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Dear CORA Requester,

1. Per C.R.S. 24-72-203 "Requires that responsive documents be made available within three working days, or seven working days if extenuating circumstances exist."
2. Section 24-72-205.5(3)(a), C.R.S. States in part: "Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (3), the designated election official shall not fulfill a request under this part 2 for the public inspection of ballots during the period commencing with the forty-fifth day preceding election day and concluding with the date either by which the designated election official is required to certify an official abstract of votes cast...or by which any recount...is completed, as applicable, whichever date is later."
3. Section 24-72-205.5(4)(b)(II), C.R.S., requires the county clerk to redact "any marking or message on a ballot that may identify the particular elector who cast the ballot before the ballot may be made available for public inspection."
4. Section 24-72-205.5(4)(b)(III), C.R.S., prohibits making voted ballots available for inspection and copying if "the ballot, or any requested portion thereof, is identical in printed form, considering a combination of the election contests at issue and precinct coding, to only nine or fewer ballots, or comparable portions thereof, among all ballots used in the same election."
5. Section 24-72-205(a), C.R.S., states: "A custodian may charge a fee not to exceed twenty-five cents per standard page for a copy of a public record or a fee not to exceed the actual cost of providing a copy, printout, or photograph of a public record in a format other than a standard page."
  - o The Saguache County Clerk and Recorder's Office charges \$.25 per page for copies of public records.
6. Section 24-72-205(6)(a), states: "A custodian may impose a fee in response to a request for the research and retrieval of public records only if the custodian has, prior to the date of receiving the request, either posted on the custodian's website or otherwise published a written policy that specifies the applicable conditions concerning the research and retrieval of public records by the custodian, including the amount of any current fee. Under any such policy, the custodian shall not impose a charge for the first hour of time expended in connection with the research and retrieval of public records. After the first hour of time has been expended, the custodian may charge a fee for the research and retrieval of public records that shall not exceed thirty dollars per hour."
  - o The Saguache County Clerk and Recorder's Office charges \$30.00 per hour for research and retrieval of records.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 719-655-2512.

