention schedule for Contracts and Agreements.	3 years	
Child Client Health Records	Records pertaining to clients younger than 18 years of age (0427-017)	10 years after the client reaches age of majority (18 in Georgia) or 28 years from date of last service	

Children's High-Risk Screening and Case Management Records (Babies Can't Wait, Children First)	All documents relating to health services provided to Babies Can't Wait and Children First clients (0427-019)	5 years from date of last service; for Children First: 5 years from program exit or 5th birthday	
Children's Medical Services Health Records	All health records pertaining to clients seen by Children's Medical Services (0427-018)	6 years after client reaches age of majority (21 years per Medicaid)	
Immunization Consent Records	Includes only consent forms for immunization (0427-022)	5 years from date of last service	
Immunization Records (Post-1996)	Includes, but is not limited to recording of date of immunizations and associated clinical information in electronic system (GRITS) (0427-021)	6 years after client's death	
Immunization Records (Pre-1996)	Paper immunization records (0427-021)	Retain until child reaches age 28; includes any paper record no entered into electronic database	
Pregnancy-Related Services/Perinatal Case Management (PRS/PCM) Health Records	All documents relating to health services provided to PRS/PCM clients (0427-003)	6 years from date of last service	
Rodent/Nuisance Control Notices	Legal notification of violation of sanitation regulations that resulted in rodent infestation in a community or neighborhood	2 years	562
Sanitation Surveys	Surveys and inspections of communities and neighborhoods for potential sanitation problems	1 year	563
Scoliosis School Screening Records	All health records pertaining to scoliosis screenings (0427-026)	6 years from date of original screening	

Single-Encounter Health Records	Health records pertaining to one-time service encounters; includes newborn metabolic screening forms, individual consent service slips, sports physical forms, forms for walk-in PPDs, and hearing, vision, dental, or nutrition screening forms (0427-025)	5 years from date of last service
Syphilis Records	All documents relating to health services provided to clients diagnosed with syphilis (0427-013)	20 years from date of last service
Tuberculosis Records (Cases/Treatment)	All documents relating to health services provided to tuberculosis patients; "cases" includes those clients with active TB infection and/or with latent TB infection (LTBI) and an abnormal chest X-ray (0427-020)	21 years from date of last service
Tuberculosis Records (Negative X-rays)	(0427-020)	10 years from end of calendar year in which X-ray was taken
Tuberculosis Records (Positive X-rays)	(0427-020)	10 years from end of calendar year in which X-ray was taken
Tuberculosis Records (Prophylaxis/Prevention)	All documents relating to health services provided to tuberculosis clients; "prophylaxis" includes those clients with LTBI and a normal chest X-ray (0427-020)	21 years from date of last service
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Health Records	WIC-associated health records; applies only to WIC health records kept separately from child health records (if WIC records are kept as part of child health records, follow schedule 0427-017) (0427-023)	Retain for 3 years past the end of calendar year in which date of last service occurred
Zoning Responses	Response from the county health department on the review of land development, and zoning variance requests	5 years
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (10)			
Records	Description	Retention	Number
Computer Inventory Records	Records documenting the assignment of a specific computer to an individual as well as an inventory of the software licensed for that computer; also may include IP address or mailbox assigned to the individual.	4 years after computer removed from service or staff leaves agency	LG-10-001
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Computer System Documentation	Hardware and software manuals and program coding	5 years and migration of all permanent records to new system	LG-10-002
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Equipment and Network Usage Documentation	Policies and procedures for appropriate use of agency equipment and software	4 years after superseded	LG-10-003
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Equipment Records	Includes purchase orders, warranties, operation manuals, and service contracts for all computer hardware and software.	Life of equipment	LG-10-004
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
System Architecture Documents and Wiring Schemas	Records documenting the location of wiring and the design of the overall agency network environment.	3 years after obsolete or replaced	LG-10-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
LEGAL (11)			

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Attorney Case Files	Documents the work of the agency legal counsel in advising and representing a local government. Public Defender Case Files, see the Judicial Branch Schedules.	6 years after settlement of case	LG-11-001
	<i>Updated: November 14, 2018</i>		
Attorney's Opinions	Interpretations of the law and an agency's compliance with the law by the Local Governments legal Counsel.	Permanent	LG-11-002
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Subpoenas and/or Production of Documents Requests	This series documents subpoenas and/or production of documents requests from third parties.	5 years	LG-11-003
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		

LIBRARY (12)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Accession Records	Master record of all acquisitions	Permanent	LG-12-001
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Circulation and Retrieval Records	Records documenting daily, monthly, and annual reference activity.	3 years	LG-12-002
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Inventories	<p>Listing of holdings</p> <p><i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i></p>	Retain until superseded.	LG-12-003
Membership Registrations	<p>Records used to grant borrower or user privileges to patrons.</p> <p><i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i></p>	2 years after expiration	LG-12-004

MEDICAL EXAMINER (13)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Autopsy Protocols	<p>Methods and practices for performing an autopsy</p> <p><i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i></p>	Permanent	LG-13-001
Autopsy Reports	<p>Report of the examination of an individual to determine cause of death.</p> <p><i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i></p>	Permanent	LG-13-002
Inquests	<p>Records of court proceedings to determine cause of death and any needed criminal investigation.</p> <p><i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i></p>	Permanent	LG-13-003
Medical Examiners Case Files	<p>Records documenting the investigation of deaths.</p> <p><i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i></p>	Permanent	LG-13-004

PAYROLL (14)

Records	Description	Retention	Number

Annual Payroll Earnings Reports	Summary of employees' payroll earnings for a fiscal year, including deductions. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	50 years after the tax year in which the records were created.	LG-14-001
Contractor Payroll Records	Records submitted by contractors that reflect the time and/or work their employees did for the Local Government.	5 years after project completion	LG-14-002
Deduction Authorizations	Records documenting an individual employee's authorization to withhold taxes, to allow direct deposits, and other deductions from the employee's pay. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	4 years after the end of the fiscal year	LG-14-003
Direct Deposit Records	Including blank checks used to establish direct deposit of employee's paycheck. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	1 year	LG-14-004
Employee Retirement Contribution Reports	Documents relating to participation in an agency-supported retirement program. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	6 years	LG-14-005
Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Compliance Records	All records pertaining to FMLA's leave requirements, including dates and hours of FMLA leave; copies of employer notices; documents describing premium payments; employee benefits; and records of disputes over FMLA benefits. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-14-007

