

WAC 132G-276-090 Charges for public records. No fee shall be charged for the inspection of public records. The college imposes a charge for providing copies of public records. Calculating the actual costs of charges for providing public records is unduly burdensome because it will consume scarce college resources to conduct a study of actual costs, and it is difficult to accurately calculate all costs directly incident to copying records, including equipment and paper costs, data storage costs, electronic production costs, and staff time for copying and sending requested records. Instead of calculating the actual costs of charges for records, the college president or designee shall establish, maintain, and make available for public inspection and copying a statement of costs that the college charges for providing photocopies or electronically produced copies of public records, and such charges for records shall not exceed the maximum default charges allowed in RCW 42.56.120 (2)(b), as amended by section 3, chapter 304, Laws of 2017. The college may also use any other method authorized by the Public Records Act for imposing charges for public records including, but not limited to, charging a flat fee, charging a customized service charge, or charging based on a contract, memorandum of understanding, or other agreement with a requestor. The college may waive charges assessed for records when the public records officer determines collecting a fee is not cost effective.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.56.120 as amended by 2017 c 304, 42.56.040 (1)(d) and 28B.50.140(13). WSR 18-04-011, § 132G-276-090, filed 1/26/18, effective 2/26/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140(13) and 42.17.260(5). WSR 00-10-048, § 132G-276-090, filed 4/26/00, effective 5/27/00; Order 3-11:74, § 132G-276-090, filed 4/26/74.]