

# Open Data

## *County Recordkeeping Requirements*

# Agenda

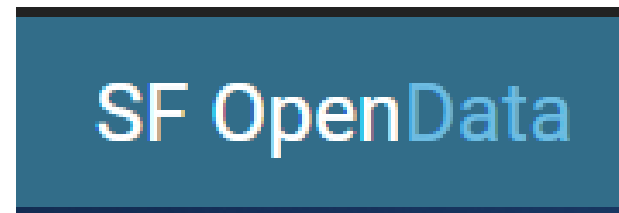
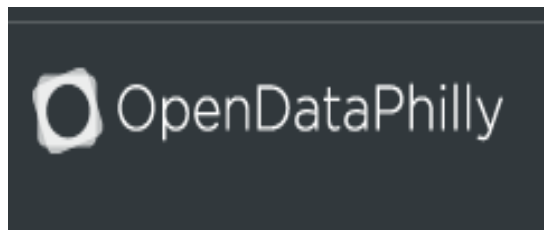
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# Goals of Open Data



- ✓ Make County data easily available and consumable;
- ✓ Increase transparency and accountability of County operations;
- ✓ Streamline communication and interoperability;
- ✓ Allow individuals to assist in identifying efficient solutions for government;
- ✓ Promote innovative strategies for social progress;
- ✓ Create economic opportunities.

# Jurisdictions Adopting Open Data



# Public Records and Open Data

- **What are Public Records?**

- Recorded information documenting a ***transaction or activity*** by or with any public officer, agency, or employee of state government or its political subdivisions.
- ***Regardless of physical form or characteristics***, the recorded information is a public record if it is produced, collected, received, or retained in pursuance of law or in connection with the transaction of public business.
- Public records, except for those exempt under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), ***must be available for access*** throughout their retention periods per Code of Virginia § 2.2-3700 et seq.

# Arlington Open Data Policy

- **Arlington County Dataset Definition**
  - Final version of information;
  - Created or maintained by or on behalf of Arlington County Government (excluding constitutional offices and Arlington Public Schools) during the ordinary course of County business;
  - Alphanumeric in form (reflected in a list, table, graph, chart or other non-narrative format that can be digitally transmitted or processed).

# Arlington Open Data Policy

- **Data Set Exclusions**

- Data whose release would not be in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws;
- Datasets that would require certain data to be removed, to ensure compliance with applicable laws, and in doing so would impose an undue financial or administrative burden to the County;
- Data that contains internal deliberative processes, including but not limited to negotiating positions, future procurements, or pending or reasonably anticipated legal or administrative proceedings;

# Arlington Open Data Policy

- **Data Set Exclusions**

- Data subject to copyright, patent, trademark, confidentiality agreements or trade secret protection;
- Proprietary applications, computer code, software, operating systems or similar materials;
- Employment records, internal employee-related directories or lists, and facilities data, information technology, internal service-desk and other data related to internal administration;
- Data that contains sensitive or confidential information that would infringe on privacy rights.



**Questions?**