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## Tax rates change Jan. 1 for Ephrata, Monroe and Benton County

**OLYMPIA** – Dec. 2, 2014 – Consumers in Ephrata, Monroe and Benton County will see their sales tax rate increase on purchases starting Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015.

Shoppers in the **city of Ephrata** will pay a tenth of one percent more in sales and use tax for a tax rate of 8 percent. That increased tax will be used to help pay for criminal justice and public safety. New location codes will apply for businesses selling vehicles or leasing vehicles for up to the first 36 months of the lease.

Consumers in the **city of Monroe** will now pay an 8.9 percent sales tax. That's an increase of two-tenths of one percent. The increased tax receipts will support a new transportation improvement district.

The sales tax rate in **Benton County** will rise by three-tenths of one percent to help pay for criminal justice and public safety improvements. Consumers in the unincorporated **areas of Benton County** that are outside the county's current public transportation benefit area (PTBA) will now pay an 8 percent sales tax. Those in the unincorporated areas of Benton County and within the PTBA, and consumers in **Benton City, Kennewick, Prosser, Richland and West Richland** will pay a sales tax rate of 8.6 percent. New location codes will apply for businesses selling vehicles or leasing vehicles for up to the first 36 months of the lease.

Revenue provides a mobile app for iOS and Android users to find the right sales tax in any location around the state. Download the version from Revenue's website: <http://dor.wa.gov/TaxRateMobile>.

To receive advanced notice of local sales tax changes, visit <https://fortress.wa.gov/dor/efile/SecureForms/content/contactus/email/listservemail.aspx>.

To read more about the rate changes, visit Revenue's [local tax rate page](#).

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