

September 30, 2025

RE: Submission of District Property Tax Levies for 2026 to the County Council

To the Board of Commissioners:

The County Council is required by RCW 84.52.070 to certify annually the amount of property taxes levied in King County. In order to make this certification, we must know the amount of taxes to be levied for each taxing district.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING 2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVIES IS
December 1, 2025

In order for your district to receive property taxes in an amount greater than the 2025 certified amount, if permitted by law, we must receive your resolution by December 1, 2025. This applies to basic levies provided for by State law as well as any excess levies approved by a vote of the people. Please remember that the Assessor is required to review levy requests to ensure that they do not exceed the allowable levy.

The state Department of Revenue has notified the County Assessor that the implicit price deflator is greater than one percent (letter attached).

If you cannot finalize your levy request by December 1, please submit an estimate. If your estimate is higher than the allowable levy, the Assessor will reduce the amount requested for your jurisdiction to an amount no greater than the allowable levy. However, if your estimate is less than the allowable levy, the amount requested can only be increased from the amount certified in your ordinance or resolution to the level of the allowable levy with formal written notification from your Board of Commissioners. This written notification must be filed with the Assessor and the Clerk of the Council by December 1, 2025 for inclusion in the certification ordinance.

Forms are enclosed for you to use in submitting your levy request. Please submit copies of the form and any resolution or ordinance that may be required by RCW 84.55.120 or RCW 84.55.0101 to both the King County Council and the King County Assessor's Office at the following email addresses:

Clerk's Office
Metropolitan King County Council
Telephone: 206-477-1020
Clerk.council@kingcounty.gov

Julienne DeGeyter
Accounting Division
King County Department of Assessments
Telephone: 206-492-6717
levyadmin@kingcounty.gov

The King County Council may pass an amendatory certification ordinance in January 2026 in order to allow for technical adjustments in the final levy amounts. However, discretionary increases in your levy may not be made in the amendatory certification ordinance.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's Office at 206-263-2330.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Girmay Zahiray, Chair
Metropolitan King County Council

c: John Arthur Wilson, Assessor