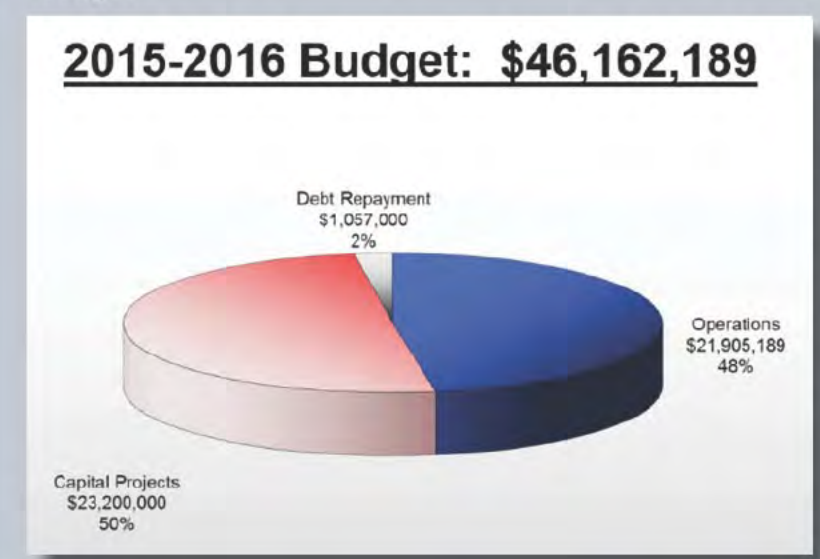
# City View

Winners of the City's first Celebrate Woodinville Art Poster Contest were selected and announced at the July 4th Concert at Wilmot Gateway Park. Spencer Epps of Duvall took the 1st Place award of $1,000 for his digital artwork "Fun Over Woodinville". The 2nd Place prize of $750 was awarded to Anna Macrae of Sammamish for the acrylic piece "Celebrate Woodinville, and 3rd Place award of $500 to Carol Hook of Woodinville for her photographic piece "Woodinville Treasures."

## COUNCIL ADOPTS 2015-2016 BUDGET

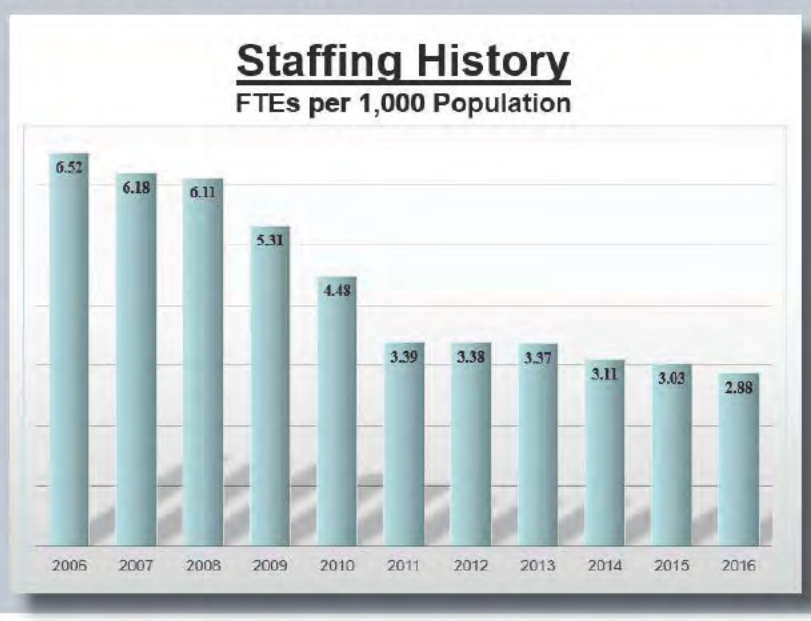
*Includes additional funding for law enforcement and 1% per year property tax increase*

On December 2, 2014 the Woodinville City Council approved the 2015/2016 Budget. The two year budget provides $46,162,189 in operating, capital improvement, and debt repayment expenditures, and seeks to address some of the exciting changes that are happening as Woodinville grows. The budget also implements the City Council's ongoing priorities to reduce crime, reduce traffic congestion, improve traffic safety, and to be able to increase or improve the quality of services in priority area. Here are a few highlights from the new biennial budget:




