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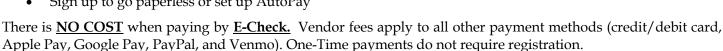
Dear Taxpayer,

The Treasurer's Office would like to share some helpful online tools we offer that you may not be familiar with.

Electronic Notification and Payment Options

Last year we launched a new online bill pay service with Invoice Cloud. By creating an account, you can:

- Link all your Kitsap County tax parcels and manage them in one place
- Receive an alert when a new tax statement has been uploaded to the system
- Receive payment reminders before the due date if there is a balance still owing
- Setup account reminders even if you do not plan to pay electronically
- Sign up to go paperless or set up AutoPay



Please note that if there is a change to the name associated with the tax parcel but you are still the taxpayer, you will need to re-add the parcel under the new name to utilize the Invoice Cloud features for that parcel.

Tax Distribution Power BI Updates

As many of you are aware we have a Tax Distribution Power BI that allows you to visualize how your property taxes are distributed to the different districts that serve your property for the current and prior 3 years. We have recently updated these visuals to include graphs that distinguish your Voted vs. Non-Voted Tax Amounts. Additionally, we have modernized the color scheme to be more accessible for color-blind users.

2025 Property Tax Calculations and Distributions

Tax bills for 2025 are based on property values as of January 1, 2024 and reflects your property's share of the budgets of the state, county, and other taxing districts, such as school, fire, emergency services, and ports. Approximately 29% of the property taxes we collect go to the State (K-12), 27% to local schools, 19% to fire districts, 8% to the County general fund, and the remainder to roads, cities, port, water, and other districts that serve you.

Property taxes are entirely budget-based, and the State allows local district budget increases of 1 percent, plus an allowance for new construction. Changes in taxes for individual properties vary, depending on that property's change in value as compared with others in the district. Other increases may only come in the form of voter-approved levies.

Some taxpayers will see tax increases this year, which are largely a result of local voter-approved levies. Voterapproved Enrichment and Capital Project Levies for Bainbridge Island School District increased the district levy by 21.07%. Voter-approved EMS levies and levy lid lifts for Fire Districts resulted in increases for North Kitsap (9.2%), Poulsbo (11.6%), Central Kitsap (10.45%), and North Mason (23.88%). A voter-approved EMS levy for City of Bremerton increased their levy by 8.87%. Additionally, Village Green Metropolitan Parks used banked capacity for a 6.8% levy increase and City of Port Orchard's levy increased by 9.6% due to new construction.



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Assessor Update

In 2024 the qualifying income limit for the Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons property tax exemption increased to \$65,000 for Kitsap County taxpayers. For 2025, the income limit will remain the same. If you are 61 years of age or older or have a disability and have a combined household income of \$65,000 or less, you may qualify for the exemption. To learn more about the program please visit: kcowa.us/taxrelief.

Did you know that the Assessor's Office publishes a newsletter? Sign up to get valuable news and updates about upcoming changes that may impact you at: www.kitsap.gov/assessor.

Website Tools

There are many online tools available on Kitsap County's <u>Parcel Details</u>. In addition to data regarding values, taxes, and your <u>property tax bill</u>, there is also information including well and septic history, voting districts, plat and permit data. You can find an electronic copy of this letter on our website at <u>www.kitsap.gov/treasurer</u> to access the links within it.

We understand that managing your taxes can be challenging, but our office strives to make your interactions with us positive. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions to help improve our processes. Please call us at 360-337-7135 or email treasurer@kitsap.gov.

Regards,

Pete Boissonneau and Team

Change of Address

If your MAILING ADDRESS has changed from the address shown on the enclosed tax statement(s) **complete this form** and return it with your payment or **scan the QR code** to complete the request electronically.

Note: Completing a change of address does not change legal ownership.

Contact Info:			Account Number(s):
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	
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