Garnishments	Records documenting the withholding of funds from an employee's wages at the request of the courts or a state agency.	4 years after release from garnishment	LG-14-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
HIPAA/HITECH Records	These records include the policies and procedures implemented by agencies to comply with HIPAA/HITECH regulations.	6 years after superseded	LG-14-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Periodic Tax Reports	Records documenting taxable and non-taxable income of an agency.	4 years	LG-14-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Salary and Wage Records	Pre-payroll reports, monthly payroll check registers, monthly fund distribution reports, and payroll action forms	4 years after the end of the fiscal year	LG-14-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Unclaimed Pay Checks	Checks that remain unclaimed by employees.	1 year	LG-14-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Wage and Rate Tables	Records utilized to calculate straight time and overtime work schedules.	2 years	LG-14-013
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Wage and Tax Statements	An information return used to report wages paid to employees and the taxes withheld from them. Includes W-2s.	4 years	LG-14-014
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Withholding Allowance Certificates (W-4 Forms)	Federal forms completed by an individual employee to establish the amount of taxes withheld from wages.	4 years	LG-14-015
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Work-Time Schedules	Records documenting employee's daily and weekly work schedules.	4 years and settlement of all claims due	LG-14-016
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

PERMITS (15)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Administrative Permits	Permits issued for activities, minor actions, or temporary situations that have little risk for long term impact. Ex: yard sale, dumpster, special events, tents, road closures, temporary sign permits, etc.	1 year after expiration of permit	LG-15-001
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Alcoholic/Malt Beverage Licenses	Applications to sell beer and wine in the county or city.	7 years after expiration	LG-15-002
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

Ambulance Service Applications and Permits, Expired	Records designating a vehicle as an emergency vehicle and providing for emergency lighting on the vehicle.	3 years	LG-15-003
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Appeals - Alcohol	Documents reflecting formal requests for reconsideration of a denial, revocation, or suspension of an alcohol license.	7 years	LG-15-005
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
ATF License Application for Collector of Curios and Relics	ATF form F7CR	1 year	LG-15-004
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Beer License Application Files, Fingerprint Cards	Fingerprints and identification records for individuals applying for a beer license.	5 years	LG-15-014
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Bicycle Registrations	Records relating to a voluntary program for registering bicycles.	2 years	LG-15-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Building Permit Applications and Permits	This series documents the application and issuance of building permits and includes applications from property owners to erect a new structure or make modifications to an existing structure, permits allowing construction, and land disturbance permits.	10 years	LG-15-007
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		

Business License Citation Records	Records documenting citations issued by license inspectors for non-compliance with business license agreements.	2 years	LG-15-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Business Licenses	Records documenting the issuance of business privilege licenses and license renewal notices.	2 years	LG-15-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Contractors Licenses, Inactive	Applications for licensing as a general contractor; includes copies of licenses.	5 years	LG-15-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Electrical, Gas, and Plumbing Permits	Permits to install or upgrade plumbing fixtures, gas connections, or electrical equipment.	5 years	LG-15-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
EPD Affidavits	Affidavit ensuring appropriate measures taken to abate an asbestos or lead during the demolition of structures.	10 years	LG-15-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Excavation Permits	Permits to local contractors to excavate in proximity of utility lines.	5 years	LG-15-013
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

House Moving Applications	Records documenting the review and approval of permits to relocate houses.	2 years	LG-15-015
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Mobile Home Permits, Expired	Records used to register mobile homes for tax purposes and to permit electrical and sewage hook-ups.	5 years	LG-15-017
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Occupation Tax/Business License Master Lists	Listings of all businesses operating within a jurisdiction	Retain until superseded	LG-15-016
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Record of Permits Issued	Listing of permits issued	2 years after permit expires.	LG-15-018
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Sign Permits	Applications and permits for permanent signage	3 years	LG-15-019
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Trade Certifications	Records granting licenses to building tradesmen wanting to work in an area.	5 years	LG-15-020
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Vehicles for Hire Permits	Records authorizing the issuance of operating permits to taxi cab companies and drivers.	5 years	LG-15-021
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

PERSONNEL (16)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Affirmative Action Audits and Annual Reports	Document agency response to federal program reviews, state compliance audits, annual reporting requirements, and internal audits.	3 years	LG-16-001
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Affirmative Action Policy	Record documenting an agency's compliance with the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.	Permanent	LG-16-002
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Applications for Employment, Not Hired	This series documents records of job applicants who are not hired for the position. Records include, but are not limited to, applications and background checks.	2 years	LG-16-003
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Applications for Employment, Unsolicited or Incomplete	Records documenting applications for job openings that are incomplete or unsolicited.	3 months	LG-16-004
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Cafeteria Plan (Flexible Benefits) Records	Records documenting salary reduction-type plans authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.	6 years after termination of participation	LG-16-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Continuation of Insurance Benefits (COBRA) Records	Records documenting individual election to continue insurance benefits beyond employment with an agency.	6 years	LG-16-007
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Contracts, Employee	Service contracts between an individual and government agency or teaching services.	7 years after expiration	LG-16-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Converted Personal Leave Request	Records documenting converted personal leave requests.	1 year after leave used	LG-16-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Drug Testing Records	Records documenting the random drug testing of employees to include pre-employment and reasonable suspicion.	(LG-16-010A) Postives and Refusals: 5 years; (LG-16-010B) Negatives and Cancelled Drug Tests and documents relating to the administration of alcohol and controlled substance testing programs: 2 years	LG-16-010A and LG-16-010B
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Drug Testing Records - Equipment Calibration	Records documenting calibration of drug testing equipment.	5 years	LG-16-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Employee Assistance Program Case Files	Records documenting the referral and treatment of employees in an agency sponsored assistance program.	5 years after employee completes program	LG-16-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Employee Eligibility Verification Records	I-9 forms <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years after date of hire or 1 year after separation, whichever is longer	LG-16-021
Employee Grievance Action Case Files, Resolved	Resolution of employee complaints against supervisor or other employee. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years after the complaint is filed or the case is resolved.	LG-16-013
Employee Handbooks	Guidelines created to explain the internal operations and procedures of the agency to a new employee. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	60 years	LG-16-014
Employee Identification Card Records	Records documenting the issuance of employee identification cards. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after card has been recalled	LG-16-015
Employee Medical Files, Toxic/Hazardous Substance Exposure	Documentation of employee exposure to hazardous materials. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	30 years after separation	LG-16-016
Employee Parking Records	Records documenting employee parking permit applications, cards, and permits. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after permit expires or is superseded or separation of employee from the agency, whichever is longer.	LG-16-017

Employee Personnel Files (Full Time, Part Time, Temporary)	This series documents an employee's work history with the agency, generally maintained as a case file. Records in this series include, but are not limited to, documentation of continuing education, performance evaluations, waivers of liability, card key access forms, disciplinary actions, and background checks.	7 years after separation	LG-16-018
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Employee Retirement Contribution Reports	Documents relating to participation in an agency-supported retirement program.	6 years	LG-14-005
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Employee Retirement Plans	Copies of pension plans, both current and past, summarizing benefits and eligibility criteria.	60 years	LG-16-019
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Employee Retirement Records	Records including declaration of beneficiary, requests for retirement, insurance authorizations, correspondence, election of options forms, and other related materials.	7 years after benefits cease to be paid	LG-16-020
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Complaints	Records documenting charges of discrimination filed against an agency.	2 years or until final disposition of the charge or action	LG-16-022
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Reports	Reports classifying employees by race and gender that document compliance with EEOC rules. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-16-023
Family Medical Leave Case Files	Records documenting extended absence from work by an employee under provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years after separation	LG-16-024
Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity (GCEO) Complaints	Records documenting charges of discrimination filed against an agency. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years or until final disposition of the charge or action	LG-16-025
Group Health Insurance Policies	Group insurance policies held by a local government as part of the employee benefits program. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	10 years after expired	LG-16-026
Hazardous Materials Exposure Records	Records monitoring the exposure to hazardous materials by employees. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	30 years after separation	LG-16-027
Insurance Claims	Records documenting the administration of a government operated insurance program. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-16-028

