

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

In the year Two Thousand Nine.....  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

**That WHEREAS**, Rule 13 of the Burlington City Council provides for the use of executive sessions and by extension, the use of confidential information by the City Council, and prohibits disclosure to "any person who is not a member of [the] council and who was not present in the executive session"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed a resolution on November 9, 2009 authorizing the release of confidential documents previously provided to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in response to a question from a member of the Council, the City Attorney informed the Council that the documents remain confidential until the resolution became effective and the City Charter provides that a resolution does not become effective until the Mayor signs it; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that someone released the confidential documents to the Burlington Free Press prior to the signing of the resolution by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Council must be able to work together as an entity; and

WHEREAS, the Council and the Administration need to trust that all Council members will adhere to maintaining confidentiality as required under the Council's rules, the City Charter and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the failure to adhere to the Council's confidentiality standards has resulted in a lack of trust; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to restoring that trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Council will not disclose any confidential information or documents to any other persons unless authorized to do so by the full Council.

