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**Subject:** Demand to immediately cease destruction of public records of the Onarga Public Library District

Onarga Public Library District,

This is a formal demand to immediately cease destruction of public records, including but not limited to public meeting recordings, unless and until the Onarga Public Library District obtains records destruction certificates from the Downstate Records Commission as required by law.

The Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205, describes how to obtain a records destruction certificate and public records cannot be destroyed without a certificate.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=699&ChapterID=11>

The Secretary of State's website provides information on the records destruction certificate.

[https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/records\\_management/lrmdisp.html](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/records_management/lrmdisp.html)

The Secretary of State also provides an informative guide on destruction of local records.

[https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/lr34.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lr34.pdf)

The Secretary of State provides a FAQ on local records:

[https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/records\\_management/faglocal.html](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/records_management/faglocal.html)

I am writing this because the Onarga Library has informed me, on two separate occasions, that they record (audio or video), and then destroy the recording of, their public library board meetings.

Recordings of public meetings are public records as defined in the Local Records Act and in the Freedom of Information Act.

Thanks for your consideration,

John Kraft

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