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PROPOSITION 1 FAQs

If the levy is approved, how much will Shoreline Proposition 1 cost me?

If Proposition 1 is approved, a homeowner with a median valued home (\$353,000 in 2016) would pay on average \$7 more per month over the six-year levy to help maintain and fund current City services such as police and emergency services, including neighborhood safety and traffic patrols; maintenance of parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields and the Shoreline Pool; and continue funding community services for seniors, youth, and individuals and families in need.

How would Proposition 1 affect City property tax rates?

The City is asking voters for an increase of \$.06 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Proposition 1 would set the City's regular property tax levy rate at \$1.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017, below the legal limit of \$1.60.

What about seniors on a fixed income?

Senior citizens or persons with disabilities may qualify for tax exemptions or tax deferrals. Contact the King County Assessor's Office at (206) 296-3920 or kingcounty.gov/assessor for information.

More information:

Visit shorelinewa.gov/prop1 or contact Administrative Services Director Sara Lane at (206) 801-2301 or slane@shorelinewa.gov.

ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOV. 8



Park maintenance at
Cromwell Park

CITY OF SHORELINE
PROPOSITION 1
Basic Public Safety,
Parks and Recreation,
and Community Services
Maintenance and Operation Levy

Preserve and maintain basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services



School Resource Officer Greg McKinney at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center

SHORELINE PROPOSITION 1

In 2010, Shoreline voters approved a basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services maintenance and operations levy. The levy expires at the end of this year. The City is seeking to restore that levy.

Property taxes collected by the City go into the City's General Fund, which funds most of the day-to-day services provided by the City. If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would continue to help fund current levels of police and emergency services, including neighborhood safety and traffic patrols; maintenance of parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields, and the Shoreline Pool; and community services for seniors, youth, and individuals and families in need.

WHAT IS A LEVY LID LIFT?

Washington's property tax is a levy-based property tax system, which means state law allows a city to collect a specified total dollar amount (the levy) per year. State law limits levy increases to 1% per year.

The exception to this rule is the levy lid lift, which allows cities to go to the voters to ask that the levy rate be increased (lid lift) to an amount equal to or less than the statutory maximum rate.



CITY OF SHORELINE: PROPOSITION 1

PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 is a maintenance and operations levy to maintain basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services. If approved, the measure will:

- Set the City's regular property tax levy rate below the legal limit of \$1.60 to a rate not to exceed \$1.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017.
- Limit property tax increases in 2018 through 2022 to an amount not to exceed inflation based on the Seattle Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Use the 2022 levy as a base for future levy limits.

A homeowner with a median valued home (\$353,000 in 2016) would pay on average \$7 more per month over the six-year levy.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Earlier this year, the City Manager appointed a 13-member Financial Sustainability Citizen Advisory Committee. The Committee reviewed the City's finances and services, and provided a recommendation for how best to provide the money needed to ensure basic City services continue.

The Committee recommended restoring the expiring 2010 levy in 2017 and allowing levy increases aligned with inflation for five years (2018-2022).

The Committee also recommended the City prioritize social services and economic development and continue to look for efficiencies and cost saving measures in providing City services.



Summer concert at Hamlin Park

WHY IS THE CITY SEEKING A LEVY LID LIFT?

In 2001 Washington voters approved an initiative that limits most jurisdictions to an increase in property tax revenue of 1% per year unless authorized by a vote of the people. Because inflation rises more than 1% a year, funding for basic City services has not kept pace with rising costs. In 2010, Shoreline voters approved a six-year maintenance and operations levy to bridge the funding gap. That levy expires this year.

State law requires the City to balance its budget. The City's 10-year financial forecast projects that without restoring these levy funds, revenues will not be adequate to support the cost to maintain current service levels.

Seeking savings and efficiencies is a high priority for the City, but operating costs are projected to increase by approximately 3% per year. The proposed levy will allow the City to preserve current levels of service for public safety programs; maintain parks and facilities; and sustain community services with some additional funding for human services.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PROPOSITION 1 DOES NOT PASS?