### Operations - 3.25% increase

Operations is comprised of the day-to-day tasks of the City, which encompasses 48% of the total budget. This covers costs like law enforcement, park and street maintenance, administration, and all other operating expenditures. One additional police officer is scheduled to be added in mid-2016, but regular City staffing levels will not change. City staffing is at 34.96 full time equivalents (FTE), which is 48% less staff than 2006. The City's population has grown by 17% since 2006, and is projected to increase by another 8% (907 people) in 2016. Much of this growth is driven by the new housing that is currently under development. Population increases typically require additional services and employees. A measure of efficiency




2015-2016 budget (see page 2)

# Public Safety Video System Up and Running

IIn early October, the City installed three video cameras on public streets to help Woodinville Police with the investigation of crimes and traffic accidents. The cameras are located at the following intersections:

NE 175th Street & 131st Avenue NE

NE 175th Street & 140th Avenue NE

NE 195th Street $ 136th Avenue NE

The City Council approved using video technology for law enforcement purpose, along with a detailed set of policies and procedures restricting the use and oversight of the system, in 2013.

Many people have questions about the video system; we've captured some of the most commonly-asked questions below. For more information, visit our website at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us.

### COMMONLY-ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO SYSTEM

**Q:** Will the camera be used to catch traffic violations, such as running red lights or speeding?

**A:** *No. The cameras will only be used as an investigative tool to solve crimes or reconstruct vehicle accidents after-the-fact.*

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**Q:** Can the camera see into my home or business?

**A:** *No. The cameras will only be deployed at locations on public streets or parklands that are in public view and where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy. The view provided by a video camera is no greater than what is available from a public vantage point. The camera also only records images, not sounds.*

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**Q:** Will the police be monitoring the cameras 24/7?

**A:** *No, the video cameras will not be continuously monitored. They will be used primarily to view footage that may help solve a crime or examine vehicle accidents.*

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**Q:** Will the video footage be available through a public records request?

**A:** *Yes. Recorded video images will be stored for up to 30 days. Video will be available by completing a public records request (see www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/PublicRecords.asp).*

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**Q:** Who has access to the video?

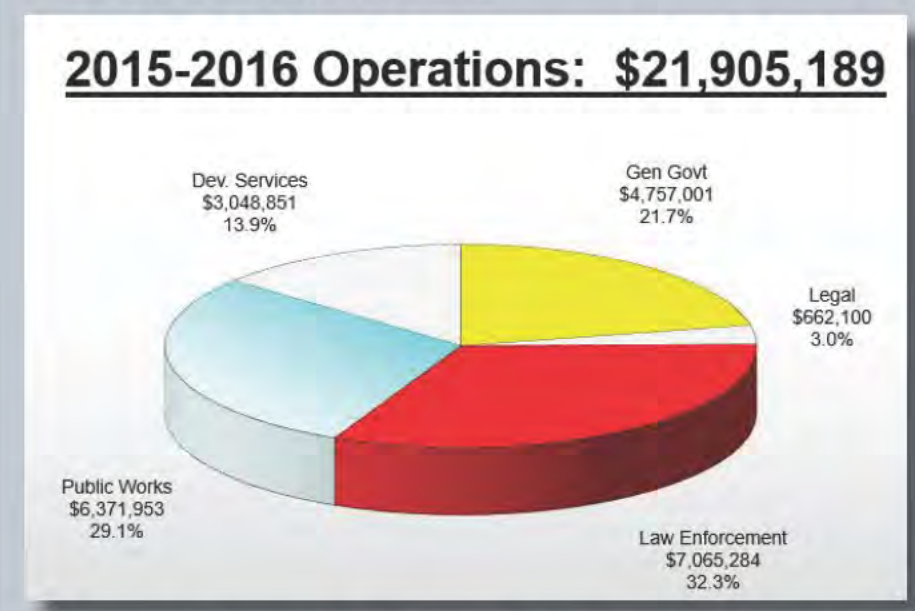
**A:** *Only authorized Police Department and City personnel who have been trained on the technical, legal, and ethical requirements of the system may operate the video camera. Each time someone operates the camera or logs into the camera system, it will be tracked and reported to city management for oversight purposes.*

## 2015-2016 budget (from front page)

is the number of city employees per 1000 population. Currently the City has 3.11 FTEs per 1000 population and with our growth projections will be at 2.88 FTEs by 2016.

The Operations Budget includes the following activities:

- Adds one Police Officer position to respond to a projected 8% increase in the City's population.



