

Response to RCW 42.17A.555 allegation

PDC Case #40151

The code says, “Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationary, postage, machines and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency lists of persons served by the office or agency. I cleared the tour with Jefferson County Prosecutor, who said he also does clock tower tours for people who want to go up to see the clock. We have never been restricted from taking people up to the tower. I took one person and his daughter up on a Saturday. I do not work on Saturdays, so I was giving the tour on my own personal time and donating it to the Jefferson County Republicans. I did not use any county resources to give the tour and no other people were involved.

By request, any member of the public can take a tour of the tower for no charge, so there is no misuse of public resources with my donation of my free time (not during working hours or when I am paid by any government entity) to assist a member of the public in a free tour.

Thank you for your diligence in keeping elections transparent and equitable. Jon Cooke