



**Snohomish County**

**Auditor's Office**  
*Recording*

March 17, 2006

Stefan Sharkansky

Bob Terwilliger  
*County Auditor*  
Carolyn Ableman  
*Chief Deputy Auditor*  
Lisa Goldsworthy  
*Recording Manager*

Re: Public Disclosure Request

M/S #204  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201-4059  
(425) 388-3483  
FAX (425) 259-2777

Dear Mr. Sharkansky;

As Public Disclosure Officer for the Snohomish County Auditor's Office, I am responding to your public disclosure request dated March 1, 2006.

For your information, effective November 1, 2004, the standard per page charge for documents provided pursuant to a public disclosure request will be \$0.25 per page. Requestors making a public disclosure request requiring postage, envelopes, CDs, Video or Audio Cassettes, or other supplies will be charged for those items at cost. Requestors may be charged an additional fee for large documents and for certain records covered by state statute. You are not required to purchase any document. You may make arrangements to view any identifiable documents by contacting me at the number below. At that time you may identify which document, if any you wish to purchase. For your convenience, the Snohomish County Auditor accepts cash, checks, and MasterCard or Visa.

Specifically, you are requesting:

1. A table of all "active" and "inactive" voters registered in Snohomish County to include for each voter, at a minimum, the voter's name, status (active or inactive), residence and mailing addresses, precinct, gender, date of birth, date of registration, and Snohomish county voter ID number.

**Response: A list of registered voters, including active, inactive and pending voters, is available from this office in tab-delimited text format, at a cost of: \$13.90.**

2. A table of all voters whose registrations have been canceled in Snohomish County in the last two years, to include each voter, at a minimum, the voter's name, address, voter id, date of cancellation and reason for cancellation.

**Response: A list of all voters (including felons) whose registrations have been canceled in Snohomish County in the last two years is available from this office in tab-delimited text format, at a cost of \$12.70.**



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3. A table of all voters whose registrations in Snohomish County are in the “fatal pending” status, to include for each voter, at a minimum, the voter’s name, address, voter ID, date that the registration was assigned to “fatal pending” status and specific reason for pending status.

**Response:** A list of voters whose registrations in Snohomish County are in the “fatal pending” status is available from this office in tab-delimited text format, at a cost of \$12.60. Snohomish County does not assign specific reasons for fatal pending status. All records will be flagged as ‘missing information’.

4. A table of every absentee ballot that was issued in each of the Recent Elections. The table should include every absentee ballot issued, whether or not returned, including those which were suspended and/or reissued.

**Response:** Snohomish County has conducted seven (7) elections during the time period you refer to as “Recent Elections”. A list of voters who were issued an absentee ballot for each of the recent elections is available from this office in tab-delimited text format, at a cost of \$12.60 each (total: \$88.20). Voters which have been cancelled or placed in an inactive status since any one of these elections will not appear on these lists.

5. A table of every provisional ballot/envelope that was processed in Snohomish County in the Recent Elections. The table should include every provisional ballot / envelope processed, whether accepted or rejected.

**Response:** Provisional ballots are tracked manually by Snohomish County. Records are kept based on acceptance or rejection for each election, not by individual voter. The Snohomish County Auditor’s Office has identified reconciliation reports for each of the recent elections consisting 15 pages responsive to this request. A fee of \$3.75 is applicable to purchase these records. Provisional ballot envelopes for the 2004 federal elections and February 2006 election are in storage and will not be available until June 2006. The retention period for 2005 elections has exhausted and records destroyed per the Washington State retention schedule.

6. A table of all transactions performed in the last two years on Snohomish County voter registration records.

**Response:** Snohomish County cannot produce a transaction log of its voter registration records. Therefore, Snohomish County has no public records responsive to this request.

7. A table of all transactions performed in the last two years on Snohomish County absentee ballot records.

**Response:** Snohomish County cannot produce a transaction log of its absentee ballot records. Therefore, Snohomish County has no public records responsive to this request.