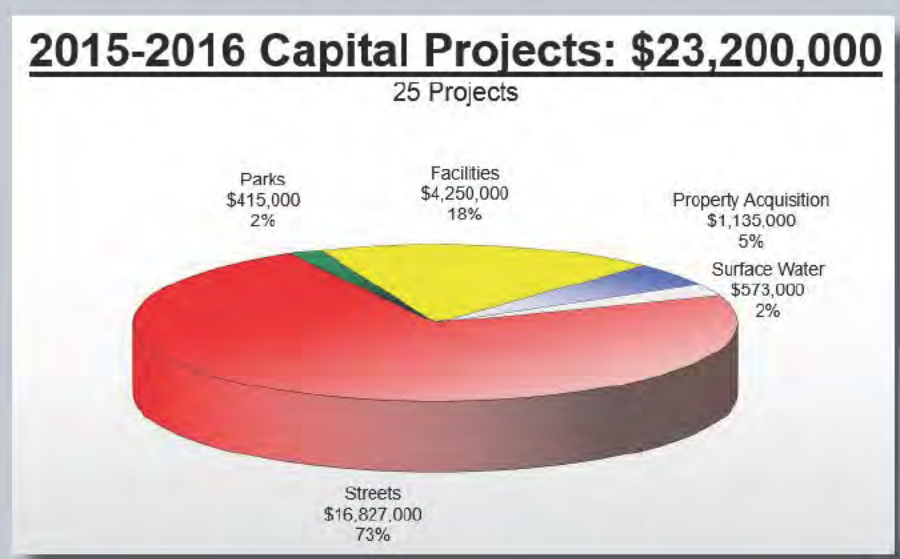

- ncreases roperty taxes y 1%, w c wi cost t e average ome owner an additional $5 per year.
- Implements a new mandatory Business License program.
- Launches a new program to address neighborhood nuisance problems and issues.
- Invests in technology to improve productivity and save money.
- New City website to help the public more easily access information and make service requests in a mobile-friendly interface
- Complete a comprehensive review, rewrite, and simplification of our development codes for a more streamlined permit process
- Maintain streets, parks, and stormwater facilities to a high standard

### Capital Projects

Capital Projects are major, non-routine expenditures for property acquisition, new construction, improvement to existing buildings, facilities, land, or infrastructure and has an estimated useful life of five or more years and a cost of $50,000 or more.

The 2015-16 Budget includes $23.2 million for 26 capital construction projects; the majority of the funding (73%) is earmarked for roads, including a $6 million project to reconfigure the South Bypass (NE 171st St) into an urban parkway with roundabouts, landscaping, and dedicated non-motorized pathways. Half of this project is funded from a State grant. The project is also funded by traffic impact fees associated with the Woodin Creek Village development.

Other projects include paving on the eastbound lane of NE 175th Street, annual residential street overlays, and acquisition of the Eastside Rail Corridor. A complete listing of all the Capital Improvement Projects that the City is considering over the next six years is available on the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) webpage (www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Work/CapitalImprovementPlan.asp)



