

**Fees for Data Requests**

Roseau County charges members of the public for copies of government data. These charges are authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 13.03, subdivision 3(c). You must pay for the copies before we will give them to you.

Under MN Statute 13.03, Subd. 3(c) The responsible authority or designee shall provide copies of public data upon request. If a person requests copies or electronic transmittal of the data to the person, the responsible authority may require the requesting person to pay the actual costs of searching for and retrieving government data, including the cost of employee time, and for making, certifying, and electronically transmitting the copies of the data or the data, but may not charge for separating public from not public data. However, if 100 or fewer pages of black and white, letter or legal size paper copies are requested, actual costs shall not be used, and instead, the responsible authority may charge no more than 25 cents for each page copied. If the responsible authority or designee is not able to provide copies at the time a request is made, copies shall be supplied as soon as reasonably possible.

**1. For 100 or Fewer Paper Copies – 25 Cents Per Page**

100 or fewer pages of black and white, letter or legal size paper copies cost **25¢** for a one-sided copy, or 50¢ for a two-sided copy.

**2. Most Other Types of Copies – Actual Cost**

The charge for most other types of copies, when a charge is not set by statute or rule, is the actual cost of searching for and retrieving the data, and making the copies or electronically transmitting the data (e.g. sending the data by email).

- I. In determining the actual cost of making copies, we factor in:
  - a. employee time,
  - b. the cost of the materials onto which we are copying the data (paper, **CD \$15.00, DVD \$15.00**, etc.), and
  - c. mailing costs (if any).

If your request is for copies of data that we cannot reproduce ourselves, such as photographs, we will charge you the actual cost we must pay an outside vendor for the copies.

The cost of employee time to search for data, retrieve data, and make copies is subject to change based on the clerk's wage from the department the information is requested from.

If, because of the subject matter of your request, we find it necessary for a higher-paid employee to search for and retrieve the data, we will calculate the search and retrieval portion of the copy charge at the higher salary/wage.