

# KING COUNTY TAXING AUTHORITIES

Taxing Authority	Number of districts	Purpose	Governing Body	Voted regular levy?	2023 Regular Rate	Limitations on regular levies			Excess levies? (4)	
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<b><i>County-wide Taxing Authorities</i></b>										
State of Washington	1	Educate all children through support of common schools			2.31104	\$2.70 (note 5)	Yes		Yes	
Port of Seattle	1	Construct & maintain harbor and airport facilities	Port Commissioners		0.09429	\$0.45			Yes	Bond
Emergency Medical Services	3 (note 6)	Provide Emergency Medical Services	County Council	Yes	0.20922	\$0.50	Yes		Yes	
Marine District (fka Ferry)	1	Provide passenger only ferry service	County Council		0.00778	\$0.08	Yes		Yes	General; Bond
Flood Control Zone District	1	Operate and maintain flood control projects	County Council		0.06717	\$0.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Transportation District	1	Transit-related purposes	County Council		0.03721	\$0.08	Yes		Yes	General
<b>King County</b>										
Current Expense	1	Provide for general county expenses	County Council		0.46916	\$1.80	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Veterans' Aid	1	Assist honorably discharged veterans	County Council		0.00393	\$0.01125-\$0.27 (within \$1.80)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mental Health	1	Provide mental health services	County Council		0.00883	\$0.025 (within \$1.80)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Conservation Futures	1	Acquire open space land or development rights	County Council		0.06250	\$0.06250	Yes		Yes	
<b><i>Other Taxing Authorities</i></b>										
Road District	1	Construct & maintain roads and bridges in unincorporated areas	County Council		1.24031	\$2.25	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Sound Transit	3	Provide high capacity transportation service	City/County Legislatures		0.15576	\$0.25	Yes	No	Yes	General

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Rural Library District	2	Establish and maintain free public libraries	Board of Trustees		0.26223- .33334	\$0.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Cities and Towns	39	Provide general city services	City Council		\$0.16321- \$2.24414	\$3.375-\$3.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
School Districts	20 (note 6)	Educate all children	School Boards	Excess only						General; Bonds
Fire Protection Districts	23	Eliminate fire hazards and protect life and property.	District Commissioners		\$0.44763- \$1.50000	\$1.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Regional Fire Authority	3	Regional shared fire protection service	Elected Officials		\$0.60513- \$0.86221	\$1.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Public Hospital Districts	4	Own & operate hospitals and other health care facilities	Hospital Commissioners		\$0.13505- \$0.38768	\$0.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Water Districts	29 (none levied in 2023)	Furnish water supply, purchase & maintain fire-fighting equipment.	District Commissioners			\$0.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Sewer Districts	16 (none levied in 2023)	Construct, maintain and operate sewer systems	Sewer Commissioners	Excess only						General; Bond
Park & Recreation Districts	2	Provide for leisure activities and recreation facilities	Park Commissioners	Yes	\$0.02683- \$0.30499	\$0.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Metropolitan Park Districts	6	Manage, control, improve, maintain, acquire parks, parkways, boulevards, recreation facilities.	Park Commissioners	Yes	\$0.02455- \$0.38551	\$0.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	General; Bond
Cemetery Districts	1	Establish & operate cemeteries (Vashon Island)	District Commissioners		0.02455	\$0.11	Yes	Yes	Yes	General
County Airport District	1	Establish & operate airports (Vashon Island)	County Council	Yes	none	\$0.75	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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(1) The state constitution limits the aggregate levy of the affected authorities to 1% of market value (unlike other limits, which apply to assessed value).

Normally, this effectively raises the limit. In 2022 the effective limit was \$10.66 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

(2) RCW 84.52.043 limits the aggregate levy of affected authorities to \$5.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

(3) Chapter 84.55 RCW limits affected taxing authorities' regular levy to a percentage (ranging from inflation to 101%) of its highest authorized levy since 1986.

(4) Types of excess levies (if any) the taxing authority may put before the voters.

(5) The limitation of \$3.60 applies to *market* value. The rate applied locally to assessed value may exceed \$3.60.

(6) The various districts of this type totally cover the county, except City of Milton. East Pierce Fire and Rescue covers the City of Milton.