

**TAX RATE CHANGES****PIERCE COUNTY
Local Sales Tax Increase**

Effective July 1, 2002, Pierce County locations within the Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) will increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional three-tenths of one-percent (.003). During the November 2001 election, Pierce County voters approved the tax rate increase for those areas within the transit boundaries.

The combined state and local sales/use tax rate for most retail sales in Pierce County will increase from 8.5 to 8.8 percent. Locations inside the PTBA area, but outside the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) area will increase from 8.1 to 8.4 percent.

This tax increase applies to all retail sales in within the Pierce County PTBA **except charges for lodging subject to the 5% hotel/motel tax**. Lodging Businesses will receive an additional notice to explain how the tax increase affects their charges.

NOTE: Special taxes, such as the car rental tax, still apply and are in addition to the combined total tax rate (that includes the state, local and RTA tax rates) as shown in the shaded column below.

The chart below identifies those locations affected by the rate increase. Tax rates as of July 1, 2002:

| Location | Location Code Number | Local Sales and/or Use Tax Rate | State Sales Tax Rate | (RTA) | Combined Total Tax | Special Hotel/Motel |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Unincorp. Areas | 2700 | .013 | .065 | .004 | .082 | .02/.05 |
| Unincorp. Areas P.T.B.A..... | 2727 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Auburn/Pierce | 2724 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Bonney Lake | 2701 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Buckley..... | 2702 | .019 | .065 | | .084 | .02/.05 |
| Carbonado | 2703 | .013 | .065 | | .078 | .02/.05 |
| DuPont..... | 2704 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Eatonville | 2705 | .013 | .065 | | .078 | .02/.05 |
| Edgewood | 2720 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Fife | 2706 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .05 |
| Fircrest..... | 2707 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Gig Harbor..... | 2708 | .019 | .065 | | .084 | .02/.05 |
| Lakewood..... | 2721 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .05 |
| Milton/Pierce..... | 2709 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Orting..... | 2710 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Pacific/Pierce | 2723 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Puyallup | 2711 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .05 |
| Roy..... | 2712 | .013 | .065 | | .078 | .02/.05 |
| Ruston..... | 2713 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| South Prairie | 2714 | .013 | .065 | | .078 | .02/.05 |
| Steilacoom | 2715 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Summer..... | 2716 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Tacoma..... | 2717 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| University Place..... | 2719 | .019 | .065 | .004 | .088 | .02/.05 |
| Wilkeson | 2718 | .013 | .065 | | .078 | .02/.05 |

You may also refer to the department's *Geographic Information System (GIS)* located on our web site at <http://www.dor.wa.gov/gis/toc.htm> to assist you in determining the proper reporting of local sales tax.

This notice is sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to any of the above location codes within the last year. The sales tax collection schedule for the new combined state and local tax rates of 8.4% and 8.8% is enclosed. If you need additional sales tax collection schedules, please call the Department of Revenue at (800) 647-7706.

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