

CITY OF SEATTLE
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TRANSCRIPT PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

To get a certified transcript of a hearing, complete the following steps.

1. **ORDER AUDIO**

Obtain a copy of the recorded audio of the hearing from the Office of Hearing Examiner. Call ahead to arrange for the requested audio files to be duplicated. You will receive a packet of materials to assist you in preparing the transcript for certification. [There is a charge of \$3.00 for each tape or CD used for audio duplication.]

2. **TRANSCRIBE PROCEEDINGS**

Have verbatim transcript prepared from the recorded audio (the minutes of the hearing will help the transcriber identify voices, etc.). It is advisable to have the transcript prepared by a professional who has experience in preparing transcripts from recorded proceedings. The transcript must be a true and correct transcription of the tape recording. It must be typed on paper which has numbered lines, with the pages numbered consecutively. Paying for the preparation of the transcript is the responsibility of the person requesting it. Have the person who prepares the transcript complete and sign the TRANSCRIBER CERTIFICATION. (See Step 4.)

3. **COPY TO CITY ATTORNEY**

Present a copy of the completed transcript to the City Attorney's Office and to every other party representative. Leave the copy and have each party representative date-stamp the first page of the original (this shows they have received a copy). [You should also have one or more copies of the transcript for your use.]

4. **ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT TO HEARING EXAMINER**

Submit the following to the Office of Hearing Examiner:

- The original transcript (with page 1 marked by the City Attorney's Office as noted in #3 above)
- The completed and signed TRANSCRIBER CERTIFICATION

5. **REVIEW BY PARTIES**

After receiving the transcript, the Hearing Examiner will notify the other parties and allow them time to review it. If the parties have objections to the transcript, the Hearing Examiner may require that it be revised. [Costs associated with required revisions are the responsibility of party who had the transcript prepared.]

6. **CERTIFICATION**

Once the Hearing Examiner finds that the transcript is complete and accurate, it will be certified and the proper party notified to pick it up for submission to court.