Intern/Volunteer Program Records	This series documents the activities and administration of an agency's intern/volunteer program. Records may include: volunteer hour statistics; volunteer program publicity records; insurance requirement information; and inactive volunteer files containing applications and conditions of volunteer service forms.	(LG-16-045A) Individual Intern/Volunteer Files: 3 years after separation; (LG-16-045B) All Other Records: 3 years	LG-16-045A and LG-16-045B
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Job Recruitment Materials	Records documenting efforts to advertise positions and attract qualified personnel for employment opportunities.	2 years	LG-16-029
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Leave Donation Records	Records documenting the donation of leave by employees to assist an individual who must be absent from work for an extended period of time due to illness.	1 year after leave used	LG-16-030
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Leave Records	Records documenting hours worked, sick leave donations, leave earned, and leave taken; does not include final leave status.	3 years	LG-16-031
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Leave Status, Final	Records documenting cumulative leave held by an individual employee.	50 years	LG-16-032
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Official Bonds and Oaths	Bonds required of local officials and custodians of funds.	5 years after expiration of term	LG-16-033
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Position Classification Materials	Records documenting job requirements, description, and salary range.	4 years after position is reclassified	LG-16-034
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Pre-employment Assessments	Pre-employment assessments include exams and polygraphs, taken by those applying for positions with a local government.	2 years	LG-16-035
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Retirement Incentive Program Records	Records documenting employees who elect for early retirement under government-offered incentive programs.	6 years	LG-16-036
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Retirement System Transaction Reports	Status of individual pension accounts including interest, contributions, and withdrawals	10 years after fiscal year in which the record was created	LG-16-037
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
SAVE and E-Verify Affidavits	Affidavits testifying to an individual's right to receive public benefits. Note: Retention applies only to those affidavits not maintained as part of another record, such as a contract or bid response.	3 years	LG-16-038
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

SAVE and E-Verify Reports	Reports documenting the collection of SAVE and E-verify forms.	10 years	LG-16-039
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Short/Long Term Disability Leave Files, Non-FMLA	Records documenting extended absence from work by an employee; non-FMLA.	3 years	LG-16-040
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Student Workers Permits	Permits to allow persons under 18 years old to obtain summer employment.	Return to issuing officer (school board) after termination or failure to appear for 30 days.	LG-16-044
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Training Records	Records documenting attendance and course content for required continuing education training, excluding law enforcement.	5 years	LG-16-041
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Training Records - Breath-Alcohol Testing	Records relating to the training of individuals for breath-alcohol testing.	2 years after individual ceases to perform the testing function	LG-16-042
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Unemployment Compensation Records	Documentation related to employee claims for unemployment compensation.	5 years after the end of the fiscal year in which the transaction occurred	LG-16-043
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Work-Time Schedules	Records documenting employee's daily and weekly work schedules.	4 years and settlement of all claims due	LG-14-016
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Workers' Compensation Claims or Employee Accident Claims, Accident Reports	Records documents employee accidents, injuries, and medical claims; settlement of all claims. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	4 years	LG-16-046
PLANNING AND ZONING (17)			
Records	Description	Retention	Number
Planning Studies and Reports	Studies and reports completed by outside consultants and/or city planners. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	10 years after superseded	LG-17-001
Prisoner Subsidy Programs, Public Works Projects	Financial records documenting the employment of prisoners on public works projects. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-17-002
Residential Blueprints	Residential construction plans and specifications submitted by developers and builders as part of the permit process. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	10 years	LG-17-003
Tall Structure	Records documenting the construction of cell towers. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	20 years after dismantled	LG-17-004
Vacant Property Registration	Records documenting properties that have not been lawfully inhabited and show no evidence of habitation, as to comply with state/local government vacant property statutes. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years after superseded	LG-17-005

Zoning Board Appeals	Appeals of decisions of the Planning and Zoning Department	5 years	LG-17-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Zoning Change Requests	Requests from property owners for changes in the zoning of their property.	5 years	LG-17-007
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Zoning Litigation Files	Records documenting the review, evaluation, and decision in rezoning court suits.	6 years after litigation is complete	LG-17-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Zoning Ordinances	Records establishing property usage for commercial, residential, or agricultural purposes.	Permanent	LG-17-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Zoning Responses	Response from the county health department on the review of land development and zoning variance requests.	5 years	LG-17-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Zoning Variance Applications	Applications for an exception to a zoning regulations	Permanent	LG-17-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

PROPERTY (18)

Records	Description	Retention	Number

Acquisition Records	Records documenting the purchase of real property by an agency; does not include deeds or titles.	5 years after project completion	LG-18-001
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Architectural Project Monitoring Files	Monitoring of the construction of local government facilities.	7 years after project completion	LG-18-002
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Blueprints and Specifications, As-Built	Plans and specifications of government-owned facilities	Retain for life of building.	LG-18-003
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Capital Construction Project Records	Provides a record of the planning, administration, and implementation of capital construction projects; includes project descriptions and requirements, bid records, plan reviews, project schedules, contract changes, consultant contracts, and budgets.	11 years after completion of project	LG-18-005
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Depreciation Schedules	Records documenting useful life and depreciation of agency-owned equipment and property, usually for insurance purposes.	4 years	LG-08-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Equipment and Vehicle Purchases	Records documenting the purchase of agency-owned vehicles.	5 years after disposition of equipment	LG-18-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Facility Inspection Files and Reports	Records documenting inspection of facilities to comply with standards, rules, and codes affecting health and safety of the occupants; includes security and safety inspections.	(LG-18-0088A) Building Age 0-8 years: 11 years; (LG-18-008B) Building Age 9-up year: 3 years	LG-18-008A and LG-18-008B
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Facility/Building Security Records	Records documenting security measures and procedures.	5 years	LG-18-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Federal Property Records	Records documenting the loan or lease of federal government equipment.	7 years after expiration of contract or disposal of equipment	LG-18-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Fuel and Oil Usage Reports	Periodic reports of the consumption of diesel, gas, and oil in government-owned vehicles.	3 years	LG-18-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Fuel Tax Reports	Periodic reports of taxable and nontaxable diesel fuel usage by government-owned vehicles.	3 years	LG-18-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Government Equipment Lease Records	Records documenting the lease of government equipment (federal or state) by local governments.	7 years after expiration of lease	LG-18-013
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Insurance Fund Claims	Records documenting requests for payment of insurance claims. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after claim is paid or denied	LG-18-014
Insurance Policies	Records documenting insurance purchase for agency facilities or of membership in risk management cooperatives. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	7 years after expiration of policy or membership	LG-18-015
Leasing and Rental Records	Records documenting the leasing or renting of land, buildings, or facilities. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	7 years after expiration (or termination) of contract	LG-18-016
Maintenance Records, Capital Equipment and Technology	Includes purchase orders, warranties, operating manuals, service contracts, and service logs for maintenance of agency-owned equipment and vehicles. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after disposition of equipment	LG-18-007
Maintenance Records, Remodeling and Repair	Documents the condition, upkeep, and routine maintenance on agency facilities and grounds. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	6 years	LG-18-004
Maintenance Schedules	Schedules for maintenance of agency-owned equipment and vehicles <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-18-017