8. A table of all transactions performed in the last two years on Snohomish County provisional ballot records.



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**Response:** Provisional ballots are tracked manually by Snohomish County. Records are kept based on acceptance or rejection for each election, not by individual. See response to #5 above.

9. A table of voting history for every voter who was on the list of eligible voters for any of the Recent Elections, including voters who are no longer currently on the list of eligible voters.

**Response:** A list of registered voter history from February 2003 to present, including voters in active, inactive and canceled status, is available from this office in tab-delimited text format, at a cost of: \$25.20. Snohomish County is unable to run the voter registration history for 'recent elections' only.

10. All reconciliation reports presented to the Snohomish County Canvassing Board for all types of ballots (e.g. polling place, provisional, mail) for each of the Recent Elections.

**Response:** The requirement to provide reconciliation reports the County Canvassing Board became effective with the 2005 elections. The Snohomish County Auditor's Election Office has identified three documents consisting of nine (9) pages responsive to this request. A fee of \$2.25 is applicable to receive copies these records.

11. Any other records comprising the "audit trail with respect to the processing of absentee ballots" for each of the Recent Elections as required by WAC 434-250-130.

**Response:** WAC 434-250-130 requires:

(1) A record of the date each absentee ballot application was received, the date the ballot was mailed or issued, and the date the ballot was received. See Response to Request #4.

(2) The number of absentee ballots issued and returned, by legislative and congressional district, for each primary and general election. The Snohomish County Auditor's Election Office has identified seven (7), single page documents responsive to this request. A fee of \$1.75 is applicable to purchase a copy of these records.

(3) A record of the disposition of each request for an absentee ballot that was not honored. The Snohomish County Auditor's Office has no record of requests not honored - all requests from registered voters eligible to vote are honored.

(4) A record of the disposition of each returned absentee ballot that was not counted. See response to Request #10.

(5) A record of the time and place each time the county canvassing board met to process absentee ballots. The Snohomish County Auditor's Office has identified 17 documents consisting of 17 pages responsive to this request. A fee of \$4.25 is applicable to purchase a copy of these records.

(6) A documentation of the security procedures undertaken to protect the integrity of all ballots after receipt, including the seal numbers used to secure the ballots during all facets of the absentee ballot process. Snohomish County has hard copies of all



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accountability forms used in the counting center. These are currently in storage and we will not be available until June 2006. We have electronic documents tracking absentee ballots during the signature verification process. Snohomish County uses locks with keys and a monitored keyless entry system for our security system.

The Snohomish County Auditor's Office has identified five (5) absentee ballot accountability reports consisting of 150 pages responsive to this request. A fee of \$37.50 is applicable to purchase a copy of each of these reports.

(7) A reconciliation that all absentee ballots counted plus all absentee ballots rejected is equal to the total number of absentee ballots received. See response to Request #10.

12. Precinct canvasses showing how many polling place, absentee and provisional ballots were cast in each precinct and for each candidate for each of the Recent Elections.

**Response:** Polling place, absentee and provisional ballots are not tracked separately by precinct. Canvassing reports for all recent elections are available at no cost via the Internet through the address provided below. Provisional ballots are counted with absentee ballots in Snohomish County.

[http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Elections\\_Voting](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Elections_Voting)

13. Any records corresponding to the "slips and the audit trail" referred to by Auditor Bob Terwilliger in a November 24, 2004 article in the Everett Herald.

**Response:** The Snohomish County Auditor's Election Office has identified nine (9) Canvassing Board meeting minutes consisting of 34 pages responsive to this request. A fee of \$8.50 is applicable to purchase a copy of these records.

To purchase all items responsive to this request, a fee of \$210.60 is applicable. Please send payment payable to the Snohomish County Auditor and send it to:

Snohomish County Auditor's Office  
ATTN: Lisa Goldsworthy, Public Disclosure Officer  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 204  
Everett, Washington 98201

Sincerely,

Lisa Goldsworthy  
Recording Manager & Public Disclosure Officer  
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