

**STATUTORY REFERENCES
FOR
WASHINGTON CODE CITIES**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Washington code cities. They are up to date through July, 2007.

General Provisions	
Optional Municipal Code RCW Title 35A	Publication and printing RCW Ch. 35A.65
	Administration and Personnel
Adoption of code city status RCW Chs. 35A.07—35A.10	Mayor-council plan of government RCW Ch. 35A.12
Adoption of noncharter code city status RCW Chs. 35A.02—35A.06	Council-manager plan of government RCW 35A.13
Annexation by code cities RCW Ch. 35A.14	Municipal courts RCW Chs. 3.46 and 3.50
Municipal elections in code cities RCW Ch. 35A.29	Hearing examiner system RCW 35A.63.170
Campaign finances and disclosure RCW Ch. 42.17	Open Public Meeting Act RCW Ch. 42.30
Ordinances RCW 35A.12.130 et seq.; 35A.21.010	Public officers and agencies, meetings, duties and powers RCW Ch. 35A.42
Codification of ordinances RCW 35A.21.130	Local government whistleblower protection RCW Ch. 42.41
Powers of code cities generally RCW Chs. 35A.11 and 35A.21	Code of ethics for officers RCW Ch. 42.23
Penalties for ordinance violations RCW 35A.11.020, 35.21.163 and 35.21.165	Planning agency RCW 35A.63.020 et seq.
Civil infractions RCW Ch. 7.80	Libraries, museums and historical activities RCW Ch. 35A.27

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Local emergency service organizations authorized
RCW 38.52.070

Intergovernmental relations
RCW Ch. 35A.35

Public documents and records
RCW Ch. 35A.39

Public employment, civil service and pensions
RCW Ch. 35A.41 and RCW Title 41

Labor and safety regulations
RCW Ch. 35A.49

Unemployment compensation for city employees
RCW 50.44.030

Revenue and Finance

Fiscal provisions applicable to code cities
RCW Ch. 35A.40

Budgets in code cities
RCW Ch. 35A.33

Biennial budgets
RCW Ch. 35A.34

Funds, special purpose
RCW Ch. 35A.37

Excise taxes generally
RCW Chs. 35A.82, 67.40 and RCW Title 82

Excise tax on lodging
RCW 67.28.180

Leasehold excise tax
RCW Ch. 82.29A

Excise tax or real estate sales
RCW Ch. 82.46

Gambling taxes
RCW 9.46.110

Property taxes
RCW Ch. 35A.84

Sales or use tax
RCW 82.14.030 et seq.

Admissions tax
RCW 35.21.280

Utility taxes
RCW § 35.21.860 et seq.

Accident claims and funds
RCW Ch. 35A.31

Audit and allowance of demands against city
RCW 35A.12.170

Payment of claims for expenses, material and
purchases
RCW Ch. 42.24

Business Licenses and Regulations

Authority to regulate and license businesses
generally
RCW Ch. 35A.82

Municipal business and occupation tax
RCW Ch. 35.102

Liquor regulations by cities
RCW 66.08.120

Gambling
RCW Ch. 9.46, 9.47

Businesses and professions
RCW Title 18

Cable television
RCW Ch. 35.99

Auctioneers
RCW 35.21.690

For-hire vehicles
RCW Chs. 46.72 and 81.72

Massage practitioners
RCW 35A.82.025

Telephone business fees or taxes
RCW 35A.82.055 et seq.

Animals

Animals
RCW Title 16

Dangerous dogs
RCW Ch. 16.08

Health and Safety

Generally
RCW Title 70

Local health departments, boards, officers
RCW Ch. 70.05

Food and drug regulations
RCW Ch. 35A.69

Labor and safety regulations
RCW Ch. 35A.49

Garbage collection
RCW 35.21.120 et seq.; 35A.21.060

Litter control
RCW Ch. 70.93

Hazardous waste
RCW Chs. 70.105—70.105D

Removal of overhanging or obstructing vegetation
RCW 35.21.310

State Fireworks Law
RCW Ch. 70.77

Explosives
RCW Ch. 70.74

Emergency management
RCW Ch. 38.52

Noise control
RCW Ch. 70.107

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare

Police power
RCW 35A.11.020

Crimes and punishments
RCW Title 9

Washington Criminal Code
RCW Title 9A

Liquor
RCW Title 66

Uniform Controlled Substances Act
RCW Ch. 69.50

Discrimination
RCW Ch. 49.60

Curfew
RCW 35A.11.210

Vehicles and Traffic

Motor vehicles
RCW Title 46

Model traffic ordinance
RCW Ch. 46.90

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Motor vehicle regulations in code cities
RCW Ch. 35A.46

Penalties for driving while intoxicated
RCW 35.21.165

Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places

Streets and sidewalks
RCW Ch. 35A.47

Local improvements in code cities
RCW Ch. 35A.43

Recreation and parks
RCW Ch. 35A.67

Public Services

Sewerage systems in code cities
RCW 35A.21.150

Public utilities in code cities
RCW Ch. 35A.80

Local service districts
RCW Ch. 35A.56

Miscellaneous provisions on utilities in code cities
RCW 35A.21.100; 35A.21.120; 35A.21.125

Solid waste collection
RCW 35A.21.152 et seq.

Water systems
RCW 35A.21.270

Buildings and Construction

Adoption of codes by reference
RCW 35A.12.140, 35A.13.180

State Building Code
RCW Ch. 19.27

Energy-related building standards
RCW Ch. 19.27A

Dangerous buildings
RCW Ch. 35.80

Electrical installations
RCW Ch. 19.28

Electrical construction
RCW Ch. 19.29

Development impact fees
RCW 82.02.050 et seq.

Subdivisions

Subdivisions generally
RCW Chs. 35A.58 and 58.17

Short subdivisions
RCW 58.17.060

Zoning

Planning and zoning in code cities
RCW Ch. 35A.63

Board of adjustment
RCW 35A.63.110

Growth management
RCW Ch. 36.70A

Judicial review of land use decisions
RCW Ch. 36.70C

Environmental Protection

State Environmental Policy Act
RCW Ch. 43.21C

Shorelines Management Act
RCW Ch. 90.58

Water pollution control
RCW Ch. 90.48 and 35A.70.010