

STATUTORY REFERENCES FOR WASHINGTON CITIES AND TOWNS

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Washington cities and towns. They are up to date through August 13, 2013.

General Provisions

Incorporation

Wash. Const. Art. XI § 10 and RCW ch. 35.02

Classification of municipalities
RCW chs. 35.01 and 35.06

Annexations
RCW ch. 35.13

First class cities
RCW ch. 35.22

Second class cities
RCW ch. 35.23

Towns
RCW ch. 35.27

Unclassified cities
RCW ch. 35.30

Miscellaneous provisions applicable to all cities and towns
RCW ch. 35.21

Adoption of codes by reference
RCW 35.21.180

Codification of ordinances
RCW 35.21.500 et seq.

Penalties for ordinance violations in first class cities
RCW 35.22.280(35); 35.21.163 and 35.21.165

Penalties for ordinance violations in second class cities
RCW 35.23.440(29); 35.21.163 and 35.21.165

Penalties for ordinance violations in towns
RCW 35.27.370(14); 35.21.163 and 35.21.165

Civil infractions
RCW ch. 7.80

Elections
RCW title 29A

Campaign finances and disclosure
RCW ch. 42.17A

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Official newspaper
RCW 35.21.875

Administration and Personnel

Commission form of government
RCW ch. 35.17

Council-manager plan
RCW ch. 35.18

City council in second class cities
RCW 35.23.181 et seq.

Town council
RCW 35.27.270 et seq.

Officers in second-class cities
RCW 35.23.021 et seq.

Officers in towns
RCW 35.27.070 et seq.

Local government whistleblower protection
RCW ch. 42.41

Code of ethics for officers
RCW ch. 42.23

Open Public Meeting Act of 1971
RCW ch. 42.30

Municipal courts
RCW chs. 3.46, 3.50, 35.20

Planning commissions
RCW ch. 35.63

Hearing examiner system for zoning amendments
RCW 35A.63.170

Emergency management
RCW ch. 38.52

Revenue and Finance

Budgets
RCW chs. 35.32A, 35.33, 35.34

Bonds
RCW chs. 35.36, 35.37, 35.41

Depositories
RCW ch. 35.38

Investment of funds
RCW ch. 35.39

Accident claims and funds
RCW ch. 35.31

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Validation and funding of debts
 RCW ch. 35.40

Local improvements
 RCW ch. 35.43—35.56

Retail sales and use taxes
 RCW ch. 82.14

Leasehold excise tax
 RCW ch. 82.29A

Real estate excise tax
 RCW ch. 82.46

Tax on admissions
 RCW 35.21.280

Property tax in first class cities
 RCW 35.22.280(2)

Property tax in second class cities
 RCW 35.23.440(46)

Property tax in towns
 RCW 35.27.370(8)

Lodging tax
 RCW 67.28.180 et seq.

Gambling taxes
 RCW 9.46.110 et seq.

State preemption of certain tax fields
 RCW 82.02.020

Business Licenses and Regulations

First class city licenses
 RCW 35.22.280(32) and (33)

Second class city licenses
 RCW 35.23.440(2)—(8)

Town licenses
 RCW 35.27.370(9)

Municipal business and occupation tax
 RCW ch. 35.102

Uniform license fee or tax rate
 RCW 35.21.710 and 35.21.711

License fees or taxes on telephone businesses
 RCW 35.21.712—35.21.715

Ambulance business taxes
 RCW 35.21.768

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Freight carrier taxes
RCW 35.21.840—35.21.850

Gambling
RCW chs. 9.46, 9.47

Liquor
RCW 66.08.120 and 66.44.010

Auctioneers
RCW 35.21.690

Cabarets
RCW 66.28.080

Cable television
RCW ch. 35.99

Massage practitioners
RCW 35.21.692

Newspaper carriers
RCW 35.21.696

Animals

Power of second class cities to regulate
RCW 35.23.440(11)

Power of towns to regulate
RCW 35.27.370(7)

Cruelty to animals
RCW ch. 16.52

Dangerous dogs
RCW 16.08.070 et seq.

Health and Safety

Generally
RCW Title 70

Local health boards and officers
RCW ch. 70.05

Garbage collection and disposal
RCW 35.21.120 et seq. and RCW ch. 35.67

Litter control
RCW ch. 70.93

Fireworks
RCW ch. 70.77

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare

Crimes and punishments
RCW Title 9

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Washington Criminal Code
RCW Title 9A

Drunkenness and alcoholism
RCW 70.96A.190

Discrimination
RCW ch. 49.60

Juvenile curfew
RCW 35.21.635

Vehicles and Traffic

Motor vehicles
RCW title 46

Model traffic ordinance
RCW ch. 46.90

Penalties for driving while intoxicated
RCW 35.21.165

Accident reports
RCW ch. 46.52

Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places

Local improvements
RCW chs. 35.43—35.56

Metropolitan park districts
RCW ch. 35.61

Street construction and maintenance
RCW chs. 35.72—35.79

Sidewalk construction
RCW chs. 35.68—35.70

Public Services

Municipal utilities
RCW ch. 35.92

Municipal Water and Sewer Facilities Act
RCW ch. 35.91

Sewer systems
RCW ch. 35.67

Water or sewer districts, assumption of jurisdiction
RCW ch. 35.13A

Buildings and Construction

State building code
RCW ch. 19.27

Unfit dwellings, buildings and structures
RCW ch. 35.80

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Energy-related building standards
RCW ch. 19.27A

Electrician and electrical installations
RCW ch. 19.28

Electrical construction
RCW ch. 19.29

Development impact fees
RCW 82.02.050 et seq.

Subdivisions

Subdivisions generally
RCW ch. 58.17

Short plats and short subdivisions
RCW 58.17.060 et seq.

Hearing examiner system for plat approval
RCW 58.17.330

Zoning

Generally
RCW 35.63.080 et seq.

Hearing examiner system for zoning applications
RCW 35.63.130

Growth management
RCW ch. 36.70A

Judicial review of land use decisions
RCW ch. 36.70C