Maintenance Work Orders	Records documenting routine maintenance on facilities and property.	5 years	LG-18-018
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Motor Pool Vehicle Records	Records documenting reservation and use of motor pool vehicles by agency personnel and gasoline usage by motor pool vehicles.	5 years	LG-18-019
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Property and Equipment Inventories	Listing of agency-owned property and equipment	5 years	LG-18-021
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Property Disposition Requests (Surplus Property Records)	Documents requests for change in status of government-owned property.	5 years	LG-18-020
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Real Property Ownership Records	Deeds and supporting documentation for land owned by an agency	11 years after the year in which the property was sold or transferred	LG-18-022
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Receipts of Responsibility	Records documenting property temporarily in use or possession of an employee.	Retain until return of item to property manager or 5 years, whichever is longer.	LG-18-023
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Restricted Area/Access Authorization Identification Records	These records document staff and contractor electronic access into government facilities, including user identities and portal access logs.	1 year after access is deactivated.	LG-18-024
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		

Space Planning/Design Management Project Files	Evaluation and design of office space for local government agencies	3 years after project completion	LG-18-025
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Utility Systems Operating and Maintenance Records	Records include equipment operations logs, mechanical reading charts, equipment maintenance histories.	5 years after equipment is no longer in service	LG-18-026
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Vehicle Accident Reports	Record documenting damage to agency-owned vehicles.	5 years	LG-18-027
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Vehicle and Equipment Cost Reports	Reports generated to assess and monitor the costs of agency-owned vehicles and heavy equipment.	3 years	LG-18-028
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Files	Records documenting routine maintenance on vehicle and equipment (does not include school bus maintenance).	5 years after the vehicle is sold or replaced	LG-18-029
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Vehicle Parts Lists	Lists of replacement parts for agency-owned vehicles	3 years	LG-18-030
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Vehicle Permits/Security Identification Records	Records documenting the issuance of vehicle decals providing access to security areas.	2 years after expiration	LG-18-031
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Vehicle Title Records	Documents agency ownership of cars, vans, trucks, trailers, tractors, etc.	(LG-18-032A) Applications: Retain until receipt of title; (LG-18-032B) Title: Retain for duration of ownership.	LG-18-032A and LG-18-032B
Vehicle Usage Reports	Reports used to track fuel usage and mileage. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-18-033
Vehicle Use Authorizations and Requests	Records documenting permission for employees to use their private vehicles for official business and receive reimbursement for mileage. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-18-034

PUBLIC SAFETY (19)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
911 Emergency Call Recordings	Digital or analog recordings of emergency calls handled by the 911 center <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years	LG-19-001
Accident Reports, Hazardous Material	Reports on accidents involving the spillage or combustion of hazardous materials <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	50 years	LG-19-002
Accident Reports, Private Property	Reports of accidents on private property <i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>	1 year	LG-19-004

Accident Reports, Traffic	Reports of traffic and other accidents on public property	5 years	LG-19-003
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		
Ambulance Trip Reports	Record of patient vital statistics form the point at which the ambulance picks the individual up to the hospital	5 years	LG-19-005
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Animal Control Case History Records	Case history records (cards) maintained on all animal received at an animal shelter	1 year	LG-19-006
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Animal Control/Shelter Operation Records	Records documenting animal shelter operations not covered elsewhere in the schedule	1 year	LG-19-008
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Animal Intake Reports and Logs	Records documenting animal intake	2 years	LG-19-007
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Animal Sterilization Citations and Records	Records documenting animal sterilization	1 year	LG-19-009
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Applications for Tax Paid Transfer and Registration of Firearm	Document the sale/transfer of weapons requiring registration with the U.S. Department of Treasury in accordance with the National Firearms and Weapons Act	1 year	LG-19-010
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		

Arrest and Booking Summary Statistics	Summary of daily, monthly, and yearly totals of arrests <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years	LG-19-011
Arrest Warrants	Summons for an individual who has or has not appeared in court for sentencing <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	(LG-19-013A) Executed: 3 years after court Appearance; (LG-19-013B) Open: 50 years for capital offenses, (LG-19-013C) 15 years for all other offenses	LG-19-013A, B, and C
Arrest Warrants, Recalled	Those summons later recalled by the issuing court <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	2 years	LG-19-012
ATF License Application for Collector of Curios and Relics	Document the purchase of guns and other weapons as collectors items <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	1 year	LG-19-014
Automatic Alarms Test and Maintenance Records	Test and maintenance work performed on automatic fire alarm systems	5 years	LG-19-015
Breath Test Reports	Reports maintained on individuals given breath tests to determine alcohol level <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	(LG-19-016A) Negative Results: 4 years; (LG-19-016B) Positive Results: 5 years	LG-19-016A and LG-19-016B
Cash Bond Docket	Record of bonds made on individuals charged with criminal offenses <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years	LG-19-017

Cash Bond Receipts	Records documenting the receipt and disbursement of cash bonds posted for criminal offenses	10 years after year in which the record was created	LG-19-018
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Cash Bonds, Forfeited	Records documenting the remittance of forfeited cash bond to the county treasurer	3 years	LG-19-019
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Certification/On-Site Assessment Files, State Law Enforcement Certification Program	Certification standards, standards status reports, written directives, photographs, and other documents related to proof of compliance with the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program.	3 years after confirmation of certification/recertification or 4 years for certified agencies also CALEA accredited	LG-19-020
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		
Civil Arrest Order Log Books	Documents actions taken on orders for incarceration in civil cases	3 years	LG-19-021
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Condemned Vehicles Account Records	Records documenting the sale and release of impounded vehicles after condemnation	3 years after condemnation of vehicle	LG-19-022
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Coroner, Inquest Files - Sheriff	Records documenting hearings conducted to determine if sufficient evidence exists for criminal prosecution	50 years	LG-19-023
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		

