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Local Sales and Use Tax Rate Changes Take Effect April 1

OLYMPIA, WA – March 13, 2013 – Local sales and use tax rates will change April 1 in Cowlitz County and the cities of Castle Rock, Okanogan, La Conner, Sedro Woolley, Mill Creek, Olympia, and Lynden.

The sales and use tax rate within all of Cowlitz County will increase 0.1 percent for chemical dependency or mental health treatment services. New overall state and local rates will range from 7.7 percent in unincorporated portions of the county to 8 percent in the cities of Kelso and Longview.

A 0.2 percent increase for transportation services will go into effect in the Cities of Castle Rock and Lynden, increasing the overall state and local rates to 7.9 percent and 8.7 percent, respectively.

Sales and use tax increases of 0.1 percent will go to support criminal justice and public safety services in the following cities:

- Okanogan (new rate: 7.8 percent)
- La Conner (new rate: 8.3 percent)
- Sedro Woolley (new rate: 8.3 percent)
- Mill Creek (new rate: 9.6 percent)
- Olympia (new rate: 8.8 percent)

More information is available online at <http://dor.wa.gov/LocalTaxRateChanges>. The Department encourages businesses to sign up for the sales tax rate change listserv at <http://dor.wa.gov/Listserv> to get notices of future changes in local sales tax rates.

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