

**Cowlitz County Mental Health Tax  
Car Dealers and Leasing Companies  
Effective April 1, 2013**

*Effective April 1, 2013*, sales and use tax within all of Cowlitz County will increase one-tenth of one percent (.001). The tax will be used for chemical dependency or mental health treatment services.

Businesses must collect the appropriate new rate of sales tax for retail sales and services provided within Cowlitz County. Persons or businesses within these areas will be subject to the new rate of use tax on items purchased for their personal or business use if sales tax has not been paid.

**Special Reporting Instructions for Sales or Leases of Motor Vehicles:**

Businesses that report sales or leases of motor vehicles (for up to the first thirty-six months of the lease) will need to report using the following location codes and tax rates. After the first thirty-six months of motor vehicle leases, the original city/county code would be used.

Location	Location Code Number	Local Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Rate	Total Sales Tax Rate
Unincorp. Areas	0800	.012	.065	.077
Castle Rock TBD	0801	.014	.065	.079
Kalama	0802	.012	.065	.077
Kelso	0803	.015	.065	.080
Longview	0804	.015	.065	.080
Woodland MVET	0865	.012	.065	.077

## Reporting Instructions for Retail Sales:

Businesses that report retail sales (other than sales or leases of motor vehicles) will need to report using the following location codes and tax rates:

Location	Location Code Number	Local Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Rate	Total Sales Tax Rate
Unincorp. Areas	0800	.012	.065	.077
Castle Rock TBD	0801	.014	.065	.079
Kalama	0802	.012	.065	.077
Kelso	0803	.015	.065	.080
Longview	0804	.015	.065	.080
Woodland	0805	.013	.065	.078

Below is an example of how to report local retail sales tax on your excise tax return assuming sales of motor vehicles total \$50,000 and repairs total \$10,000 in Cowlitz County.

Location Code	Taxable Amount		Local Rate	Tax Due City or Co.	
0805	10,000	00	.013	130	00
0865	50,000	00	.012	600	00
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>00</b>

Tax Classification	Taxable Amount		Rate	Tax Due	
Motor Vehicle Sales/Leases (eff. 7/1/03)	50,000	00	.003	150	00

**New sales tax applies i.e. service and parts.**

**Represents only motor vehicle sales.**

**Note:** The three-tenths of one percent (.003) Motor Vehicle Sales/Lease Tax that was implemented July 1, 2003 still applies to the sale, lease, or rental of motor vehicles.

To determine the proper codes and rates of local sales tax you may access our Tax Rate Lookup Tool located at [dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov). On the home page, click on the **Find a sales tax rate (GIS) link**.

This notice is being sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to any of the above location codes within the last year.

If you have questions, or if Sales Tax Collection Schedules are needed, please go to our web site at [dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov) or call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-647-7706.

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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 call (360) 705-6718.

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