

Having been a state gov't public records disclosure coordinator there should be NO CHARGE. Those of us who followed the law usually got record requests done and released in no more than three days. Over the last fifteen years I've watched the game playing around making it impossible for the public to get records by charging sky high costs to dissuade folks from not even requesting recor.

I made a simple records request to Multnomah County Elections Director, Tim Scott for records. I got a letter in the mail saying I had to send him a check for \$265.00 to even begin to "hunt" for what I was requesting when my request would only take 5 seconds by typing into his email account my name then maybe ten minutes to review and send the records to me by email attachment. Tim did not know that I had been a public records disclosure coordinator thus felt safe to throw out that barrier to my getting records? The Oregon Constitution gives we the people oversight on our government. We step up now to you the legislature to say full & free access to records for the public good so that we the people have oversight on our government.