



## INITIATIVE I-976 &

# CAR TAB FEES

## I-976 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Vehicle Registration Fee	Current Amount	New Amount
Vehicle Weight Fee	\$53/\$73/\$93	\$30
Passenger Weight Fee	\$25 - \$72	Eliminated
Electric Vehicle Fee	\$150	\$30
Snowmobile Registration Fee	\$50	\$30
Commercial Trailer Fee	\$34	\$30
Motorhome Weight Fee	\$75	Eliminated
Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Fees	\$20 - \$80	Eliminated
0.3% Motor Vehicle Retail Sales Tax	\$0	Eliminated
RTA Taxes	Varies	See Below

### QUESTIONS?

For questions about this initiative's ballot title, intent, and implementation, please contact the initiative sponsor:

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### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The DOL awaits further instructions from the court as the case moves forward.

The Washington State Office of the Attorney General is defending the initiative and they can answer procedural questions about the injunction and related court cases.

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### BASIC FACTS

**What is I-976?** I-976 is an initiative, passed in the November 5, 2019 election that repeals or lowers certain vehicle registration fees and taxes. It's commonly referred to as the \$30 car tab initiative.

**What does the court injunction mean for vehicle fees?** Most of the fee changes authorized by I-976 were to take effect on Dec 5. However, a King County Superior Court judge has issued an injunction in the court challenge to this initiative. DOL will continue to collect all vehicle fees and taxes unless it is directed by the court to do otherwise.

**What fees will still be charged?** While I-976 was popularly known as the "\$30 Tab" initiative, tabs were never going to cost \$30. If I-976 is fully implemented, the lowest possible tab fee would be \$43.25.

**Basic Renewal Fee:** \$30  
**County Filing Fee:** \$4.50  
**License Service Fee:** \$0.75  
**Service Fee:** \$8

**\$43.25 Standard Fee**

#### THIS OFFICE CAN'T

Override Fees  
Receive Disputes or Appeals

#### THIS OFFICE WON'T

Discuss Points of Law  
Discuss the Initiative Process  
Hear Complaints

### SOUND TRANSIT FEES

**Are Sound Transit RTA fees going away?** Residents of King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties who live within the Sound Transit District ([www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org)) pay the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) tax upon purchase or renewal of a new or used vehicle. The Sound Transit Board has announced the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax will continue to be collected until Sound Transit's bonds are repaid, without regard to the passage of I-976. On a related matter, Sound Transit's valuation schedule and ST3's authority derived from SB 5987 is being challenged in the State Supreme Court.

For questions about the Regional Transit Authority and your tab fees, please contact Sound Transit.

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