

## Local sales tax change: Jefferson County

### Local Law Enforcement Programs and Transportation Benefit District Car Dealers and Leasing Companies

**Effective April 1, 2026**, local sales and use tax within Jefferson County will increase one-tenth of one percent (.001) for Local Law Enforcement Programs and will increase two-tenths of one percent (.002) for Transportation Benefit District for a total increase of three-tenths of one percent (.003). The tax will be used for local law enforcement programs and transportation services.

Businesses must collect the appropriate new rate of sales tax for retail sales and services. Persons or businesses 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 36 months of the lease) will need to report using the following location codes and tax rates. After the first 36 months of motor vehicle leases, the original city code should be used.

### New rate information

Location	Location code	Local sales tax rate	State sales tax rate	Total sales tax rate
<a href="#">Jefferson County Unincorp. Areas MVET</a>	1650	.0270	.0650	.0920
<a href="#">Suquamish Tribe - Jefferson County Unincorp. Areas MVET</a>	1653	.0270	.0650	.0920
<a href="#">Port Townsend MVET*</a>	1651	.0270	.0650	.0920

### 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	Location code	Local sales tax rate	State sales tax rate	Total sales tax rate
<a href="#">Jefferson County Unincorp. Areas</a>	1600	.0300	.0650	.0950
<a href="#">Suquamish Tribe - Jefferson County Unincorp. Areas</a>	1603	.0300	.0650	.0950
<a href="#">Port Townsend*</a>	1601	.0300	.0650	.0950

\*The City of Port Townsend will increase one-tenth of one percent (.001) for Local Law Enforcement Programs, but will not increase for Transportation Benefit District tax since it is already imposed in Port Townsend.

## Example

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 Jefferson County Unincorp. Areas.

Location code	Taxable amount	Local rate	Tax due	Example notes
1650	\$50,000	.0270	\$1,350	Represents only motor vehicle sales.
1600	\$10,000	.0300	\$300	New sales tax applies i.e. service and parts.
Total Taxable	\$60,000	Total	\$1,650	

Tax classification	Taxable amount	Rate	Tax due
Motor vehicle sales/leases	\$50,000	.005	\$250

The five-tenths of one percent (.005) Motor Vehicle Sales/Lease applies to the sale, lease, or rental of motor vehicles.

To determine the proper codes and rates of local sales tax, use our Tax Rate Lookup Tool located at [dor.wa.gov/TaxRateLookup](http://dor.wa.gov/TaxRateLookup).

This notice is being sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to any of the above location(s) within the last two years.

## Questions

If you have questions, call 360-705-6705. For more information on sales tax rate changes, visit our website at [dor.wa.gov/local-sales-and-use-tax](http://dor.wa.gov/local-sales-and-use-tax).

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