



Business License FACT SHEET

- Business license fees were last increased in 2017
- Over 90% of licensed businesses operating in Tacoma are small or moderately sized (having annual gross income of less than \$1M)
- Less than 10% of businesses operating in Tacoma have annual gross income over \$1M

Current Business License Fees

Gross Income	2024 Businesses	2024 Fee
Under \$12,000	4,900	\$37
BTW \$12K - \$250K	12,500	\$190
BTW \$250K - \$1M	9,800	\$435
Over \$1M	2,000	\$1500
Over \$5M	775	\$2000
Total	30,000	

2023 - 2024 License Tiers

Gross Income Thresholds	Estimated # of Businesses	Percent of Total Business	2023 License Fee	2024 License Fee
Under \$12,000	4,900	16%	\$25	\$37
Between \$12,000 - \$250,000	12,500	42%	\$130	\$190
Between \$250,001 - \$1M	9,800	33%	\$300	\$435
Between \$1M - \$5M	2,000	7%	\$1,000	\$1,500
Over \$5M	775	3%	\$1,500	\$2,000
Total	30,000	100%		

- Lowest tier:** Businesses that have annual gross income of less than \$12,000 will continue to pay an annual license fee of \$25 in 2023 and in 2024 see an increase of \$12.00.
- Middle tiers:** Businesses that have annual gross income between \$12,000 and \$250,000 will see an increase of \$20 in 2023 and an increase of \$60 in 2024. Businesses that have annual gross income between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000 will see an increase of \$50 in 2023 and an increase of \$135 in 2024.
- New tiers:** Businesses that have annual gross income between \$1M and \$5M will see an increase of \$750 in 2023 and an additional increase of \$500 in 2024. Businesses that have an annual gross income over \$5M will see an increase of \$1,250 in 2023 and an additional increase of \$500 in 2024.



Nearby Cities	
Auburn	\$103
DuPont (FTE)	\$75
Federal Way (FTE)	\$81 - 9,501
Fife (FTE)	\$50 - 750
Fircrest	\$75
Gig Harbor	\$40
Kent (FTE)	\$259 - 759
Lakewood	\$60
Milton (FTE)	\$101 - 1,213
Pacific	\$50 - 150
Puyallup (FTE)	\$0 - 500
Ruston	\$40
University Place	\$50

B&O Cities	
Aberdeen	\$25
Bellevue	\$100
Bellingham	\$40
Bremerton	\$75
Burien (FTE)	\$180 - 350
Des Moines	\$75 - 100
Everett	\$90
Hoquiam	\$50
Ilwaco	\$125
Issaquah	\$60
Kelso	\$50
Lacey	\$25
Long Beach	\$125
Renton	\$43 - 150
Longview	\$50
Seattle	\$59 - 2613

Non B&O Cities	Flat Fee	Per FTE Fee
Black Diamond	\$70	
Blaine	\$75	
Bonney Lake	\$60	
Buckley	\$75	
Burlington	\$50 - 100	
Enumclaw	\$50	
Ephrata	\$50	
Ferndale	\$84 - 113	
Kalama	\$100	
Kennewick	\$55	
Kirkland	\$100	\$105
Leavenworth	\$115 - 300	
Marysville	\$65	
Mount Vernon	\$50	
Redmond	\$122	\$122
Richland	\$40	\$12
Roslyn		\$75 - 225
SeaTac		\$100 - 9,500
Snohomish		\$25 - 425
Snoqualmie		\$25 - 500
South Bend		\$50
Spokane	\$125	\$49 - 93
Spokane Valley	\$25	
Sumner	\$50	
Tukwila	\$125	\$49 - 93
Vancouver	\$200	\$90
Wenatchee		\$75 - 570
Yakima		\$43 - 1,285

FTE = Full Time Employee