

WAC 504-45-070 Costs of providing public records. (1) Costs for public records. There is no fee for inspecting public records. The following fees apply to copies of public records:

(a) Ten cents per page for records scanned into electronic format;

(b) Five cents for every four electronic files or attachments uploaded to an email, cloud storage service, or other electronic delivery system;

(c) Ten cents per gigabyte for transmitting records electronically;

(d) Fifteen cents per page for photocopies of public records and/or printed copies of electronic public records when requested;

(e) The actual cost of any digital storage media or device provided by the agency, the actual cost of any container or envelope used to mail the copies to the requestor, and the actual postage or delivery charge;

(f) For body worn camera footage, staff redaction time as provided in RCW 42.56.240 (14) (f); and

(g) Under RCW 42.56.130, the university may charge other copy fees authorized by statutes outside chapter 42.56 RCW.

(2) In addition to the charge imposed for providing public records and for the use by any person of university equipment, the university may include a customized service charge. The university charges for customized services pursuant to RCW 42.56.120(3). The customized service charge may reimburse the university up to the actual cost of providing the services in this section. The university provides the requestor the opportunity to amend their request in order to avoid or reduce the cost of a customized service charge. The university may require a deposit in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the estimated cost of providing records for a request, or 10 percent of the estimated cost of staff redaction time for body worn camera footage, including a customized service charge. If the university makes a request available on a partial or installment basis, the university may charge for each part of the request as it is provided.

(3) Payment. Payment may be made by credit or debit card, cash, check, or money order to the university. For payments made by credit or debit card, a service fee equivalent to the cost of processing the payment is charged.

(a) All required fees must be paid in advance of release of the copies or an installment of copies, or in advance of when a deposit is required. The university notifies the requestor of when payment is due.

(b) The university closes a request when a requestor fails by the payment date to pay in the manner prescribed for records, an installment of records, or a required deposit.

(4) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.120(2), the university declares that it would be unduly burdensome for it to calculate the actual costs it charges for providing copies of public records for the following reasons:

(a) Funds were not allocated for performing a study to calculate such actual costs and the agency lacks the necessary funds to perform a study and calculations;

(b) Staff resources are insufficient to perform a study and to calculate such actual costs; and

(c) A study would interfere with and disrupt other essential agency functions.

(5) The university's public records office publishes a schedule of fees on the university's website consistent with this rule. The university reserves the right to change its fees as allowed by RCW 42.56.120.

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