If the proposed levy restoration does not pass, the City will identify services or programs to reduce or eliminate in order to balance the City's budget. The City has focused on cost containment measures to lessen the need to reduce or eliminate services, but unless the City finds other revenue sources, service reductions will be needed. This will likely include programs that the City is not legally required to provide, such as neighborhood services, the pool, school resource officer, communications, parks maintenance, recreation programs, community events, and cultural programming.

CITY COST REDUCTIONS

The City has made a number of budget and operational changes to help contain costs while maintaining services, including:

- Reduced jail costs by using Yakima and SCORE facilities instead of King County's jail.
- Reduced costs through joint supervision of Police Department shifts between Shoreline and Kenmore.
- Replaced conventional High Pressure Sodium street lights with more energy efficient LED lights.
- Increased fees for recreation programs, permitting, and building inspections in order to meet cost recovery targets.

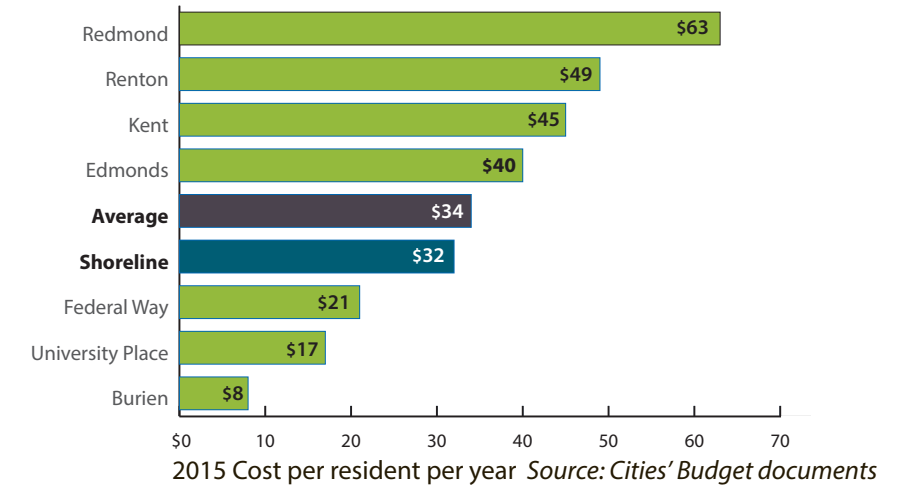
WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?

The Washington State property tax system is one of the most complicated in the nation. Property owners in Shoreline may support 10 or more different taxing districts each with its own levy and levy rate. For every dollar of property tax paid, 11¢ supports City operations.

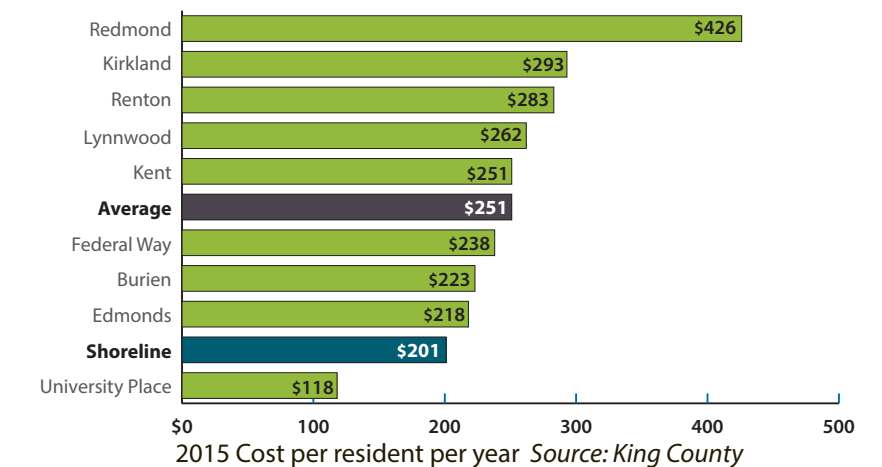


Swimming lessons at Shoreline Pool

COMPARATIVE PARK MAINTENANCE COSTS



COMPARATIVE POLICE COSTS



YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR



State Schools 18¢
Shoreline School District 37¢
Library District 4¢
Port of Seattle 1¢
King County EMS 2¢

City Operating Levy 11¢
City 2006 Park Bond Levy 2¢
Shoreline Fire District 13¢
King County 12¢