



Pierce County

Auditor's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stefan Sharkansky
FROM: Pat McCarthy
DATE: March 24, 2006
RE: Request for Public Information

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REQUEST: As per the attached Public Records Request

ANSWER: In response to your email dated March 13, 2006 I am providing the following information regarding your public information request.

1) Fees charged for voter registration data by the Auditor's Office are set by County Ordinance and are set forth in Pierce County Code. The creation of these data files involves more than simply copying data to a CD rather the information must be exported from the voter registration system. Each export is set up by an operator and may take several hours for the export to complete. Costs associated with data orders include processing the initial order, defining the data order in the voter registration system, monitoring the export process, verification that the export completed successfully and finally copying the file to media. Although not our standard practice, we will calculate the charge based on each CD and reduce the charge for data to \$75.00 per CD. This will bring the total charge for your request to **\$175.20**.

2) Pierce County does not use the failsafe module in DIMS for provisional ballots. To comply with RCW 29A.60.195 and WAC 434-253-048 Pierce County provides a toll free number for voters. All valid provisional ballots are given credit in the voter module. Voters inquiring about the status of their provisional ballot can contact our toll free number and staff can respond to inquiries by accessing the voter history module or accessing the provisional ballot envelope. For all elections that haven't passed the retention period, paper copies of provisional ballot envelopes are available for inspection and copying for 15 cents per copy. If you would like copies of these records please put forth another public request.

3) Pierce County cannot produce a transaction log of its voter registration records or absentee ballot records. Therefore, Pierce County has no public records responsive to this request.

4) The official canvassing and reconciliation reports are only available as paper copies.

5) The precinct canvass has been supplied on the CD containing the electronic data you requested.

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