

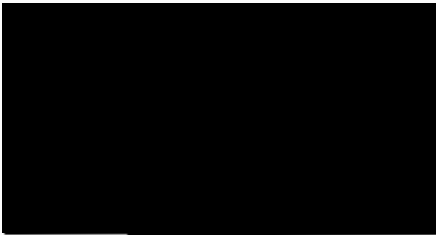


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January 28, 2026

BY CERTIFIED MAIL-

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



I am writing to notify you regarding the inadvertent disclosure of information that contained your personal information, which the Town of Bellingham ("Town") became aware of on or about January 9, 2026 relative to a license application.

Specifically due to an inadvertent clerical oversight, a license application was inadvertently available to the public online, which included your personal information. This inadvertent disclosure occurred between December 1, 2025, and December 15, 2025. The Town has no direct knowledge that your personal information has been improperly used or further disclosed and has immediately taken all available steps to prevent further disclosure and fully investigated this matter. The Town is formally notifying you of the disclosure so that you may take any steps you feel are appropriate under the circumstances. The Town is fully committed to the privacy and security of personal information.

You can you file or obtain a police report in connection with this breach. Additionally, you are allowed to place a security freeze on your credit reports. It is recommended that you notify the three credit bureaus to place a security freeze on your credit report. Placing a security freeze with a credit reporting agency prohibits the agency from releasing any information from your credit report without your written authorization. There may be a fee associated with placing a security freeze on your identity.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Each credit bureau has specific requirements to place a security freeze. Review these requirements prior to sending your request.

Equifax Security Freeze- 1 (888) 548-7878

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>

Experian Security Freeze- 1-(888) 397-3742

<https://www.experian.com/blogs/ask-experian/credit-education/preventing-fraud/security-freeze/>

TransUnion Security Freeze – 1-(800) 916-8800

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

In order to request a security freeze on your own behalf, you may need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial, as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security Number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, passport, etc.); and
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password that can be used to authorize the lifting or removal of the security freeze.

To later lift the security freeze in order to allow access to your credit report for a particular purpose and/or time, you must call or send a request to each credit reporting agency and include proper identification and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities that you would like to receive your credit report and/or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. To remove the security freeze, you must send a request to each of the three credit bureaus and include proper identification and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze.

The Town will provide you with eighteen (18) months of credit monitoring reimbursement if you choose to enroll in the Complete Premier credit monitoring service through Equifax at no charge. If you would like to enroll in the Equifax Complete Premier Plan credit monitoring service, please sign up for such service and then contact me at your earliest convenience to facilitate reimbursement. Information about the Plan is available online at: <https://www.equifax.com/> or by calling 1-888-378-4329.

In addition to these resources, as the Town understands you are a resident of Rhode Island who works in Town, you can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General for more information and services available to protect your identity. You can contact the Attorney General by visiting their website at <https://riag.ri.gov/> or by calling 1-401-274-4400.

I assure you that the Town is committed to the safety of your information. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,



Joseph Laydon  
Town Administrator, Town of Bellingham