



Property Tax Comparison

The affect of the annexation on property taxed is summarized in the following table, which provides a comparison of the property tax rates from inside and outside the City.

2009 Taxes

City	Tax Rate	County	Tax Rate
State School	1.89	State School	1.89
County	1.179	County	1.179
Local School	2.705	Local School	2.705
City	0	City	1.496
Fire	0	Fire	1.457
Library	.339	Library	.339
Roads	1.499	Roads	0
Total	7.612		9.066

The property tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation is approximately **\$1.45** less inside the city limits, or about **\$430** less annually on a **\$300,000** home.

This tax rate includes all proportionate share of the city's existing indebtedness. There are no "out of pocket" or one-time assessments to any properties in an annexation area at the time of or as a result of annexation. If land is annexed, the City's debt is continually factored into the property tax rate, with certain types of debt only approved by a vote of the citizens or City Council. It is worth noting that the City's tax rate has declined every year for the last 15 years.

City Taxes

The City of Battle Ground does impose several utility taxes. These are catalogued in the following table:

Telephone Utility	6%
Electric Utility	6%
Gas Utility	6%
Garbage Utility	10%
Water Utility	16%
Sewer Utility	16%
Drainage Utility	16%
Cable Television	Fee is assessed against the franchisee at 5%

These taxes are assessed against the utility provider, not the utility customer. It is then a choice of the utility provider as to whether to pass that tax onto their customers. The City of Battle Ground, as a utility provider does pass that tax on. Clark Public Utilities may or may not choose to do so, though they have in the past.