



City of Longview

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Agenda

Revenue Committee

Monday, August 11, 2025

3:00 PM

Training Room
2nd Floor, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-00727 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84732007844>
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2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-00728 MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2025

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-00729

- B&O TAXES - HOSPITAL EXEMPTION UPDATE
- PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX
- GRANT OPPORTUNITY
- AD VALOREM TAX INCREASE & ALLOCATION

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**



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Minutes

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Monday, July 14, 2025

3:00 PM

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1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-00646 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84732007844>
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2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Present: Councilmember Kalei LaFave; Councilmember MaryAlice Wallis; Councilmember Angie Wean; Public Works Director Chris Collins
Staff: Jen Wills, City Manager; Lisa Wolff, Fiscal Manager; Brad Hanning, Fire Chief; Sabrina Fraidenburg, HR Director; Mike Sullivan, IT Director; Angela Abel, PIO; Nancy Vandehey, Admin*

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-00647 **MINUTES FROM MARCH 10, 2025
NO MEETING WAS HELD IN APRIL, MAY OR JUNE 2025.**
The minutes were approved as presented.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-00648 **MID YEAR REVIEW**
Chris Collins shared a presentation on potential revenue sources with estimates of value. Detailed discussion was had on Fire District RFP, Hope Village RFP and Peacehealth B&O tax. Future topics suggested were Pulic Safety Tax and selling of Fisher's Lane property and/or Schneider parking lot.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

HB 2015

In 2025, the Legislature passed [HB 2015](#) creating two new pathways for cities to fund public safety in their communities. The law became effective on July 27, 2025.

City of Longview Revenue Committee August 11, 2015

What is it?

A three-year \$100 million grant program for hiring, retaining, and training new police officers and co-responders

A councilmanic 0.1% local sales tax authority for broad public safety and criminal justice needs.

Sales Tax Comparison

Law	Nickname	Taxing authority	Sales tax amount	Council or voter approved?	Use	Revenue sharing
RCW 82.14.340	Criminal Justice Sales Tax	County	0.1%	County council	Criminal justice purposes	Per capita split: Counties receive 10%, with remaining 90% split between the county and all its cities on a per capita basis
RCW 82.14.450	Public Safety Sales Tax	City and/or county	0.1% for cities 0.3% for counties (Up to 0.3% total)	Voters (primary or general election)	1/3 use towards criminal justice and/or fire protection (other 2/3 is unrestricted)	If city-imposed: Revenue shared with its county (85% city, 15% county split) If county-imposed: Revenue shared with its cities (60% county, 40% to cities, divided per capita)
HB 2015	Public Safety Enhancement Sales Tax	City and/or county	0.1% each	City or county council (through June 2028)	Criminal justice purposes	No sharing requirement: City and county can both pass and use the tax independently or in addition to the other

New local option sales tax

- The bill allows the legislative body of a city and/or county to establish a new local option sales and use tax. To be eligible, cities must meet the same requirements laid out for grant eligibility
- **Requirements:** The tax can only be collected if the city or county meets all the requirements to apply for the CJTC grant program in this bill (but no requirement to *apply* for the grant)
- The jurisdiction's voters must not have rejected or repealed a public safety tax within 12 months

Quick facts about the sales tax:

- **Local legislative authority:** The tax can be imposed by councilmanic action through June 2028
- **Stackable:** The taxes can stack with other sales taxes and revenues are not shared with other jurisdictions
- **Broad use:** A city and/or county can impose the new 0.1% sales tax for broadly defined criminal justice purposes, including:
 - Domestic violence services
 - Public defenders
 - Diversion program
 - Reentry work for inmates
 - Reducing homelessness or improving behavioral health
 - Community placements for juvenile offenders
 - Community outreach, alternative response, mental health crisis response

Sales tax timing: DOR notification deadlines

- Now that the law is in effect, cities can pass the sales tax at any time. However, there are some Department of Revenue (DOR) notification deadlines to know about.
- Per [RCW 82.14.055](#), a local sales tax change may take effect no sooner than 75 calendar days after DOR receives notice of the change, and sales tax rate changes may only take effect three times per year, on January 1, April 1, or July 1. That means the soonest that cities can receive revenue from this sales tax is January 1, 2026, however, your city needs to work quickly to pass the sales tax ordinance and notify DOR by October 18, 2025.

