

WAC 456-12-083 Providing responsive records to a Public Records Act request.

(1) **Inspecting records.** Consistent with other demands, the board will provide space to inspect public records at a designated location. No member of the public may remove a document from the viewing area or disassemble or alter any document. The requestor must indicate which documents he or she wishes the office to copy.

(a) The requestor must claim or review the assembled records within 30 days of the board's notification that the records are available for inspection or copying. The board will notify the requestor in writing of this requirement and inform the requestor that he or she should contact the board to make arrangements to claim or review the records.

(b) If the requestor fails to claim or review the records within the 30-day period or make other arrangements, the board may close the request and refile the assembled records.

(2) **Providing copies of records.** After inspection is complete and the requestor asks for copies of some or all of the inspected records, or where copies are otherwise requested, the public records officer or designee will make the requested copies or arrange for copying.

(a) If the board charges for copies, the requestor must pay for the copies before the copies are provided.

(b) Electronic records will be provided as a link to the records if the records are located on the website, or in a format used by the board which is generally commercially available to the public. Records will generally not be provided by email for records responses with multiple records, or where records may not be successfully delivered or received via the board's or the requestor's email systems.

(3) **Providing records in installments.** When a request is for a large number of records, the public records officer or designee will provide access for inspection and copying in installments, if he or she reasonably determines that it would be practical to provide the records in that way. If, within 30 days, the requestor fails to inspect or pay for the entire set of records or for one or more of the installments, the public records officer or designee may stop searching for or producing the remaining records and close the request.

(4) **Multiple requests.** Multiple public records requests from the same requestor will be processed in a manner so as not to interfere with essential agency functions including processing records requests from other requestors. The board may process such requests in the order received, and may complete one request before searching for records for a subsequent request.

(5) **Completion of inspection.** When the review of the requested records is complete and all requested copies are provided, the public records officer or designee will indicate that the board has completed a reasonable search for the requested records and made any located nonexempt records available for inspection.

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