



City of Longview

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Agenda

Revenue Committee

Monday, December 8, 2025

3:00 PM

Training Room
2nd Floor, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-001066 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**

25-001067 MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2025

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-001069 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**



Minutes

Revenue Committee

Monday, November 10, 2025

3:00 PM

Training Room,
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1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-001002 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; Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Collins
Staff: Jen Wills, City Manager; Lisa Wolff, Finance Director; Brad Hannig, Fire Chief; Robert Huhta, Police Chief; Sabrina Fraidenburg, HR Director; Mike Sullivan, IT Director; Nikki Rohl, Fire Administrative Assistant; Eric Koreis, Fire Battalion Chief; Mike Gorsuch, Fire Battalion Chief; Sam Van Laer, Deputy City Clerk*

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-001003 **MINUTES FROM AUGUST 22, 2025 MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER WERE CANCELLED.**
The meeting minutes from August 22, 2025, were approved as presented.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-001004 **FIRE PRESENTATION - LID LIFT & EMS LEVY**

Fire Chief Hannig shared a presentation on a proposal for a permanent EMS levy and permanent property tax lid lift. The City previously explored forming a Fire Protection District under RCW 52.02.160. This option was later found infeasible due to a Washington Department of Revenue interpretation that the "highest lawful levy" means the highest dollar amount previously levied, not the maximum statutory rate. As a result, forming a district would not generate additional funding for the Fire Department. Therefore, the City has now shifted focus to the proposal of using an EMS levy and property tax lid lift to achieve the same funding and service goals. The EMS levy would directly fund the Longview Fire Department's medical response and staffing, while the lid lift would support the overall fire protection capacity, station projects, and City fiscal health. These proposals would generate approximately \$6.2–6.5 million total. Staff requested the Revenue Committee's consensus to bring this proposal to the December 11, 2025, Council meeting. The Revenue Committee approved presenting the proposal to the Council by consensus.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant City Manager Collins and Finance Director Lisa Wolff provided an update on Peacehealth's B&O back taxes. The City is needing additional information from Peachealth to complete reasonableness tests. Peacehealth is working to provide this information but is needing additional time due to recent staffing cuts. Once all information is received, it should not take the City more than ten business days to calculate. There is currently no timeline for when Peacehealth needs to provide this information to the City, but daily interest is being charged on the back taxes. Peacehealth did file their third quarter B&O taxes on time.

7. CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**8. PUBLIC COMMENT****9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

HB 2015

- Passed 2025
- The new law sets up two mechanisms for funding public safety:
- A three-year \$100 million grant program for hiring, retaining, and training new police officers and co-responders; and
- A councilmanic 0.1% local sales tax authority for broad public safety and criminal justice needs.



HB 2015: Two new funding mechanisms

Separate, but linked

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

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



Requirements

The two new funding tools are separate from one another. However, there are policy and training requirements that cities and their police departments must meet to be eligible for the grant and sales tax.

A council can implement the sales tax without applying for or receiving grant money. But a jurisdiction must have also met the requirements of the grant in order to impose the new tax.

Similarly, in order to receive grant money, a city or county needs to have received funds from or authorized at least one of three public safety sales taxes.



Qualification for HB 2015

- **AGO training & polices:** 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



Qualification for HB 2015

- **Crisis intervention training:** At least 25% of officers who have completed CJTC crisis intervention team training
- **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



