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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

August 28, 2026

Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2
Sent via e-mail.

Dear Public Information Coordinator:

The Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) received the enclosed complaint from Ian Camacho alleging the Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 (the “district”) is overcharging for copies of public information under the Public Information Act (the “Act”), chapter 552 of the Government Code. The complaint was assigned ID# OR-26-048669-CC.

The district received a request for code of ethics, expenditure policy, and investment policy information. The district provided the requestor with an estimate in the amount of \$41.00. The requestor believes the charges are excessive.

In this instance, because district has provided the requestor with a cost estimate pursuant to section 552.2615 of the Government Code, we will not address whether section 552.275 of the Government Code is applicable to the instant request for information.

We note that pursuant to section 552.2615 of the Government Code, a governmental body that determines charges to provide public information will exceed \$40 must provide the requestor with a written itemized statement of estimated charges. *See* Gov’t Code § 552.2615(a). If an alternative, less costly method of viewing the records is available, the statement must include a notice that the requestor may contact the governmental body regarding the alternative method. *Id.* In addition, the statement must include a notice that the request will be considered withdrawn if the requestor does not respond to the governmental body within ten business days of the statement that the requestor (a) accepts the charges, (b) modifies the request, or (c) has sent or is sending a complaint of overcharges to this office. *Id.* § 552.2615(b). A statement that does not contain all the required elements is considered deficient. Providing a deficient statement precludes a governmental body from considering the request withdrawn by operation of law, and may limit the amounts that can be recovered through allowable charges. The statement sent to this requestor is deficient because it does not inform the requestor of less costly viewing method.

Pursuant to section 552.269(a) of the Government Code, the district is required to respond to the following questions in writing within ten business days after the date you receive this letter:

1. How did the district determine the number of personnel hours necessary to produce the responsive information? Please describe the process in a step-by-step manner, stating the time each step will take. If a sample test was performed, please provide a brief description of the results of the test.
2. How did the district determine the number of programming hours necessary to produce the responsive information? Please describe the programming in a step-by-step manner, stating the time each step will take as well as the qualifications of the individual performing the programming.
3. Does the information requested exist in paper form, electronic form, or both? Please explain which records exist in paper form, and which exist in electronic form.
4. Where are the records physically located? If the records are in two or more separate buildings, please provide a simple map showing the location of the buildings, including thoroughfares.
5. Will any information be redacted from the records? If so, what information will be redacted, and will the redaction be done manually, electronically, or a combination of both? Please state which exceptions to disclosure apply and if the district plans to seek a ruling for the requested information.

For your convenience, you may access the 2026 Public Information Handbook at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government>.

Additionally, you may access the Public Information Cost Estimate Model at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/charges-public-information> to help you comply with section 552.2615 of the Act.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call the Open Government Hotline at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

Education and Enforcement Section
Open Records Division

Ref: ID# OR-26-048669-CC

Enclosure

c: Mr. Ian Camacho
Sent via e-mail.
(w/o enclosure)