



Funding City Services

How City of Battle Ground taxes compare to other Clark County cities

It is often difficult to measure the value of city services for the tax dollars you pay.

What do you, as a city of Battle Ground resident pay for core city services compared to residents of other Clark County cities?

In the City of Battle Ground, core city services are supported by property, sales, and utility taxes:

City Property Tax

As a city of Battle Ground resident, only a portion (15.5% in 2020) of the total property tax you pay is distributed to the city to pay for core city services. Learn more about the property tax you pay at www.cityofbg.org/tax-info.

Fire/EMS Property Tax

Battle Ground residents do not pay a Fire/EMS property tax. The city provides Fire/EMS services through a contract with Fire District 3 that is paid out of the General Fund - the same fund used to pay for all other core city services.

Utility Tax

City of Battle Ground residents pay a 22% tax on city utilities. Other cities have their own specific rates - some more, some less. 100% of this utility tax you pay is allocated to the city's General Fund and is essential to support core city services such as police and fire/EMS.

Sales Tax

Each city in Clark County uses sales tax revenue to pay for services. Only 10% of the sales tax collected is distributed back to the city where it was paid. Sales tax is not included in this comparison because each city collects the same rate, and because residents often shop beyond the city in which they reside.

Learn more about the taxes you pay at www.cityofbg.org/tax-info

Resident Profile

We've used a specific resident profile, but any profile can be applied.



Resident Jane



Home Assessed At \$310,000



Average use of City Utilities



Police



Fire/EMS



Streets



Community Development

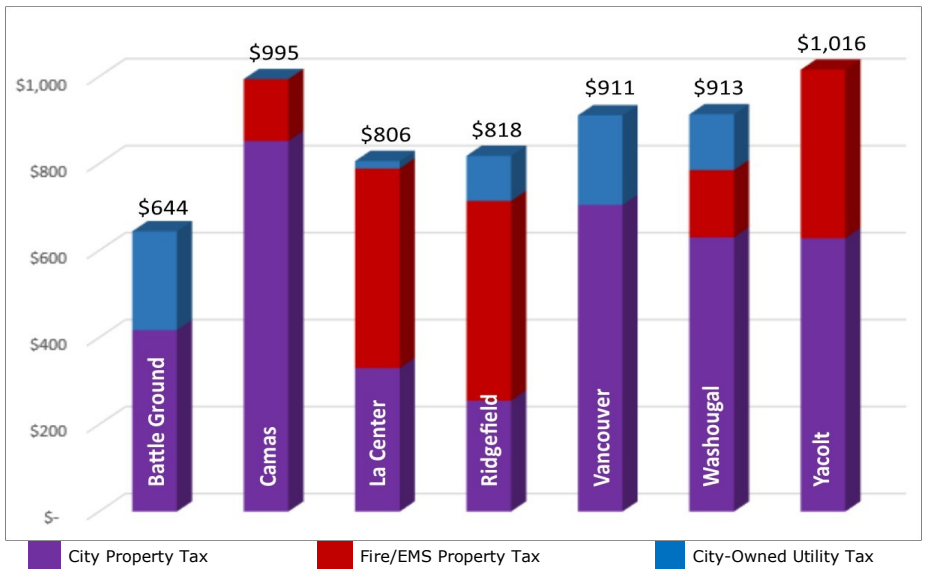


Parks & Recreation

Core City Services

Cost of Services (Taxes) 2020

Each city uses its own individual tax model and rates to collect revenue to pay for core city services. It is the combined taxes a resident pays that provides a valid apples-to-apples comparison of what a resident pays in each city for core city services.



CITY	CITY PROPERTY TAXES		FIRE/EMS PROPERTY TAXES		CITY-OWNED UTILITY TAXES (Water, Sewer, Storm Drainage)			ANNUAL TOTAL
	Mill Rate	Total Annual Tax	Mill Rate	Total Annual Tax	Annual Cost of Utilities	Utility Tax Rate	Total Annual Tax	
Battle Ground	1.35	\$417	0	\$0	\$1,031	22%	\$227	\$644
Camas	2.75	\$852	.40	\$143	1084	0%	\$0	\$995
La Center	1.06	\$330	1.40	\$459	\$1,077	6% water	\$17	\$806
Ridgefield	.82	\$255	1.40	\$459	\$1,128	8% Water 10% Sewer	\$104	\$818
Vancouver	2.28	\$705	0	\$0	\$712	28.9%	\$206	\$911
Washougal	2.03	\$630	.50	\$155	\$1,416	10% Water 9.23% Sewer	\$128	\$913
Yacolt	2.03	\$629	1.2	\$387	Town of Yacolt does not provide utilities			1,016