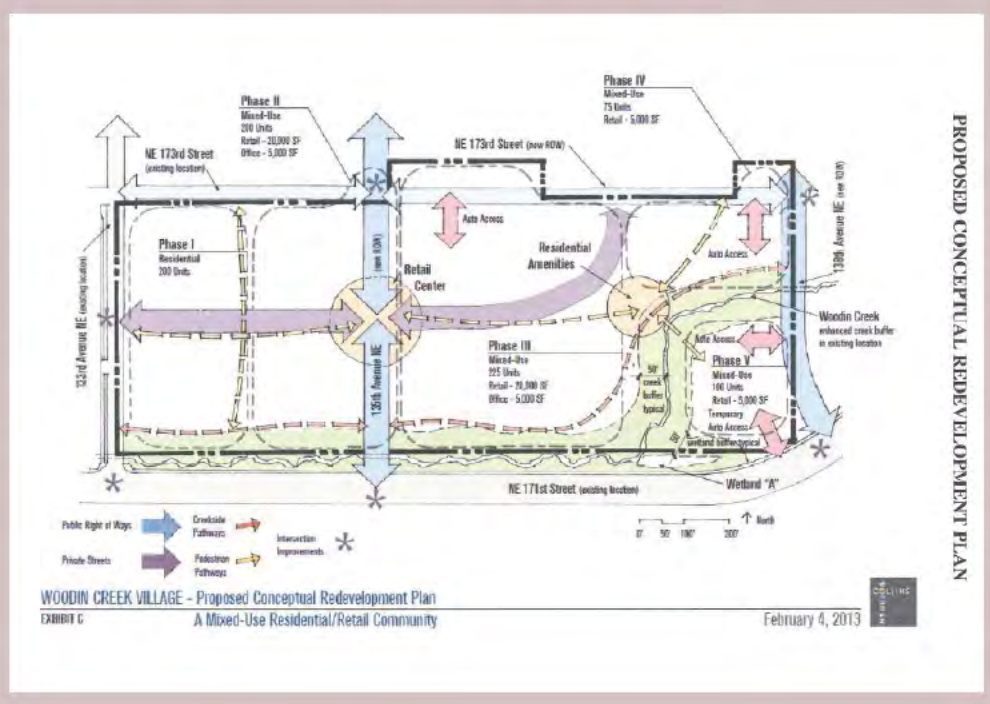

### Conclusion

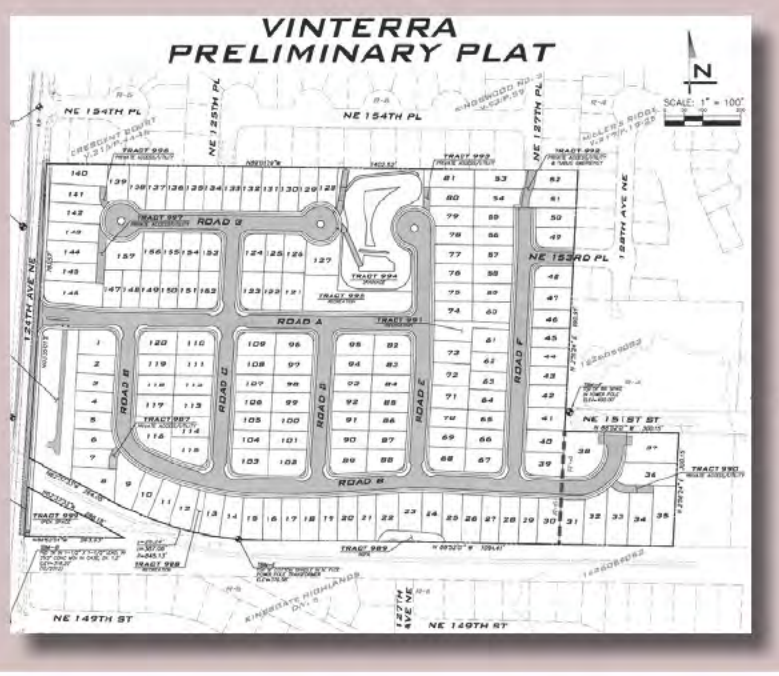
To view the complete 2015/2016 Biennial Budget visit the City's webpage at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHall/FinancialReports.asp.

# Private Development Update

Development is picking up again in Woodinville, and there are a number of private development projects under design or in construction. Here are two of the largest projects currently underway:

- **WOODIN CREEK VILLAGE APARTMENTS** – Phase 1 of the Woodin Creek development is currently being constructed at 133rd Ave NE and NE 171st Street. Phase 1 includes the construction of over 230 apartment units, a parking garage, and street improvements. The overall project will be constructed in five Phases over several years; the completed project will feature up to 800 residential units and 50,000 sq. ft. of office and retail space, restoration of Woodin Creek along the property, and new street connections to 171st at 133rd Avenue, 135th Avenue, and 138th Avenue.




- **VINTERRA** – This 157 single family home project is located in the West Ridge neighborhood on NE 124th Street, at the former site of Vibrant Plants Nursery. Work is under way to create the internal street network, provide street frontage improvements, restore a wetland on the project site, and provide the required storm drainage improvements. Construction on the homes is scheduled to begin later this year.

# 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update Status

## *What do you think Woodinville should look like in 2035?*

The Comprehensive Plan is a long range 20-year plan that sets the framework for the physical development of the City. The plan is used to identify issues, opportunities, needs and organize public policy to address them in a manner that makes the best and most appropriate use of City resources. A completed plan also establishes a desired future and establishes goals to help move toward that future. Elected officials and City staff use the Plan to help make future decisions, create ordinances, and allocate funding.

