

WAC 132Q-276-090 Costs of providing copies of public records.

(1) The following copy fees and payment procedures apply to public records requests made after the effective date of this rule.

(2) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.120 (2)(b), District 17 is not calculating all actual costs for copying records because to do so would be unduly burdensome for the following reasons:

(a) The district does not have the resources to conduct a study to determine all its actual copying costs;

(b) It is difficult to calculate all costs directly incident to copying records; and

(c) To conduct such a study would interfere with other essential district functions.

(3) Costs of copies. No fees shall be charged for the inspection of public records of Washington State Community College District 17. The district will charge for copies of public records pursuant to the default fees in RCW 42.56.120 (2)(b) and (c). The district will charge for customized services pursuant to RCW 42.56.120(3). Under RCW 42.56.130, the district may charge other copy fees authorized by statutes outside of chapter 42.56 RCW. The district may enter into an alternative fee agreement with a requestor under RCW 42.56.120(4). The charges for copying methods used by the district are summarized in the fee schedule available on the district's web site at <http://www.ccs.spokane.edu/getdoc/696748c1-fee0-4f18-8777-a3ac9ealcb95/prr.aspx>.

(4) Requestors are required to pay for copies in advance of receiving records. Fee waivers are an exception and are available for some small requests under the following conditions:

(a) It is within the discretion of the public records officer to waive copying fees when: (i) All of the records responsive to an entire request are paper copies only and are twenty or fewer pages; or (ii) all of the records responsive to an entire request are electronic and can be provided in a single email with attachments of a size totaling no more than the equivalent of twenty pages. If that email for any reason is not deliverable, records will be produced in accordance with this rule.

(b) Fee waivers are not applicable to records requested in installments.

(5) The public records officer may require an advance deposit of ten percent of the estimated fees when the copying fees for an installment or an entire request, or customized service charge, exceeds twenty-five dollars.

(6) 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 district will notify the requestor when payment is due.

(7) Payment should be made by check, credit card, or money order to the Community Colleges of Spokane. The district prefers not to receive cash. For cash payments, it is within the public records officer's discretion to determine the denomination of bills and coins that will be accepted.

(8) The district will close 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.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 25B.50.140 [28B.50.140]. WSR 18-09-007, § 132Q-276-090, filed 4/6/18, effective 5/7/18; WSR 04-10-065, § 132Q-276-090, filed 4/30/04, effective 5/31/04. Statutory Authority:

RCW 42.17.250. WSR 83-10-004 (Order 83-29, Resolution No. 21), §
132Q-276-090, filed 4/22/83.]