Crime Incident Statistical Reports	Record summarizing crime statistics in an area <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	(LG-19-024A) Annual report: Permanent; (LG-19-024B) Other periodic reports: 5 years	LG-19-024A AND LG-19-024B
Criminal Investigation Case Files (Capital Felonies)	Investigation of suspected criminal activity in order to arrest and convict the perpetrators; includes incident reports and supplements, documentary evidence, criminal history sheets, affidavits or other written statements, copies of subpoenas, State Crime Laboratory reports, and any other documents relevant to the investigation <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	50 years after adjudicated	LG-19-025
Criminal Investigation Case Files, Felony	Investigations of felony crimes other than capital offenses <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	7 years after adjudicated	LG-19-026
Criminal Investigation Case Files, Misdemeanors	See Criminal Investigation Case Files (Capital Felonies) <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years after adjudicated	LG-19-027
Criminal Trespass Notifications	Records advising subjects they are prohibited from entering a given property <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	Retain for useful life	LG-19-028
Dead Animal Pick-up Records	Records documenting the disposition of animal carcasses <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	2 years	LG-19-029

Dog Maintenance Records - K-9 Units	Records documenting the physical health and training proficiency of members of K-9 units	4 years after dog leaves the unit	LG-19-030
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Emergency Dispatch Logs	Record of emergency calls received over radio and logged at time of dispatch	3 years	LG-19-031
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Emergency Management/Operations Reports	Record documenting the type of emergency operation and the assistance provided	5 years	LG-19-032
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Evidence and Property Logs and Forms	Documents evidence, property stored for safekeeping, and found property acquired and maintained by the police department	(LG-19-033A) Evidence log: 3 years after disposition of property; (LG-19-033B) Logs of property not part of court proceeding: 1 year after disposition	LG-19-033A and LG-19-033B
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Expunged/Sealed Records	This series covers records that have been sealed by court order.	Retention of the record does not change upon expungement. Continue to use existing retention for the record.	LG-19-095
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Extradition Files	Records documenting the transfer of a criminal to a different jurisdiction for trial	5 years after closed	LG-19-034
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		

False Alarm Reports	Reports of public safety officer response to a false alarm (or prank call)	3 years	LG-19-035
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Fi. Fa. (Fieri Facias) Records, Sheriffs	Documents relating to serving of Fi.Fa. papers by sheriffs	7 years whether entered on GED or not	LG-19-036
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Field Training Files	This series includes field training records given by the department and includes VA OTJ records. Post training files are at Post.	5 years	LG-19-089
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Fingerprint Records	Paper copies of fingerprints taken by law enforcement.	(LG-19-090A) Fingerprint database and cards not entered into a fingerprint database: Permanent; (LG-19-090B) Cards entered into a fingerprint database: Keep until entered into the Fingerprint database.	LG-19-090
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Fingerprint Reports to FBI	Copies of reports submitted to Federal Bureau of Investigation	Retain for useful life	LG-19-037
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Fire Hydrant Inspection Reports	Records documenting the installation and maintenance of fire hydrants	5 years	LG-19-038
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		

Fire Incident Reports	Record of fires and related damage <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	20 years	LG-19-039
Fire Log Books	Record of fire including date, name of caller, stations responding, damage to structure, equipment used, and time required <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	20 years	LG-19-040
Fire Plans and Inspection Reports	Inspections of structures used in fire safety planning <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years	LG-19-043
Fire Prevention Plans	Review of structure, along with flammable material contained within, alarm systems, placement of extinguishers, and emergency numbers <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years after superseded	LG-19-041
Fire Safety Inspection Reports	Reports documenting compliance with and violations of fire regulations <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years	LG-19-042
Fireworks Display Registrations	Registrations of the location of fireworks displays with the fire department <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years	LG-19-044
Fugitive/Wanted Persons Files	Records created or accumulated in the course of apprehending wanted individuals <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years after suspect is apprehended	LG-19-045

Grand Jury Lists - Sheriff	Documents the selection of jurors for a particular term	2 years	LG-19-046
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Holding Cell Videos	Pictorial recordings (either analog or digital) of jail holding or booking areas	180 days	LG-19-047
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Impounded Vehicle Reports	Records documenting the towing of vehicles	3 years	LG-19-048
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Impounded Vehicles - Wrecker Service Reports	Reports identifying the vehicles to be towed and the wrecker service performing the task	3 years	LG-19-049
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Incarceration Lists	Daily list of inmates in jail	1 year	LG-19-050
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Incident Reports (Capital)	Reports of incidents of suspected criminal/capital activity investigated by public safety officers	50 years	LG-19-053
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		
Incident Reports (Criminal)	Reports of incidents of suspected criminal non-capital activity investigated by public safety officers	5 years	LG-19-052
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		

Incident Reports (Non-Criminal.)	Reports of incidents of suspected non-criminal activity investigated by public safety officers	1 year	LG-19-051
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		
Inmate Case Files	Records of inmates documenting their case history at the correctional institution	10 years after release	LG-19-054
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Inmate Disciplinary Reports	Reports of disciplinary problems with inmates	10 years after release	LG-19-055
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Inmate Fund Account Records	Records of personal monies deposited with the prison by an inmate upon entering incarceration or on behalf of an inmate while incarcerated	3 years after release of inmate	LG-19-056
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Inmate Medical Records	Records documenting medical care provided to prison inmates	10 years after release	LG-19-057
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Inmate Personal Property Accounting	Records documenting personal property of inmates being stored during their incarceration	4 years after release	LG-19-058
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Internal Investigations	Records used to investigate complaints against public safety officers.	Founded: 20 years after settlement of case; Unfounded: 1 year after investigation completed.	LG-19-092
	<i>Updated: April 27, 2023</i>		

Investigation Logs	Chronological listing of investigations <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years after release of inmate	LG-19-059
Jail Booking Records	Medical and personal information, fingerprints, and associated data gathered during the process of entering an individual in jail (booking them). <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	10 years after release	LG-19-060
Jail Registers	Registers of inmates <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	10 years after last entry	LG-19-061
Juror Summons	Summons of jurors to serve on grand jury and trial juries <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years	LG-19-062
Juvenile Complaint	State form recording any criminal accusations made against a juvenile <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years or adjudication of case	LG-19-063
LED Sheets	GCIC form the Police Department uses to enter stolen properties and vehicles etc. into GCIC <i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>	30 days	LG-19-088
LEDS Warrant Worksheets	Worksheets used to post data to GCIC/NCIC information system <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	Retain for useful life	LG-19-064

Medicaid/Medicare Insurance Claims	Invoices sent to Medicaid/Medicare for reimbursement	5 years after settlement	LG-19-065
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Misdemeanor Case Files, Traffic Court	Court adjudication of misdemeanor traffic citations issued by authorized public safety officers	6 years	LG-19-066
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Misdemeanor Investigation Case Files	Investigation of misdemeanor crimes	2 years after close of investigation	LG-19-067
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Pawn Tickets	Record of goods sold or pledged in exchange for the loan of money	4 years after the year in which the record was created	LG-19-069
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Prisoner Hold Records	Records documenting individuals currently in custody who are wanted by other law enforcement offices	2 years after prisoner released to requesting agency	LG-19-070
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Prisoner Mail Logs	Record of all mail received by an inmate	1 year	LG-19-071
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Prisoner Transfer Files/Extradition Files	Records documenting the movement of prisoners from facility to facility or transfer to another facility	5 years	LG-19-072
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		

