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FOIA 25-133 — Detailed Cost Itemization, September 2, 2025

Itemized fee estimate of $2,815.20 with a required 50% deposit of $1,407.60. Reproduced verbatim.

Document: Detailed Cost Itemization
Requests: #25-133 and #25-175
Date: September 2, 2025
Attached to: the September 2, 2025 supplemental response

Labor rate

Hourly wage of the lowest-paid employee capable of performing the work	$24.82
Fringe benefits applied at the statutory maximum of 50%	$12.41
Blended hourly rate	**$37.23**
Billing increment: one-quarter hour (15 minutes)	$6.21

Itemized charges

LINE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	INCREMENTS	AMOUNT
1	Locating and reviewing responsive files — approximately 1,700 files at approximately 1 minute each	~1,700 files	113.33	$703.80
2	Copying / duplication	—	—	$0.00
3a	Redacting exempt material — approximately 3 minutes per file (5,100 minutes total)	~1,700 files	340.00	$2,111.40
3b	Separating exempt from nonexempt material (other than redaction)	—	—	$0.00
4	Mailing / postage	—	—	$0.00
5	Other	—	—	$0.00
SUBTOTAL — estimated total fee				**$2,815.20**
DEPOSIT REQUIRED — 50% of estimate, MCL 15.234(8)				**$1,407.60**

Estimated time frame to provide records: 180 days from receipt of the deposit.

Figures transcribed exactly as printed. The arithmetic reconciles: 113.33 × $6.21 = $703.78 (printed $703.80); 340 × $6.21 = $2,111.40; total $2,815.20; half is $1,407.60.

Note on this public copy. Two observations, both developed on the FOIA 25-133 page. First, $2,111.40 — roughly 75% of the total — is charged for *redaction* of records whose purpose is to produce counts of charges by month. A count does not require a name, a date of birth, an address or a criminal identification number; the exempt material the office says it must remove is material the requester did not ask for and does not need. Second, 113.33 billed quarter-hours is 28.3 hours of priced labor, and the office simultaneously estimates 180 days to deliver. The itemization does not explain the difference between the labor priced and the calendar time promised.