
RE: FOIA

From : Chad E. Berg <chad@bdhtek.com>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 04:29 PM

Subject : RE: FOIA 1 attachment**To :** Alicia Hunter <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Cc :** Mike Tupper <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>

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It takes approximately 15 minutes (1/4 hour) to search 1 account for 1 month of e-mail for a particular keyword. The hourly cost would be \$120 per hour.

There are currently 184 City e-mail accounts. The request is for 2 keywords, and 4 outside e-mail addresses (essentially a keyword search as well), so 6 total.

My calculation would be $184 * 6 = 1,104$ quarter hours, or 276 total hours per month searched. For 12 months, that would be 3,312 hours of labor. The corresponding charge at \$120 per hour would be \$397,440.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Chad E. Berg



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From: Alicia Hunter <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 09:33**To:** Chad E. Berg <chad@bdhtek.com>**Cc:** Mike Tupper <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Subject:** Re: FOIA

Chad - please base the estimate on the number of total email accounts the city has, not just Tupper's.

Thanks,

Alicia Hunter
City Clerk

From: "Mike Tupper" <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>**To:** "Alicia Hunter" <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>**Cc:** "Chad Berg" <chad@bdhtek.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:20:22 AM**Subject:** Re: FOIA

Good morning Alicia,

I have had this conversation with Mr. Merritt before. His request requires BDH to do some work that is costly and then we will have to have legal review whatever BDH finds which is costly. Mr. Merritt should be required to pay in advance (because he won't pay) and has refused to search and legal review fees in the past.

Chad,

Can you give an estimate on time and cost to conduct the below research?

Thanks,
Mike

Michael W. Tupper
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FBINA Session #242
NUSPSC Session #249

****Please note new email: mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov****

From: "Alicia Hunter" <ahunter@marshalltown-ia.gov>
To: "Michael W. Tupper" <mtupper@marshalltown-ia.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:16:34 AM
Subject: FOIA

Chief Tupper,

I'm responding to a FOIA request from Michael Merritt. Could you please provide the following?

Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies, including the name "Merritt," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies, including the word "vexatious," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

Electronic mail for the calendar year 2023, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies, to or from the following emails, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

- erika.eckley@iowa.gov
- brett.toresdahl@iowa.gov
- daniel.strawhun@iowa.gov
- ipib@iowa.gov

Thanks,

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