Proof of Rabies Vaccination	Records documenting rabies vaccination <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years from date of issuance	LG-19-073
Pursuit Critique	The form is used for pursuit critiques and includes information about the necessity of the pursuit and lessons learned. <i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>	7 years	LG-19-093
Radio Dispatch Logs	Records of the first official report of a fire or incident from incoming radio calls <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years	LG-19-074
Record of Animal Bites	Record documenting type of animal, owner, past history of attacks, individual bitten, date, physician treatment, and observation for rabies <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years	LG-19-075
Remittance Reports	Records documenting the remittance of a prescribed portion of court fines and costs to such funds as the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund and the Sheriff's Retirement Fund, Crime Victims Fund, and the Peace Officer/Prosecutor Training Fund <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years	LG-19-076
Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition of Pistols and Revolvers	ATF form F3310.4 <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	1 year	LG-19-077

Sale and Claim Execution Dockets - Sheriff	Record of items sold at public auction by the Sheriff <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	7 years	LG-19-078
Sex Offender Registration Records	Information gathered to enter sex offender on registry <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	7 years after registrant moves or is otherwise removed from jurisdiction	LG-19-080
Subpoena Logs, Officer	Documents summons of a public safety officer to appear during a court trial <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 year after disposition of case	LG-19-081
Temporary Protective Orders	Records documenting the issuance of temporary protective orders by the court <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	3 years after expiration	LG-19-082
Traffic Citation Log	Listing of parking tickets and other traffic citations issued along with court dates and associated fines <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	5 years	LG-19-083
Traffic Citations - Warnings	Warnings to drivers of the occurrence of equipment malfunctions such as a burned out light <i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>	2 years	LG-19-084
Training Lesson Plans	Documentation of teaching plans including subject, activity, and/or project <i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>	2 years	LG-19-091

Trust Account Files - Sheriff	Administration and accounting records of trust accounts for minors established by court order	10 years after closed	LG-19-085
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Uniform Traffic Citations, Summonses, Accusations, and Warnings	Documents relating to traffic violations	2 years	LG-19-086
	<i>Updated: April 05, 2017</i>		
Use of Force	This series documents the reporting of use of force by law enforcement officers. Information in the report includes the level of force used and why.	7 years	LG-19-094
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		
Video Footage from Body Cams/Dash Cams /Drone Cams	This series consists of video recordings from law enforcement body-worn devices, devices located on or inside of law enforcement vehicles, drone cameras, and traffic cameras. Retention: (LG-19-068A) 180 days except (LG-19-068B) Footage that is part of a criminal investigation, shows a vehicle accident, shows the detainment or arrest of an individual, shows a law enforcement officer's use of force, or contains evidence that is or can reasonably be anticipated to be necessary for pending litigation and then it shall be retained for 30 months from the date of the records and (LG-19-068C) Footage used in litigation: Retain until final adjudication of the litigation.	See description.	LG-19-068A and LG-19-068B
	<i>Updated: April 25, 2025</i>		

Writ Dockets - Sheriff

Record of the receipt and action taken on civil processes (other than execution writs) issued by the court to the Sheriff's department

5 years

LG-19-087

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PUBLIC WORKS (20)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Actions Taken to Correct System Violations	Records documenting the certifications from suppliers that they have complied with regulations to notify the public when water systems fail to meet with applicable contaminant levels, when a variance or exception has been issued to them, or when the supplier has failed to perform required monitoring.	3 years	LG-20-001
Business Continuity Plans	Business recovery plans for man-made and natural disasters	5 years until superseded or updated	LG-20-002
Cathode Protection Records	Records created and used to maintain gas mains; documents installation of nodes, test stations, rectifiers, and ground beds.	Retain for useful life.	LG-20-003

Chemical Analyses, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer	Documentation by municipal government including sampling data, location, methodologies, analyses, reports, surveys, results, evaluations, schedules, and corrections related to the analysis of bacterial/chemical content.	10 years	LG-20-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Consumption and Revenue Reports, Gas	Reports documenting the number of gas customers.	5 years	LG-20-004
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Copper and Lead Results	Records that reflect compliance efforts, laboratory results, laboratory certification, inactive lead and copper amounts, surface water sanitary surveys, interim enhanced surface water treatment reports, and all other reports and correspondence. Excludes monthly operating reports under 1979-069.	12 years	LG-20-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
County Road Dockets	Records showing road maintenance work; includes Commissioner of Roads Overseer Ledgers.	Permanent	LG-20-005
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Discharge Monitoring Records	Reports summarizing treatment of wastewater in government sewer systems.	5 years	LG-20-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Drainage and Flood Problem Records	Documents monitoring and resolution of drainage and flood problems.	10 years	LG-20-007
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Filter Plant Files	Records monitoring the operation of water filtration plants.	3 years	LG-20-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Gas Consumption Reports	Periodic reports on the consumption of natural gas by area.	3 years	LG-20-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Gas Regulator Station/Vault Inspection Reports	Reports documenting the inspection of regulator stations in government-owned gas lines.	3 years after replacement or deactivation of station	LG-20-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Gas System Reports, Federal	Reports filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation documenting the number of miles of gas main and giving a description of the system.	10 years	LG-20-013
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Gas Tap Records	Work orders to initiate gas service for new customers.	3 years	LG-20-014
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Gas Valve Inspection Records	Includes inspection reports documenting the safety of large gas valves used in industrial areas.	Retain as long as gas valve in service.	LG-20-015
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Landfill Reports	Records created in the operation of the landfill; used for management reporting purposes.	3 years	LG-20-016
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Maintenance Records	Records documenting maintenance work performed on service meters, utilities lines, mains , traffic signal, signs, and equipment, roads paving, work orders	5 years	LG-20-017
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Meter Books and Summary Reports	Record of meter readings and reports by customer account.	5 years	LG-20-018
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Microbiological Analyses	Includes microbial data and results,invalidation of TCR samples, and repeat sampling waivers.	5 years	LG-20-019
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
New Meter Installations	Document the installation of new water meters.	5 years	LG-20-020
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Odorant Usage Reports	Reports required by the Department of Transportation documenting the level of odorant added to gas lines.	5 years	LG-20-021
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Overdue Water Billing Accounts	Reports used to track past-due payments and new charge totals.	5 years	LG-20-022
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Requests for Meter Re-Read	Record of new meter readings to support billings and adjustments.	3 years	LG-20-023
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

