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## Local sales tax rates change for several WA cities, counties

**OLYMPIA** – Dec. 20, 2013 – The local sales and use tax rates will increase for several cities and counties starting Jan. 1, 2014.

### Tax rate change notices

The sales and use tax rate in **Arlington** will increase two-tenths of one percent to 8.8 percent. The increase supports the local Transportation Benefit District.

In **Kitsap County**, the local sales tax rate will increase by one-tenth of one percent to support chemical dependency or mental health treatment services. The combined state and local sales tax rate will now be 8.7 percent throughout the county.

**Kittitas County** increased by one-percent the tax on rental vehicles. This is in addition to the state's 5.9 percent tax on rented vehicles and the retail sales taxes that also apply. The tax will support youth and amateur sports activities.

Voters in the city of **Monroe** have approved a one-tenth local sales and use tax bump to fund criminal justice and public safety efforts. The combined state and local sales tax rate will now be 8.7 percent. Car dealers have special instructions for reporting the sales taxes collected on sales or the first 36 months of a lease.

Changes to the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) boundary mean citizens making purchases within **Newcastle's** city limits but outside the RTA boundary will pay 8.6 percent sales and use tax.

Most of **Skagit County** will see a three-tenths of one percent sales and use tax increase, except for **La Conner** and **Sedro-Woolley**, where it will increase two-tenths of one percent. The new revenue will be used for criminal justice and public safety. Car dealers have special instructions for reporting the sales taxes collected on sales or the first 36 months of a lease.

Hotel guests in the **Tri-Cities** Tourism Promotion Area will pay an additional \$2 lodging charge per room per night. This applies to lodging facilities with 40 or more rooms.

Revenue provides a mobile app for iOS and Android users that makes it easy to know the right sales tax in any location across the state. Download either version from Revenue's website:

[dor.wa.gov/TaxRateMobile](http://dor.wa.gov/TaxRateMobile).

For tax assistance or to request this document in an alternate format, visit <http://dor.wa.gov> or call 1-800-647-7706. Teletype (TTY) users may use the Washington Relay Service by calling 711.

Businesses can receive advance notice of local sales tax changes by signing up for Revenue's email service: <http://dor.wa.gov/Listserv>. These updates are also on Revenue's website: <http://dor.wa.gov/LocalTaxRateChanges>.

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