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Local sales tax rates increase April 1, 2014

OLYMPIA – March 6, 2014 – Local sales and use tax rates will increase for some cities and counties starting April 1, 2014.

Tax rate changes notices

The sales and use tax rate in the city of **Airway Heights** will increase two-tenths of one percent to help support a new transportation benefit district. The combined local and state sales and use tax rate will be 8.9 percent.

Voters have approved a two-tenths of one percent sales and use tax rate increase in **Asotin County** for the Asotin County Public Facilities District. The combined local and state sales and use tax rate will be 7.7 percent throughout the county.

The local sales and use tax rate in all of **Columbia County** will increase two-tenths of one percent, which includes a one-tenth of one percent tax for criminal justice purposes and a one-tenth of one percent tax to help pay for mental health. The total combined local and state sales and use tax rate will rise to 8.1 percent.

The local sales and use tax rate in all of **Grays Harbor County** is increasing by one-tenth of one percent to help pay for transportation. The total sales and use tax rate will increase to 8.5 percent in Grays Harbor County, except for Aberdeen, where the new combined rate will be 8.63 percent.

The city of **Leavenworth** will see a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax increase to help pay for criminal justice and safety services. The combined sales and use tax rate in Leavenworth will be 8.4 percent. New location codes will apply for businesses selling or leasing vehicles for up to the first 36 months of the lease.

In areas of **Okanogan County** within the Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA), the sales and use tax rate will go up four-tenths of one percent to pay for transportation purposes. Not all cities or the unincorporated areas in Okanogan County are included in the PTBA. The new combined sales and use tax rate for the **unincorporated areas of the transportation benefit area, Brewster, Conconully, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, Riverside and Tonasket** will be 8.1 percent. The new combined rate for the city of **Okanogan, Twisp and Winthrop** is increasing to 8.2 percent. Businesses within the unincorporated areas of the transportation area must report sales tax collection to a new location code.

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.

The city of **Roy** will see a one-tenth of one percent rate increase in local sales and use taxes to pay for public safety, bringing the combined local and state sales tax rate to 8.0 percent. New location codes will apply for businesses selling or leasing vehicles for up to the first 36 months of the lease.

In **Cle Elum**, tourists will pay an additional one percent special lodging tax rate in addition to the city's current one percent lodging tax. The total combined tax rate, including retail sales tax and the special hotel/motel tax, will rise to 10 percent.

Thurston County has created a new Tourism Promotion Area that includes unincorporated Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Yelm. Hotel guests staying in that area will pay an additional \$2 charge per room per night.

Revenue provides a mobile app for iOS and Android users to find out the right sales tax in any location around the state. Download the version from Revenue's website:

<http://dor.wa.gov/TaxRateMobile>.

For advance notice of local sales tax changes, sign up for Revenue's email service:

<http://dor.wa.gov/Listserv>, or check for updates on Revenue's website:

<http://dor.wa.gov/LocalTaxRateChanges>.

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