Our 2035 Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be adopted by June 30, 2015. To meet this deadline, work started in January 2014 to establish the study area, review objectives, enact a public participation plan, research the economic and market position of the City and capacity, and conduct a review of the existing conditions report. Currently, we are reviewing the Land Use and Community Design Element of the Plan. Our next steps will focus on preparing a fiscal analysis of the proposed projects that are outlined in the plan, prepare the remaining preliminary code amendments and draft plan elements, and finally seek City Council review.

The Comprehensive Plan is only useful if it provides a clear vision for Woodinville's future development, and we can't know what that vision is without public input. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about public comment periods, workshops, and City Council meetings over the next few months.

To make your opinions count, take our online survey available on the City's website at http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Work/ComprehensivePlan2015.asp.

# Woodinville Police Department Facebook Page

Get the latest news about crime trends and ways to protect your family or business by visiting the Woodinville Police Department maintains a Facebook page. Information is available on a wide range of topics such as holiday shopping tips, pedestrian safety, public service announcements, animal cruelty prevention, and many others. We use video, photos, articles, and links to other sites to keep you informed of issues affecting citizens in our community.

WPD Facebook page provides information about more traditional police activities as well. Tips on crime prevention, neighborhood block watch help, and anything else related to reducing crime is posted. If you are interested in learning more about keeping your community safe, crime prevention, or just what is going on at your local police station then follow us at https://www.facebook.com/WoodinvillePD

# City Resource Guide

**City of Woodinville**
City Hall (Main Line) ..... 425.489.2700
Development Services ..... 425.489.2754

**Fire and EMS**
Woodinville Fire & Rescue ..... 425.483.2131

**Police**
King County Emergency ..... 911
King County Non-Emergency ..... 206.296.3311

**Health & Human Services**
Hopelink (Food Bank) ..... 425.869.6000
Public Health ..... 1.800.325.6165
Washington Information Network ..... 211
Washington Poison Control ..... 1.800.222.1222

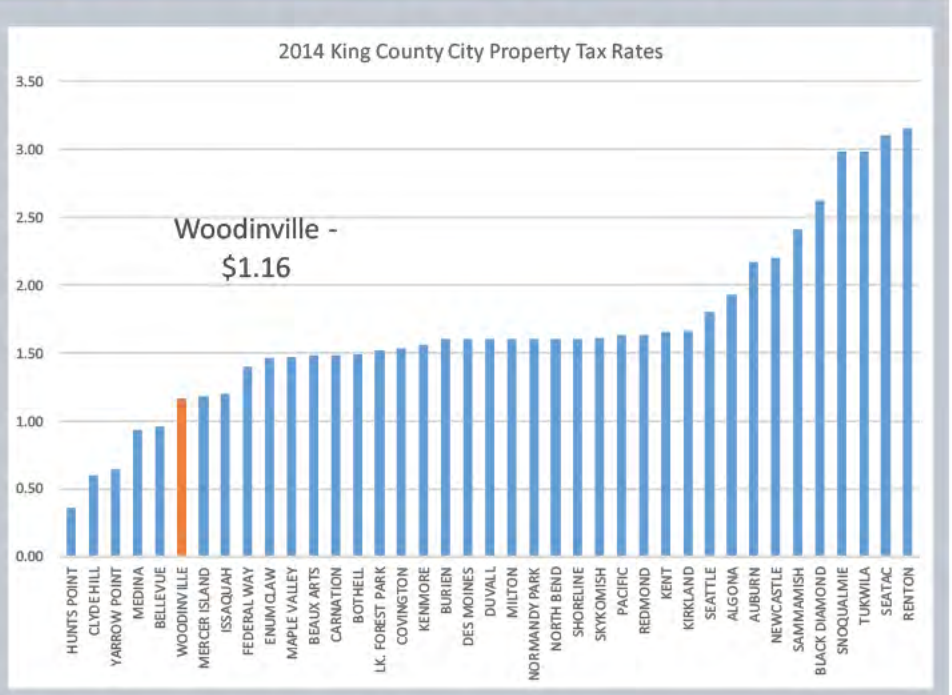
**Roads, Transportation and Traffic**
Travel Information ..... 511
King County Roads ..... 1.800.527.6237

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**
Sports Field Information ..... 425.489.2700
King County Parks ..... 206.296.8687
Northshore Family Center ..... 425.205.2004
Northshore School District ..... 425.408.6000
Northshore Senior Center ..... 425.487.2441
The Y at Carol Edwards Center - YMCA ..... 425.286-6122

