

**WAC 16-06-200 Costs of disclosure.** (1) No fee will be charged for the inspection of public records.

(2) Pursuant to RCW 42.56.120(2), the department declares for the following reasons that it would be unduly burdensome for it to calculate the actual costs it charges for providing copies of public records: 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; staff resources are insufficient to perform a study and to calculate such actual costs; and a study would interfere with and disrupt other essential agency functions.

(3) The department may charge fees for production of copies of public records consistent with the fee schedule established in RCW 42.56.120.

(4) The public records officer may waive the fee when the expenses of processing payment exceeds the costs of providing copies.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 42.56 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 17-20-102, § 16-06-200, filed 10/4/17, effective 11/4/17; WSR 17-06-034, § 16-06-200, filed 2/23/17, effective 3/26/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.060, 42.56.040, and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 14-19-056, § 16-06-200, filed 9/12/14, effective 10/13/14. Statutory Authority: Chapters 34.05, 42.56, and 43.23 RCW. WSR 09-03-032, § 16-06-200, filed 1/12/09, effective 2/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapters 42.17 and 43.23 RCW. WSR 96-14-086, § 16-06-200, filed 7/2/96, effective 8/2/96.]