Requests for Meter Turn-on and Shut-off	Records requesting water service connection or disconnection.	3 years	LG-20-024
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Road Maintenance Records	Records documenting requests for paving and road improvements; includes memos, petitions, and surveys.	5 years	LG-20-025
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Road Repair Costs	Records used to estimate job costs and prepare a budget.	3 years	LG-20-026
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Security/Fire System Install and Maintenance Records	Records documenting agency security and fire alarm systems.	3 years after replacement of system	LG-20-027
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Service Interruption Logs	Reports documenting the interruption of sewer and water services, including time and location of incident.	5 years	LG-20-028
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Sewage Treatment Plant Monitoring Reports	Records used to monitor and report on the operation of sewage treatment plants; includes lab reports and amounts of waste processed.	5 years	LG-20-029
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Sewer and Water Improvement Projects	Records documenting improvement projects for water and sewer services; includes contracts, petitions, surveys, resolutions, bid specifications, inspections reports, costs estimates, and cost assessments.	20 years	LG-20-030
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Sewer and Water Permits	Records of permits to install sanitary sewers, sewer connections, water meters, and connections to water mains.	3 years	LG-20-031
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Solid Waste Weight Tickets	Tickets printed each time a garbage truck crosses the scales at the entrance to a county/city landfill.	3 years	LG-20-033
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			
Solid Waste, Sanitary Surveys	Written reports, summaries, or communications relating to sanitary surveys.	10 years	LG-020-032
<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>			

Storm Water and Soil Erosion Reports	Documents related to direct discharge, land application system (LAS), MS4, buffer variance & pretreatment compliance and enforcement files. May include inspection reports, compliance status letters, compliance general correspondence, investigation reports, spill reports, pretreatment general correspondence, over views, complaint documentation, buffer variances, storm water pollution prevention plans, letter of violation (NOVs, NDL, DNC, etc.) corrective action and standard operating procedure general correspondence, recession letters, penalty rationales, public participation documentation, progress reports, corrective action plans and standard operating procedures.	15 years	LG-020-036
Street Design Improvement Records	Records documenting road accidents that are used to assess the cause and to make design improvements to reduce accidents.	5 years	LG-20-034
Street Resurfacing Reports	Lists of streets and locations that have been resurfaced; includes type of resurfacing, materials, and costs.	10 years	LG-20-035
Subdivision Plats and Inspections	Records showing the layout and roads within a subdivision.	(LG-20-037A) Plats: Permanent; (LG-20-037B) Other records: 5 years	LG-20-037A and LG-20-037B

Temporary Construction Easements	Documents granting temporary permission to access private property for project or maintenance purposes.	5 years after project completion	LG-020-040
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Traffic Signals Intersection Files	Includes studies related to traffic planning such as drawings of signal controllers and intersections, and traffic signal permits.	10 years	LG-20-038
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		
Traffic Signs and Lights Inventories	Listing of all traffic signs and lights	Retain until superseded.	LG-20-039
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Turbidity Analyses	Any analyses, tests, or accompanying documentation used to measure turbidity of a water sample.	5 years	LG-20-041
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Utility Line Relocation Billings	Bills to request reimbursement from the state for relocation of utility lines impacted by state highway road construction.	5 years	LG-20-042
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Reports	Reports documenting compliance with federal and state wastewater disposal regulations.	5 years	LG-20-043
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

RECORDS MANAGEMENT (21)

Records	Description	Retention	Number

Annual Master Negative Inspection Reports	Reports documenting the statistical sample of film inspected each year for signs of physical deterioration.	Permanent	LG-21-001
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Condition Reports of Duplicating Masters	Records documenting the inspection of microfilm duplicating masters for signs of physical deterioration.	Retain for useful life.	LG-21-002
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Destruction Records	Records documenting the destruction of agency records.	7 years	LG-21-003
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Inventories, Agency	Current listings of records created and maintained by an agency.	Retain until superseded.	LG-21-004
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Microfilm/Scanning Processing Records	Records documenting the proper processing of silver gelatin and diazo films to show compliance with standards; does not include quality inspection reports.	7 years	LG-21-005
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Microfilm/Scanning Production Records	Records documenting the preparation and filming of records such as production reports, activity reports, film logs, retake orders, title targets, and lists of records to be filmed.	5 years	LG-21-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Microfilm/Scanning Quality Inspection Reports (Quality Control Reports)	Reports documenting the quality of individual rolls of film. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Retain for life of microfilm.	LG-21-007
Microfilm/Scanning Transmittals and Evaluation Reports	Records documenting the transfer of film to a security storage facility and the condition of the film upon acceptance in the facility (evaluation report is completed by storage facility). <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Retain for life of microfilm.	LG-21-008
Microfilm/Scanning Vault Monitoring Records	Records documenting temperature and humidity conditions within a storage facility. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-21-009
Open Records Act Requests and Correspondence	Inquiries from members of the public requesting access to information under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A 50-18-70 et.seq.). <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-01-027
Records Retention Schedules	Records retention schedules approved by resolution/ordinance; may be filed with other resolutions/ordinances. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	Permanent	LG-21-010
Records Transmittal Records	Records documenting the transfer of agency records into the custody of a records center facility. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years after disposition of transferred records	LG-21-011

Reference Requests

Reference pull sheets documenting the retrieval of records from a records storage facility.

5 years

LG-21-012

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TAXATION (22)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Adjustments or Relief Orders	Record of adjustment of tax as listed in tax digest	7 years	393
Affidavits of Missing Tag or Missing Renewal Decal	Inventory report form MVA-41	3 years	394
Alcoholic and Malt Beverage Tax Reports	Reports of alcohol sold and amount of tax(as) paid; Alcoholic Beverage By the Drink Reports	2 years or until audited	LG-22-001
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		
Applications for Exemption, Expired	Requests for exemption from property taxes based on status as a religious organization, non-profit, or government institution	1 year	177
Assessment Appeals Case Files, Closed	Appeals by taxpayers for reconsideration of the assessed value of their property	3 years	178
Assessment Notices	Legal notices to taxpayers that their property will be reassessed for its tax value	3 years	179
Bankruptcies	Records relating to claims against bankrupt property owners for taxes due to local government	Dismissed cases: 3 years; Discharged cases: 5 years	396

Board of Equalization Appeals	Records documenting appeals by citizens to the Board of Tax Equalization	3 years	LG-22-002
<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>			
Boat Registrations	Reference listing of boats and owners from the state	3 years	180
Building Inspection Sheets	Building permits maintained to aid in assessing property values for taxes	5 years	
Cash Book or Transaction Journal	Tax commissioner's general book of accounts	7 years after audit	397
Cash Receipts or Disbursement Journals/Settlement Book	Record indicating receipt of real, personal, intangible and other taxes into county treasury	7 years after end of Term of Office	398
Cash Register Journal Tapes	Documents relating to collecting and accounting for tax and license fee monies	Retain until audited	399
Commercial Banks Tax Workpapers	Assessments of taxes to be paid by banking institutions in lieu of state income taxes	5 years	181
County Tax Collections	Records of total taxes collected by county	5 years	197
County Tax Levy	Annual resolution fixing tax rates	Permanent	182
Daily Distribution Reports	Reports generated to complete PL-65	2 years or until state and county audit, whichever is later	408
Daily/Monthly Tax Distribution Worksheets	Worksheets recording each day's tax collections by category	5 years	400

