## **MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET**

Name of Filer	DAVID WYMAN
Reporting Period	<ul><li>☑ Annual report – calendar year 2019</li><li>☐ Candidate report</li></ul>
Type of Request	<ul> <li>New</li> <li>Renewal with No Change</li> <li>Full Commission Approval</li> <li>Renewal with Change</li> </ul>
Office Held/Sought & Term	Fire Commissioner, Cowlitz Fire Protection District 05 Current term expires in December, 2025
Application Rule(s)	<ul> <li>☐ Income &amp; Ownership Interest: WAC 390-28-100(1)(b)</li> <li>☑ Personal Residence: WAC 390-28-100(1)(d)</li> <li>☐ Attorney: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i)</li> <li>☐ Judge / Judicial Candidate: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(ii)</li> <li>☐ Spousal: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(iv)</li> <li>☐ Other: WAC 390-28-100 (1)(e)</li> </ul>
Explanation of Rule(s)	Personal residence - Real property. Regarding reporting the information otherwise required by RCW 42.17A.710(1)(h) through (k): (i) Under WAC 390-24-200, the filer must list the street address of each parcel, the assessor's parcel number, the abbreviated legal description appearing on property tax statements, or the complete legal description. Each property description must be followed by the name of the county in which the property is located.  (ii) No modification will be necessary if the filer describes the real property using one of the alternatives in WAC 390-24-200, plus the name of the county. Judges, prosecutors, or sheriffs may describe a personal residence in the alternative manner provided under RCW 42.17A.710(2), and WAC 390-24-200 without a modification.  (iii) A modification will be required if the filer seeks some other means to describe reportable real property including the personal residence of the filer. The commission may consider and grant such a modification to amend the description of a residential address to the extent necessary to protect the applicant or an immediate family member who has received a threat, has obtained a no contact order, or has presented a similar personal safety concern.
Supporting Documents (attached)	<ul> <li>□ Current F-1 (April 12, 2020)</li> <li>□ Modification Request Application</li> <li>□ Emails dated April 15, 2020, May 4, 2020 &amp; May 20, 2020</li> </ul>

## Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)

- Mr. Wyman is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt him from disclosing two properties: One residential address and one vacant property that his family regularly uses for recreational purposes. Mr. Wyman indicated that the disclosure of both addresses presents a safety concern because anyone intent on harm could find him and his family at either address.
- Mr. Wyman stated he is a Fire Lieutenant for the City of Longview, a position that he likens to law enforcement in that he is regularly involved in situations where a member of the public subject to his authority could seek to harm him or his family. For this reason, Mr. Wyman believes that he should be afforded the same categorical exemption as sheriffs and judges set forth in RCW 42.17A.710(2)(a).
- Mr. Wyman did not name specific threats but indicated that he
  has been threatened by people who have disagreed with his
  decisions as Fire Lieutenant over the course of his 25-year
  career. Mr. Wyman also stated that he has been threatened by
  former employees who were terminated and arrested as a result
  of his decisions as Fire Commissioner. While he has not filed
  any restraining orders, Mr. Wyman said he takes all threats
  seriously.
- Mr. Wyman indicated his understanding that the public could discover where he lives via another means but stated his intent is to protect his personal information to the best of his ability within the limits of the law.
- Mr. Wyman stated he did not request a reporting modification in the past because his F-1 report could only be obtained via a Public Records request, which added a layer of protection and a built-in "cooling off" period against impulsive violence. However, now that the F-1 is readily available online, Mr. Wyman is concerned that someone with ill intent can quickly and easily find his addresses, act impulsively, and he would be unaware of this fact because there is no mechanism for notifying filers when their information has been accessed online.
- Mr. Wyman indicated that he is in favor of transparency and protection from conflicts of interest but does not understand why the public should know where he lives and believes reporting this information is a violation of his privacy. Mr. Wyman stated

	that his properties have no commercial use and he does not believe that his private residence and recreational property could cause any conflict related to his elected position. As Fire Commissioner, Mr. Wyman stated he is prohibited from engaging in any contract, sale, lease, purchase or grant that would be a conflict of interest as defined in <a href="RCW 42.23">RCW 42.23</a> , the Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers, and District Policy #1-19-A, a copy of which is included with the hearing materials for this request.
Other Issues	Mr. Wyman disclosed creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amounts for his residence.  Mr. Wyman has agreed to recuse himself if a matter comes before him involving a conflict of interest between his personal interests and public duties. He added that his real estate holdings have no commercial purpose so he cannot foresee a situation where a conflict of interest related to his elected position could arise.