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For a complete copy of the Kansas Open Records Act, contact the County Clerk (Gray County Freedom of Information Officer) or go to www.ink.org/public/legislative. The Kansas Open Records Act starts at K.S.A. 45-215. The Kansas Open Records Act authorizes public agencies to charge fees for providing access to or furnishing copies of public records

How to Request a Record

- 1. Check with the Records Information Management or Local Freedom of Information Officer to determine whether the information you need is available.
- 2. You may be asked to submit your request for information in writing on the request form provided by this office.
- 3. Most records will be produced within three business days from the time the request is received. If the request is denied, you will receive a written explanation for the denial.

Exceptions – The Kansas Open Records Act recognizes that some records contain information, which is private in nature. For this reason, the Act lists a number of exceptions, which are found in K.S.A. 45-221.

Records which are closed for this reason may include:

- 1. Personnel information of public employees
- 2. Medical treatment records
- 3. Records which are protected by the attorney-client privilege or the rules of evidence
- 4. Records containing personal information compiled for Census purposes
- 5. Notes and preliminary drafts
- 6. Records that are closed pursuant to Kansas or Federal Law

Applications

Certified Copy - Birth Certificate http://www.kdheks.gov/vital/birth.html

Certified Copy - Death Certificate http://www.kdheks.gov/vital/death.html