

**NINE STEP PLANNER
CLARK COUNTY WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the council **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: *Jesse Manley, GIS Department*

1. **TOPIC:** *County-wide Open Data Policy Implementation*

2. **WORK SESSION:**

Jesse Manley, Garrett Ginter, Bob Pool

3. **TIME FRAME:**

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: *30 minutes*

DESIRED DATE: *Late August/Early September*

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: _____

4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:** *It is unnecessarily difficult for the public to access data and records created by Clark County. Recently, the GIS department was given the ability to give away non-sensitive GIS data to help the public "self-serve" their data needs. GIS has created an open data portal that allows the public to search and download the County's non-sensitive GIS data. However, most of the data that GIS manages is technically owned by other departments. A County-wide policy is needed in order to ensure that a permanent mechanism is in place that supports the action of providing non-sensitive data to the public for free.*

5. **DESIRED RESULTS:** *Ensure the council understands what an open data policy is and why it is important. Get feedback from the council on the policy. Approval of the open data policy.*

6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):** *An open data policy enhances the public perception that Clark County is an open and transparent government. Approval of an open data also clarifies the County's position on transparency.*

7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** *Yes, departments will be encouraged to share non-sensitive data that they maintain on the open data portal.*

8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:** *Washington State law, RCW 42.56.070 (8) states that the County cannot provide lists of individuals (names and addresses) that are requested for commercial purposes (solicitation for services). Property owner names and mailing addresses are a key part of the Taxlots GIS layer. Numerous counties in the state do give this data away as technically, it is public record. Need to clarify the Council's position on whether or not property owner names and mailing addresses can be included in the Taxlots GIS layer on the open data portal and if not, what should the GIS department do when specifically asked for that information.*

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** *Approval of the open data policy.*

Signature of requestor:



DATE: 3/30/2018

APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:
