

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 for inside and outside the City:

2008 Taxes

City:		County:	
School	2.49776	School	2.49776
State & County	3.05225	State & County	4.48247
City	1.42984	City	-
Fire Dist. #11	-	Fire Dist. #11	1.35522
Library	0.33061	Library	0.33061
Total	7.31046	Total	8.66606

The property tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation is approximately **\$1.36** less inside the city limits, or about **\$408** 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:

SUMMARY TABLE OF GENERAL CITY TAXES

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.

In addition, the sales tax rate inside the City is 8.2%, versus 7.7% in rural Clark County.