Delinquent Tax Notices or Levy Notices	Record notifying taxpayer of delinquent payment of tax	7 years	401
Delinquent Tax Reports	Records of taxes paid and amounts still owed	15 years	199
Distribution Worksheets/Reports	Worksheets recording distribution by category (personal, real, etc.) and Levying Authority (district or entity)	7 years after audit	
Excise Tax	Rental Motor Vehicle, Hotel Motel tax collected by municipal government.	5 years	LG-22-003
	<i>Updated: October 17, 2017</i>		
Exemption Worksheets	Working papers relating to tax reductions for each property owner	1 year after recorded on Home Exemption Application	183
Federal Aviation Administration Aircraft Listings	Listing of aircraft registrations	3 years	184
Fi. Fa. (Fieri Facias) Records, Taxation	Preliminary action against taxpayers for delinquent taxes	7 years whether entered on GED or not	200
Financing Statements (Chattel Mortgages)	Financial instruments providing security for debts	1 year after expiration of mortgage	185
Gas Tax Reports	Report of county gas tax collection	7 years	
Homestead Exemptions	Requests for exemption from property taxes in compliance with the Homestead Exemption Act	3 years after expired	186
Insolvent List	List of taxes uncollectible	7 years	

Insurance Premium Tax Records	Records on taxes collected from insurance companies	5 years	202
Intangible Recording Tax Collection	Record of intangible tax due and paid	3 years	402
Issuing Officer's Reports	MVA-13 form.	5 years	403
Listing of Real Property	Annual listing of real property in the county	Retain for useful life	187
Mobile Home Exemptions, Expired	Applications for tax reductions on mobile homes	2 years	188
Mobile Home Tax Decals	PT-40 Application forms	5 years	405
Monthly Reports of Hotel-Motel Taxes	Reports of taxes owed and collected from hotel operations	5 years	201
Motor Vehicle Journal Entries	Record accounting for daily tax fee collections and disbursements	7 years	404
Motor Vehicle Tags/Decals	MV-1 through MV-3 forms. Registration for passenger cars, motorcycles, buses, trucks, and trailers	3 years	406
Not on Digest Records	Adjustments and relief orders explaining why a tax record was not recorded in the tax digest	14 years	203
Paid Tax Bill Receipts	Receipts for full payment of property taxes	3 years	204
Paid Tax Reports	Report showing bill number, taxpayer's name, amount of tax, date paid, and allocation of monies collected	3 years	407

Personal Property Appraisals	Tax appraiser's worksheets to establish property values for tax purposes	2 years after superseded	189
Personal Property Record Cards	Current assessed values for personal property	7 years after property is sold	190
Personal Property Returns	Record of value for personally owned property such as boats, equipment, and businesses	7 years	191
Real Property Record Cards	Tax history of each parcel of land in the county	Permanent	192
Reports of Title Certificates, Tag Reports, and Temporary Permits	MVA-12 form. Record informing the Department of Revenue of vehicle transfers of ownership	5 years	409
Sales Ratio Studies	Analysis of the sale of property as compared to the tax value of property	10 years	193
School Tax-Homestead Exemptions, Expired	Applications for homestead exemption from property owners aged 62 or more	2 years	205
Tax Assessment Errors and Adjustments	Record of additions to or removals from the tax digest because of errors	7 years	194
Tax Digests	List of taxpayers and assessed value of real and personal property	14 years	195
Tax Error and Release Orders	Requests for credit allowance pertaining to liabilities shown on the tax digest	15 years	206
Tax Execution Dockets/Delinquent Lists	Record of land and lot sales for delinquent taxes	7 years	411

Tax Sale Advertisements	Newspaper advertisements for sale of property for tax reasons	15 years	207
Tax Sales File	Record of property sold for delinquent taxes including advertisements	Permanent	
Transaction Edit Journals or Cash Books	Ledgers and journals showing details of daily tax receipts for either or both real estate or personal property taxes	5 years	410
Unpaid Taxes Reports	Reports listing delinquent taxpayers	30 days or until updated	412

TOURISM AND RECREATION (23)

Records	Description	Retention	Number
Convention Planning Records	Records documenting a local government's efforts to increase convention and tourism in an area. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-23-001
Participant Registration and Eligibility Records	Records used to register individuals for sports or other parks and recreation activities. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-23-002
Playground Inspection Reports	Documents the routine inspection of playground shelters and fitness tracks. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-23-003
Recreation Program Records	Activity schedules, rules and regulations, rosters, and status sheets for recreational programs <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-23-004

Reservations	Records documenting activities scheduled for tourist and convention facilities. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	2 years	LG-23-005
TRANSPORTATION (24)			
Records	Description	Retention	Number
Acquisition/Relocation Assistance Parcel Files (Residential and Business)	Records documenting the purchase of property within designated noise impact areas surrounding an airport. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	7 years after year in which parcel is purchased	LG-24-001
Airfield Safety Inspection Records	Routine inspections of runway and taxiway conditions for hazards and security. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	1 year	LG-24-002
Airport Aid Program Grants - Affirmative Action Plans	Records required under the Airport Aid Program. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years or the period of financial assistance, whichever is longer	LG-24-003
Airport Aid Program Grants - Reports Not Transmitted to FAA	Records required under the Airport Aid Program. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years or the period of financial assistance whichever is longer	LG-24-004
Bus Route Records	Records establishing the route of public transit buses to provide service to residents. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	10 years	LG-24-005

Limo Concourse Pick-up Authorizations	Permission for limo-drivers to pick-up passengers on the concourse.	6 months	LG-24-006
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Notices to Airmen	Records documenting notification of pilots of maintenance and repair work to be performed on runways and taxiways.	2 years	LG-24-007
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Operations Reports	Record of individual bus operations maintained for management and statistical purposes.	3 years	LG-24-008
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Radio Beacon Maintenance Logs	Maintenance logs	Permanent	LG-24-009
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Radio Beacon Operator's Records	Operator records	Permanent	LG-24-010
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Radio Beacons Readings and Adjustments	Readings and adjustments	Permanent	LG-24-011
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		
Revenue and Passenger Reports	Reports documenting ridership and revenue statistics for the transit system.	5 years	LG-24-012
	<i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>		

Right-of-Flight Easement/Acoustical Treatment Parcel Files	Documents the purchase of avigation easements from residents living in close proximity to an airport. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	7 years after end of year in which parcel purchased	LG-24-013
Tire Mileage Reports	Reports documenting tire mileage of each transit vehicle. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-24-014
Transit Operations Reports	Periodic reports on performance of the transit system <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	3 years	LG-24-015
Vehicles for Hire Violation/Hearing Case Files	Records documenting the adjudication of charges brought against taxi companies and drivers for violations of taxi cab regulations. <i>Updated: October 20, 2016</i>	5 years	LG-24-016

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