**COMMUNITY WEB SITES**
City of Woodinville ..... www.ci.woodinville.wa.us
Northshore Basketball ..... www.nybahoops.com
Northshore Comm. Svs. Directory ..... www.northshoreresources.org
Northshore School District ..... www.nsd.org
Northshore Senior Center ..... www.northshoreseniorcenter.org
Northshore Youth Soccer ..... www.northshoresoccer.org
Woodinville Farmers Market ... www.woodinvillefarmersmarket.com
Woodinville Heritage Society ..... http://woodinvilleheritage.org
Woodinville Jr. Football ..... www.gejfa.net
Woodinville Lacrosse ..... http://woodinvillelacrosse.com
Woodinville Little League ..... www.wlbb.org

# Understanding the 1% City Property Tax Levy Increase

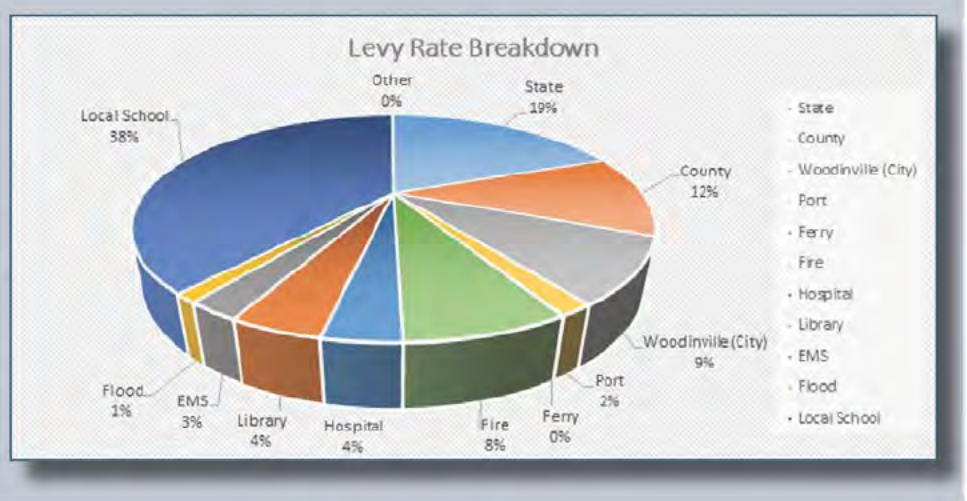
The 2015/2016 Budget adopts a 1% property tax increase, the first City property tax increase in 9 years. Here are a few things to know about your property taxes:




- In Woodinville, property taxes are split between 12 different government agencies.
- 57% of your property taxes go to State and Local Schools.
- Only 9% of your property taxes go to the City of Woodinville.
- Each taxing agency must take action individually to increase property taxes.
- State Law limits annual property tax increases to not more than 1% per year, unless a higher amount is approved by voters.
- The exact increase each property owner will experience is based upon assessed value of the property and by the amount the property increased in value over the prior year. Most Woodinville residential property taxpayers, however, will see their property taxes increase because home values increased anywhere from 13% to 27% in 2014.
- The City's 1% increase will cost a typical family with a $500,000 home about $5 per year.
- Woodinville's City Tax rate is the 6th lowest in King County.

| Taxing District | 2014 Rate per $1,000 Assessed Valuation | 2014 Woodinville Median Home - $382,000 |
|---|---|---|
| Local School | $4.92961 | $1,883.11 |
| State | $2.47044 | $943.71 |
| County | $1.51605 | $579.13 |
| **City (Woodinville)** | **$1.15573** | **$441.49** |
| Fire | $1.00000 | $382.00 |
| Library | $0.56175 | $214.59 |
| Hospital | $0.47040 | $179.69 |
| EMS | $0.33500 | $127.97 |
| Port | $0.21533 | $82.26 |
| Flood | $0.15369 | $58.71 |
| Other | $0.01511 | $5.77 |
| Ferry | $0.00349 | $1.33 |
| **TOTAL LEVY RATE** | **$12.82660** | **$4,899.76** |

For more information about property taxes in general, contact the King County Assessor at 206.263.2324. If you have questions about the City's Property Tax Levy, please call City Hall at 425.489.2700.




# Woodinville City Council

Meetings are held at:
**Woodinville City Hall Council Chambers**
17301 133rd Avenue NE

Meetings are held on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of every Month at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are available online at www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/CityHallCouncil.asp

Televised Meetings are available on
Comcast cable channel 21
Frontier cable channel 41.

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