

**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 July, 2006.

General Provisions	
Incorporation Wash. Const. Art. XI § 10 and RCW Ch. 35.02	Penalties for ordinance violations in first class cities RCW 35.22.280(35); 35.21.163 and 35.21.165
Classification of municipalities RCW Chs. 35.01 and 35.06	Penalties for ordinance violations in second class cities RCW 35.23.440(29); 35.21.163 and 35.21.165
Annexations RCW Ch. 35.13	Penalties for ordinance violations in towns RCW 35.27.370(14); 35.21.163 and 35.21.165
Powers of first class cities RCW Ch. 35.22	Civil infractions RCW Ch. 7.80
Powers of second class cities RCW Ch. 35.23	Elections RCW Title 29A
Powers of towns RCW Ch. 35.27	Campaign finances and disclosure RCW Ch. 42.17
Unclassified city powers RCW Ch. 35.30	Official newspaper RCW 35.21.875
Miscellaneous powers of all cities and towns RCW Ch. 35.21	
Adoption of codes by reference RCW 35.21.180	Administration and Personnel
Codification of ordinances RCW 35.21.500—35.21.570	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—35.23.310

Town council
RCW 35.27.270—35.27.330

Officers in second-class cities
RCW 35.23.021—35.23.161

Officers in towns
RCW 35.27.070—35.27.250

Local government whistleblower protection
RCW Ch. 42.41

Code of ethics for officers
RCW Ch. 42.23

Open Public Meeting Act
RCW Ch. 42.30

Municipal courts
RCW Chs. 3.46, 3.50, 35.20

Planning commissions
RCW Ch. 35.63

Hearing examiner system
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

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)

Transient occupancy tax
RCW 67.28.180

Gambling taxes
RCW 9.46.110

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

Freight carrier taxes
RCW 35.21.840—35.21.850

Gambling
RCW Ch. 9.46

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. 16.12

Dangerous dogs
RCW Ch. 16.08

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. 70.92

Fireworks
RCW Ch. 70.77

Curfew
RCW 35.21.635

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare

Crimes and punishments
RCW Title 9

Washington Criminal Code
RCW Title 9A

Drunkenness and alcoholism
RCW 70.96A.190

Discrimination
RCW Ch. 49.60

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

Abandoned vehicles
RCW Ch. 46.52

Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places

Local improvements
RCW Chs. 35.43—35.56

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 buildings
RCW Ch. 35.80

Energy-related building standards
RCW Ch. 19.27A

Electrical installation and construction
RCW Chs. 19.28 and 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

Hearing examiner system

RCW 58.17.330

Zoning

Generally

RCW 35.63.080 et seq.

Hearing examiner system

RCW 35.63.130

Growth management

RCW Ch. 36.70A

Judicial review of land use decisions

RCW Ch. 36.70C