

**THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 215 of 1895**

**88.14 Records, books, documents, or papers; location; filing; inspection; defacement or destruction; violation; penalty.**

Sec. 14. (1) The council shall cause the records of the corporation, records of the proceedings of the council, and all books, documents, reports, contracts, receipts, vouchers, and papers relating to the finances and affairs of the city, or to the official acts of an officer of the corporation, unless required by this act to be kept elsewhere, to be deposited and kept in the office of the city clerk. The records shall be arranged, filed, and kept to facilitate convenient access and inspection. These records, books, and papers shall be subject to inspection by any person in compliance with Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(2) A person shall not secrete, injure, deface, alter, or destroy the books, records, documents, or papers described in subsection (1), or expose them to loss or destruction.

(3) A person who violates subsection (2) with intent to prevent the contents or true meaning or import of the records from being known, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by both.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3075;—CL 1915, 2991;—CL 1929, 1915;—CL 1948, 88.14;—Am. 1978, Act 222, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1978.