

# Real Estate Records Redaction Request Form



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The Code of Iowa 331.604 subsection 3 was recently signed into law by the Governor. This legislation went into effect on July 1, 2021. The bill, also known as the "Back the Blue" bill, includes provisions relating to the redaction of public records for the protection of current and former law enforcement professionals.

"Upon request by a peace officer, as defined in section 801.4, civilian employee of a law enforcement agency, or state or federal judicial officer or state or federal prosecutor, the county assessor or the county assessor's staff, or the county recorder or the county recorder's staff, shall redact the requestor's name contained in electronic documents that are displayed for public access through an internet site."

If you are a current or former peace officer as defined in section 801.4 of the Iowa Code, or if you qualify as specified in this legislation (see 331.604, subsection 3) you may request that your name be redacted from certain electronic documents recorded in an Iowa county. Use this form and submit it to the appropriate county recorder(s).

## PART 1 - Requestor Information

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Notifications will be sent via e-mail

Requestor Mailing Address

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out section 2a if you are a current employee of a law enforcement agency. Fill out section 2b if you are a former employee of a law enforcement agency with a compelling safety interest. You do not need to fill out both sections.

## PART 2a- Employment Verification

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervisor or HR Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the requestor listed above is a current employee with the above organization and that I am their current Supervisor.

Supervisor or HR Manager Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2B - Former Law Enforcement- Employment Verification**

Upon request by a former peace officer, as defined in section 801.4, or a former civilian employee of a law enforcement agency, the county recorder or the county recorder's staff, may redact, upon the presentation of evidence that a compelling safety interest is served by doing so, the requestor's name contained in electronic documents that are displayed for public access through an internet site.

Most Recent Law Enforcement Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Statement or explanation of compelling safety interest for requestor

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- I certify that the requestor listed above is a former peace officer or civilian employee of a law enforcement agency with the organization listed above and that I am their former supervisor or another law enforcement official familiar with the safety interest.
- I certify that the statement above accurately and fairly describes the requestor's compelling safety interest.

Supervisor or Law Enforcement Official Signature

Date

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**PART 3 - Documents to be Redacted**

County \_\_\_\_\_ Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Recording \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please use page 4 to specify additional documents for redaction.)

- I certify that I am a current or former officer or civilian law enforcement employee with the employer listed above. I understand that the submission of this application does not guarantee the permanent redaction of my name from the public record, but it will be used to review the redaction request.
- I acknowledge that only the requestor listed on this application will be redacted from the document(s)
- I am aware that it is not the responsibility of the County Recorder to identify new real estate documents in my name that need redacted. A new request will need to be submitted by filling out page 3 of this form again to submit a new request for real estate documents to be redacted.
- I acknowledge that the removal of information from the public record could affect future real estate or lending transactions. Requestors are advised to consult with legal counsel or their lending institution before requesting that electronic documents be redacted.

Peace Officer or Civilian Law Enforcement Employee Signature      Date

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**PART 4 - County Recorder Verification**

County \_\_\_\_\_

County Recorder Name \_\_\_\_\_

I approve the request above for the redaction of public documents for the requestor listed above and verify that the information above is valid and complete. I request Iowa Land Records to take steps necessary to redact the specified electronic documents.

I decline the request above for the redaction of public documents

Reason for Decline \_\_\_\_\_

County Recorder Signature

Date

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