

July 25, 2024

RESOLUTION 24-01

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE INDEXING AS UNDULY BURDENSOME AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.56

WHEREAS, RCW 42.56.070(4), requires all public agencies to maintain and make available a current index of public records; and,

WHEREAS, the RCW also states that if maintaining such an index would be unduly burdensome or interfere with agency operations, an agency must issue and publish a formal order specifying the reasons why and the extent to which compliance would be unduly burdensome; and,

WHEREAS, the RCW further provides that in spite of such an unduly burdensome order, all indexes maintained by the District must be made available to provide identifying information on those records which are to be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, anticipated District revenues do not allow for additional staff members for the sole purpose of creating and maintaining such an all-inclusive index; and,

WHEREAS, the development and maintenance of a District index would be extremely costly and would provide little benefit to the public when compared to the expense of creating and maintaining such a District-wide index; and,

WHEREAS, the Pend Oreille County Library District is composed of multiple locations, which maintain separate databases and/or record-keeping systems for indexing records and information; and

WHEREAS, the District's records are diverse, complex, and stored in multiple computer systems, formats, and/or databases, making it difficult if not impossible to maintain an accurate, all-inclusive index; and

WHEREAS, the District has an established Policy for assisting people who request public records and a practice of providing public records upon request in accordance with RCW 42.56;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that based on the findings set forth above and pursuant to RCW 42.56.070, the Board of Trustees of the Pend Oreille County Library District do hereby order and direct:

- 1) The Pend Oreille County Library District is not required to maintain a current index of public records due to the above findings that the requirement is unduly burdensome, costly, and that such a list would be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain; and,


- 2) The Pend Oreille County Library District shall make available for public inspection and/or copying all public records and any indexes of public records maintained by the District pursuant to RCW 42.56.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Pend Oreille County Library District Board of Trustees this 25th day of July 2024.

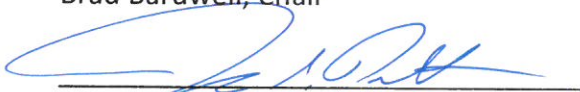
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Brad Bardwell, Chair



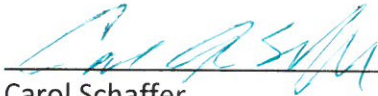
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