Quick facts about the grant:

- **Amount:** \$100 million grant pool, administered by CJTC
- **Length:** Three years (expires June 30, 2028)
- **Use:** Local law enforcement agencies can use grants for:
 - **Hiring:** New officer and co-responder recruiting, hiring, and retaining (lateral hires are prohibited)
 - **Training:** Funding use of force, de-escalation, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed trainings for officers to comply with CJTC's required trainings
 - **Other:** Grants may also be used for broader law enforcement and public safety efforts, including:
 - Emergency management planning
 - Environmental hazard mitigations
 - Security personnel
 - Community outreach and assistance programs
 - Alternative response programs
 - Mental health crisis response

Quick facts about the grant:

- **Limitation:** Grants can cover 75% of salary + benefits for up to three years (up to a maximum of \$125,000 per position)
- **City or county must:**
 - Receive funding from an existing sales tax for public safety, or authorize the new one
 - Comply with new policies on agency leader qualifications and volunteer limitations
 - Implement trainings and data reporting in alignment with CJTC capacity
- **Co-response priority:**
 - Top funding priority goes to grant applications to start co-response or community immersion law enforcement programs
 - Second priority goes to agencies with existing co-response programs
 - Applications from all other agencies get next priority

Requirements to qualify for a grant and/or sales tax

- **AGO training & policies:** Established policies that comply with state law as well as the Attorney General's guidance for law enforcement practices related to citizenship status
- **CJTC trainings:** Participated in CJTC trainings related to behavioral health and first aid
- **Use of force policies:** Established policies on de-escalation and use of force that incorporate the Attorney General's guidance on duty to intervene and use of police dogs
- **Use of force database:** Complied with state laws on use of force data reporting (once that state program is operational)
- **Court-ordered firearm relinquishment:** Established policies related to civil protection orders and the court-ordered surrender of firearms
- **Crisis intervention training:** At least 25% of officers who have completed CJTC crisis intervention team training

Requirements to qualify for a grant and/or sales tax

- **Gender-based violence trainings:** 100% completion by required officers for CJTC trainings on sexual assault and gender-based violence
- **Public safety sales taxes:** Received funds from or authorized a public safety or criminal justice sales tax
- **Leadership requirements:** A police chief, sheriff, or marshal who is CJTC-certified and has no felony convictions or gross misdemeanor convictions for moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or corruption
- **Volunteer requirements:** Established policies for supervising agency volunteers, any insignia worn by volunteers, and for restricting those volunteers from enforcing criminal laws other than for special event traffic and parking, using force, carrying weapons, or using dogs for purposes besides search and rescue

Grant applicants must also submit to the CJTC:


- **Staffing plans:** Detailed agency staffing reports and plans including numbers of co-response teams, administrative staff, specially commissioned officers, and officers on flexible schedules
- **911 & case-closure rates:** Average rates for the preceding year for 911 responses and case closures

HB 2015: Two new funding mechanisms


The grant

- CJTC-administered
- \$100 million program
- Expires June 2028
- Can use for hiring/training new officers & co-responders
- 75% of salary covered
- 25% local match required
- Max. \$125k funding, per position
- Policy & training requirements to attain a grant
- Need to levy or receive one of three available public safety or criminal justice sales taxes first

Separate, but linked



You must *qualify* for the grant to take the sales tax



You must receive or levy a public safety sales tax to get the grant

The sales tax

- Councilmanic through June 2028
- 0.1% tax on sales & use
- Permanent
- Broad use for public safety
- Stackable with other taxes & jurisdictions
- Need to meet the same requirements as the grant
- Do not need to apply for or receive the grant, just qualify for it

Thank you.

- <https://wacities.org/data-resources/100-million-grants-new-councilmanic-sales-tax-for-public-safety>

CITY OF LONGVIEW

ENTRANCES

REVENUE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 11, 2025



2025

CITY MANAGER GOAL

“DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPROVE CITY ENTRANCES”



WASHINGTON WAY & OBHWY





FROM LEWIS & CLARK BRIDGE

TENNANT WAY



OCEAN BEACH HIGHWAY

COAL CREEK RD



COST

Estimates include electricity, right of way purchases, and other engineering

In summary the total program level planning estimate is:

Assume project would not be built for 2 years

- **(1) Eastside on SR432 – \$347,000**
- **(2) Oregon Way and Industrial Way – \$243,000**
- **(3) Northside at Washington & OB Hwy – \$293,000**
- **(4) Westside at Coal Creek Rd & OB Hwy – \$175,000**
- **Total = \$1,058,000**

FUNDING PLAN OPTION - ENTRY WAY SIGNS

- New signs are not a current priority or part of our existing budget.
- **Option:** Take the allowable 1% ad valorem (property tax) increase each year for 3–4 years and bank it for this project.
- Recommend setting aside funds over time rather than diverting from essential needs.
- This would create a dedicated fund without using dollars meant for core services or safety projects.
- The project would move forward only when the necessary funds have been fully accumulated, avoiding debt financing.

DREAM BIG

SET GOALS

TAKE ACTION

QUESTIONS