

Here is a series of emails which demonstrate the stonewalling and obfuscation which exists in Pinal County government. David Zacharias is one of the leading proponents of Arizona Prop 13 and he is obviously collecting information to help bolster his cause.

Read closely and you will see that Ms Doolittle is barely concealing the vague threat that Zacharias will have to submit a freedom of information request to obtain what is really plain old public records which should be available just for the asking. Note that Pinal County does have computer systems and the info should be available at the click of a mouse. This threat of a \$1500 fee is nothing more than intimidation (standard practice by Pinal government.)

Kenny Baker - Apache Junction

To: Dolores J. Doolittle - Pinal County Treasurer

From: "davidzacharias" <davidzacharias@cox.net> 01/24/2008 5:22 PM
I am doing a research project involving property taxes in Arizona. I am wondering if you could provide me with all property taxes (broken down by commercial and residential) paid by all property owners in the county for the years 2003 through 2007. Many thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dodie Doolittle [mailto:Dodie.Doolittle@co.pinal.az.us]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2008 10:04 AM
To: davidzacharias
Subject: Re: Tax research

Sir,

According to Pinal County Policy and Procedure 2.85 a request for public records shall require that the request be in writing. The Commercial/Non-Commercial request forms are available through the Pinal County Human Resources Department. The Treasurer will provide the data that is maintained in the format in which it is kept. The County is not required to create a record to meet a public record request nor is it required to obtain new data, perform research, or create new report formats.

The information you have requested would require a great deal of time and money. Although I don't have an exact dollar amount, I would estimate the cost of materials and labor to be \$1,200 to \$1,500. When making the request in writing, please be specific about the tax information. Does commercial include Centrally Valued property and the Railroads?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

-----Original Message-----

From: davidzacharias [mailto:davidzacharias@cox.net]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2008 10:58 AM

To: 'Dodie Doolittle'

Subject: RE: Tax research

Many thanks for your reply. My request was, hopefully, very simple. I just wanted to know the total of property taxes paid by all property owners for the years 2003 through 2007, inclusive. This info must be readily available as I am sure Pinal County knows how much money it collects from various sources each year. Presumably the County has publicly available info as requested. I am also rather certain that an audit is done every year to attest to the amount of revenue collected and disbursed.

Any help would be deeply appreciated. Many thanks.