



## 2022 Jefferson County, WA Tax Statement Levy & Assessment Information

### Levies & Taxing Districts

**Cemetery:** Authority for Cemetery Districts is detailed in RCW 68.52.090 - RCW 68.52.330

**City of Port Townsend:** Within city limits includes city administration, city library, city roads <https://cityofpt.us/>



**Clean Water:** BOCC approved fee to protect Puget Sound from pollution. Applied to parcels that are not connected to sewer. Send program questions to [Water Quality Division](mailto:WaterQuality@jeffersoncountywa.gov) at 360-385-9301  
<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/704/Water-Quality>

**Conservation District:** Approved by County Commissioners Res 60-18 in 2018 –funds the [Jefferson County Conservation District](http://www.jeffersoncd.org/). Maintaining and expanding economically viable agriculture and forestry operations, while protecting and improving the natural resources of Jefferson County. Program questions (360) 385-4105  
<http://www.jeffersoncd.org/>

**Conservation Futures:** Approved by County Commissioners – a fund allowing county to purchase property for county use, open space, and conservation. JCC [Chapter 3.08](https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/560/Conservation-Futures-Program)  
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**County Roads:** For road maintenance and development

**County Roads to Current Expense:** a portion of the roads revenue, helps pay for deputies & road safety

**Current Expense:** County government including Sheriff, Prosecutor, Court system, all administrative functions (Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, County Administrator)

**Developmental Disabilities:** Health Department manages this fund (360) 385-9400  
<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/455/Developmental-Disabilities>



**Fire Districts & EMS:** Regular state approved levy amounts & lid lifts where appropriate; EJFR now includes City of PT

**Forest Fire Protection/Landowner Contingency:** DNR assigns FFPA and LCA fees to parcels that DNR designated throughout county to help defray costs of forest fires. This does not go to the fire departments.  
<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/wildfire/fighting-fire/forest-fire-protection-assessment-ffpa>



**Hospital Districts 1 and 2:** Bonds and designated cash reserves Chapter [70.44](https://www.wa.gov/legislation/rcw/70.44) RCW

**Mental Health:** Jefferson Mental Health receives this revenue and determines its use (360-385-0321)

**County Library:** All non-City of Port Townsend taxpayers contribute to our local County library <https://jclibrary.info/>

**Noxious Weed:** County Commissioners established this fee to fund noxious weed control administration. Send program questions to Noxious Weed Coordinator at 360-379-5610 ext 205. JCC [Chapter 3.65](#)  
<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/195/Noxious-Weed-Control-Board>

**OSS: On-Site Sewage Operation & Monitoring:** County Board of Health established fee for properties with septic systems. It funds the Environmental Health Department program to monitor septic systems. The mission of the On-Site Sewage Program is to minimize the threat of surface and ground water contamination from failing or improperly designed, installed or maintained on-site sewage systems. Send program questions 360-385-9403.

**Park & Recreation:** Authority for Park & Recreation Districts is detailed in Chapter [36.69](#) RCW

**Port Ludlow Drainage District:** The **Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD)** is a Special Purpose District tasked with resolving storm water drainage problems on common property within the North Bay area of Port Ludlow. The district is governed by a three-member board of [Commissioners](#) which is elected by owner(s) of land located in the District. [RCW 85.38.105](#)



**Port of PT General and IDD:** The Port of Port Townsend was established under the Washington State laws of 1911 by election on November 4, 1924. The port district includes all of Jefferson County and operates as a municipal corporation under [Title 53 RCW](#). All taxpayers pay to keep Port operational – Boatyard, airport, marinas, boat ramps; The [Industrial Development District \(IDD\)](#) was approved in 2019 to pay for capital projects.



**PUD:** Public Utility Districts (PUDs) are nonprofit, locally regulated utilities created by a vote of the people to “conserve the water and power resources of the State of Washington for the benefit of the people thereof, and to supply public utility service, including water and electricity for all uses.” A voter-approved initiative first authorized the creation of PUDs back in 1930. There are currently 28 PUDs, including Jefferson County PUD, serving communities across Washington State. For all county property – water and electrical services plus communications access

**Funding Education**

- Schools EP &O** = Education Programs and Operations
- Schools bonds, Capital:** funds maintenance and improvements as well as repay voter approved bonds
- State School Part 1 Levy:** Goes to state for schools and whatever the Legislature authorizes
- State School Part 2 Levy:** The 2017 Legislature passed [Engrossed House Bill \(EHB\) 2242](#) to meet its obligation to fully fund basic education for public schools.

**Veterans Relief:** Provides assistance for needy veterans. Send program questions (360) 385-9122 JCC [Chapter 3.35](#)