New 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

New Sales Tax-3 Steps

1

Send eligibility
documentation to
CJTC

2

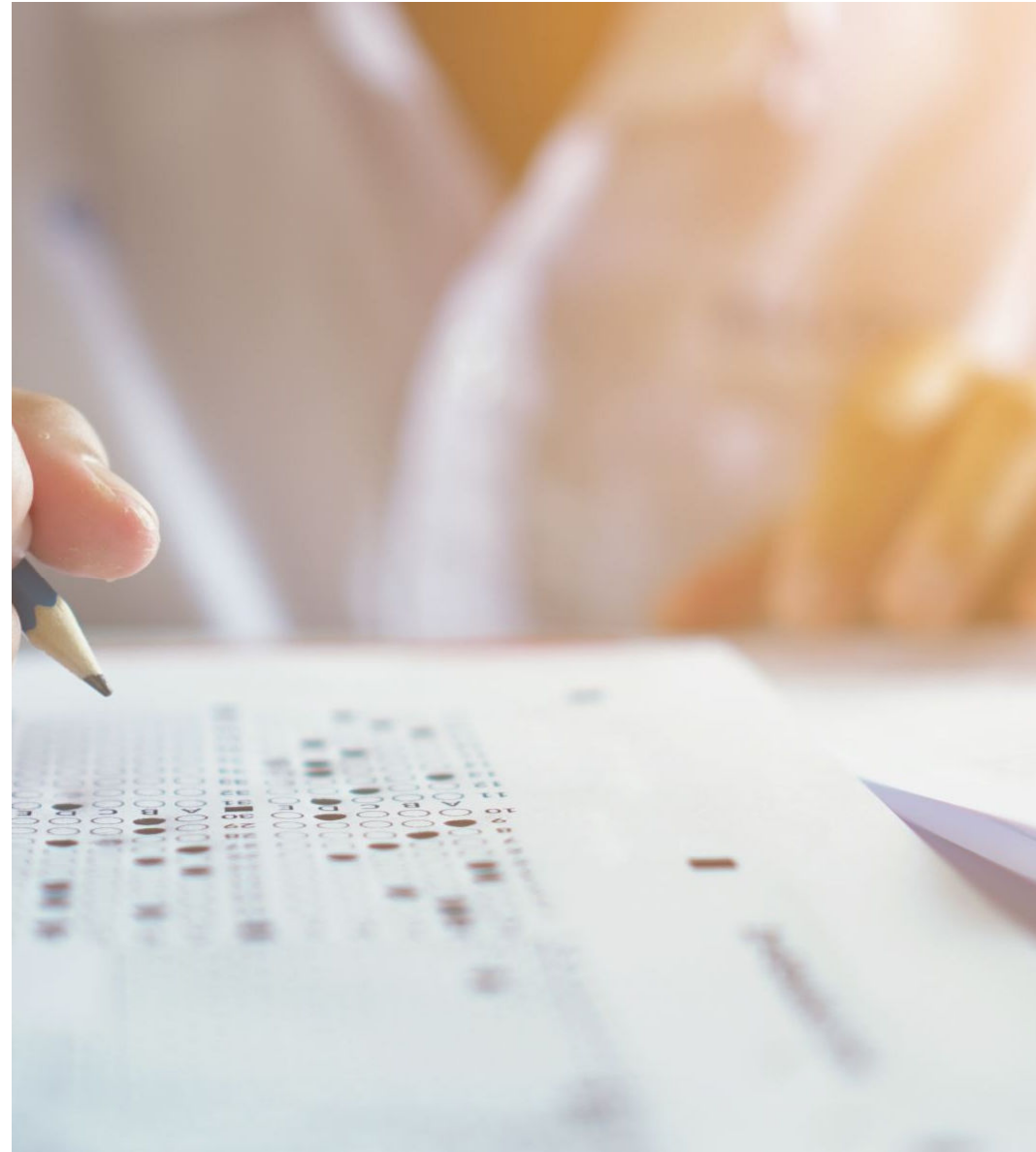
Put the sales tax on
the council agenda

3

Send the signed tax
ordinance to DOR

Next Steps for Police Department

- Submit documentation to CJTC to Qualify for HB 2015
- Receive notification from CJTC within 45 days



Proposed Spending Plan of Sales Tax Revenue

- Hire (3) Officers-\$475,000
- Purchase Patrol Vehicle-\$117,000
- Hire Public Disclosure Analyst-\$104,000
- Remainder funds for Indigent Defense- \$804,000

