

CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON

MAYOR'S PROPOSED 2025-26 BIENNIAL BUDGET



COUNCIL WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 15, 2024

ANSWERS TO
COUNCIL QUESTIONS

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AGENDA

- Council Questions
- Timeline

QUESTION #13

HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL REVENUE WOULD WE RECEIVE IF THE B&O RETAILING GROSS RECEIPTS CAP WAS \$25M AND \$100M?

Retailing Gross Receipts				
Scenario	Maximum Cap	Other Cap	Tax Calculation	2025 Additional Revenue
A	\$20 Million (keep as is)	None	Taxable only up to \$20 Million	\$0
B	\$25 Million	None	Taxable only up to \$25 Million	\$86,800
C	\$20 Million	Excess of \$100 Million	Taxable up to \$20 Million & anything over \$100 Million	\$60,000
D	\$20 Million	\$100 Million	Taxable on all	\$300,000
E	\$25 Million	\$100 Million	Taxable on all	\$370,000

*Apply CPI-W on each maximum cap beginning January 1, 2026.

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Company	Type	Total Retail	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario D	Scenario E
U	National Chain	\$22m	\$20k	\$22k	\$20k	\$22k
V	Local Business	\$30m	\$20k	\$25k	\$20k	\$25k
W	National Chain	\$44m	\$20k	\$25k	\$20k	\$25k
X	Local Business	\$80m	\$20k	\$25k	\$20k	\$25k
Y	National Chain	\$100m	\$20k	\$25k	\$100k	\$100k
Z	National Chain	\$150m	\$20k	\$25k	\$150k	\$150k

QUESTION #14

CAN WE USE B&O REVENUES TO FUND POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS?

IF SO, COULD WE USE ANY ADDITIONAL B&O TAX FUNDS GENERATED BY THE CHANGE IN RETAILING GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO HIRE ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS?

Council discussion.

QUESTION #16

IF WE TOOK THE \$300,000 FROM B&O AND PUT IT IN OUR RESERVES, COULD WE SAVE IT FOR THE MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET DISCUSSION NEXT YEAR, SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE REFUSE TO FUND ADDITIONAL POLICE?

BY DOING SO, WE COULD THEN DISCUSS FUNDING AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER, WHICH WOULD HAVE ADDED 4 OFFICERS IN TWO YEARS, AND KEEPS UP WITH ADDING ADDITIONAL OFFICER(S) EACH YEAR.

QUESTION #17

WHAT SORT OF ITEMS ARE IN EMERGENCY REPAIRS? ARE THEY ACTUALLY EMERGENCIES? WHY IS 2027 SO MUCH LOWER?

- Alarm Panel Replacement
- Reader Board Repair
- Light Pole Replacement
- Gate Replacement
- Fence Replacement

QUESTION #18

WHAT GOES INTO SET UP/RECURRING COSTS?

Cost estimates for new positions:

Workstation	\$5,800
Chair	\$900
Telephone (Hardware and Licensing)	\$500
Standard PC & 24" Monitor w/ 4yr warranty	\$1,100
Standard Laptop and Docking Station	\$2,300
24" Monitor	\$300
Software: Office 365 w/SA	\$500
Standard Cell Phone & Accessories	\$300
iPhone & Accessories	\$1,000
iPad & Accessories	\$1,000
Cellular Airtime (Monthly Average)	\$100
Cellular Airtime iPhone (Monthly Average)	\$100
Cellular Airtime iPad (Monthly Average)	\$100
Office Software Training Classes	\$200

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Cost estimates for Police positions:

Commissioned Officer	
Uniforms	\$6,210
Armament	\$4,800
Equipment	\$7,100
Health & Safety Services	\$530
BLEA Academy	\$5,000
Communications	\$1,090
Corrections Officer	
Uniforms	\$3,860
Equipment	\$2,170
Health & Safety Services	\$540
Corrections Officer Academy	\$2,860

QUESTION #19

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES MOVING TO THE HUMAN SERVICES FUND?

QUESTION #20

WHAT ARE ALL THE MEMBERSHIPS UNDER THE ADMIN/COUNCIL BUDGET? WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Memberships	2025 Budget
Association of Washington Cities	97,590
KC-Cities of Climate Collab	2,550
Kent Chamber of Commerce	3,570
Puget Sound Air Quality	122,040
Puget Sound Regional Council	49,760
Sound Cities Association	78,020
US Conference of Mayors	10,400
Other Memberships*	23,240

*Includes: Bar Association, 3CMA, Race Forward, Municipal Clerks Association, Association of Public Records Officers, International Programs

QUESTION #21

WHAT EXACTLY IS IN THE CITY ARTS PROGRAM?

QUESTION #22

HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO THE 100% CAR PER OFFICER PROGRAM? ARE NEW RECRUITS ALSO GETTING VEHICLES?

TIMELINE

COUNCIL MEETING	Oct 15
Public Hearing – 2025 Property Tax Levy	
2 nd Public Hearing – 2025-26 Biennial Budget	
COUNCIL WORKSHOP (Special Meeting if needed)	Oct 22
PREPARE BUDGET ADOPTION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS	Oct 16-Nov 19
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING	Nov 5
2025-26 Budget Recommendation	
COUNCIL MEETING	Dec 10
Adoption of the 2025 Property Tax Levy	
Adoption of the 2025-26 Biennial Budget	