

Hello Mr. Aarstad,

To confirm: yes, I do wish to proceed with this request.

However, with all due respect I do not believe you are applying RCW 42.56.120 - Charges for copying appropriately.

You have previously confirmed the District utilizes Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Exchange products for email in its daily operations. Emails are not stored as individual files but rather as .pst files (Personal Storage Table) or (1) single .pst file per user account.

The native .pst file format is what was originally requested and this native .pst file format is what the District is required to provide the requestor under the Public Records Act.

RCW 42.56.120(2)(b)(iv) provides, in part, that:

The agency shall take reasonable steps to provide the records in the most efficient manner available to the agency in its normal operations;

This fee you have quoted of \$1,223.89 in your calculations - for what amounts to a few GB of data that can easily be stored on a .50 cent CD-ROM is ridiculous and is not in compliance with the public records act.

You previously stated:

“The district calculates that your request consists of 97,911 email files. Based on the fee of \$.05 per each four electronic files or attachments uploaded to email, cloud-based data storage service, or other means of electronic delivery, the fees are \$1,223.89, plus the cost of a media device, and the cost to mail, if you prefer the files be mailed to you.”

Mr. Aarstad are you stating the District intends to provide 97,911 Microsoft .pst (Personal Storage Table) files on CD-ROM for a fee of \$1,223.89? If so, this would be inefficient and not what was requested.

Please recalculate these fees in the most efficient manner possible pursuant to RCW 42.56.120(2)(b)(iv) in either a single .pst per account format via CD-ROM delivery or if you prefer another format such as .pdf which as you know is also an efficient format capable of storing hundreds of thousands of emails PER FILE (or single email account per .pdf) also a file format regularly used by the District in its normal daily operations.

Please provide this efficient fee calculation in strict accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.56 (public records act) as soon as possible for either CD-ROM or cloud based electronic records production.

Payment for reasonable fees will then promptly be remitted to the District offices via certified US Mail.

Thank you.