

Public Safety Committee Meeting

April 14, 2026
3:45 PM



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AGENDA

Location: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

The public is invited to attend Public Safety Committee. Options for attending are provided below.

In-Person: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center at 9002 Main Street East in Bonney Lake

By phone: 323-792-6234 (Meeting ID: 566 933 026#)

By internet: Chrome- [TEAMS Meeting Link](#) (Meeting ID: 222 206 972 959 46)

All public online cameras and microphones will be disabled except during citizen comments. Only staff and presenters will be visible and unmuted during the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

II. Public Safety Committee Roll Call

Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Davis, and Councilmember Hubler.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. **Approval of Minutes:** March 10, 2026 Public Safety Minutes

IV. Department Reports/Presentations

A. East Pierce Fire & Rescue Report

B. March Public Safety Report

C. Code Enforcement Quarterly Report - 2026 Q1

V. Items for Discussion/Action

A. **AB26-28** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating To The Implementation Of A Public Safety Sales And Use Tax For Criminal Justice Purposes; Adding A New Chapter 3.46 Public Safety Sales And Use Tax To The Bonney Lake Municipal Code; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

VI. Open Committee Discussion

VII. Public Comments

Public comments can be made in-person, by phone or virtually during this portion of the meeting. Comments are limited to 5 minutes. All who comment will be asked to state their name for the meeting record.

VIII. Adjournment

Anything submitted at the Meeting will be added to the end of the packet the next day.

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Public Safety Committee Meeting

**March 10, 2026
3:45 PM**



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Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair Baldwin called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

II. Public Safety Committee Roll Call

Elected Officials attending were Councilmember Angela Baldwin (Chair), Councilmember Aaron Davis, and Councilmember Kerri Hubler.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Mayor Terry Carter, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, Acting Assistant Police Chief Ryan Herberts, Judicial Branch Administrator Geri Resch, Development Services Manager Lauren Balisky, Assistant to the City Administrator Leslie Harris, Emergency Manager Raejean Kreel, and Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes from the February 10, 2026, Public Safety Committee Meeting were approved with minor corrections.

IV. Department Reports/Presentations

A. February 2026 Public Safety Report

Acting Assistant Police Chief Harberts presented the February 2026 Public Safety Report.

Following the presentation, the Committee discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Kids vandalizing Target.
- Holding adolescents accountable.
- Vandals paying restitution.
- Shoplifters at Home Depot.

B. Court Update

Judicial Branch Manager Resch presented the February Court Update.

Following the presentation, the Committee discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Appreciated the caseload numbers.
- Bonney Lake and Sumner merging court systems,
- Conflict between the two cities.
- Define committed and non-committed.

V. Items for Discussion/Action

A. Ending Fund Balance Request - CW 708 Demolition

Development Services Manager Belisky gave an overview of the Ending Fund Balance Request.

The Committee discussed and shared their concerns, including:

- Cost Recovery.
- Who owns the property?
- What is a tax lien?
- Don't want to pay for a fence.

Consensus of the Committee is to move the item forward when ready on Full Council Issues.

VI. Open Committee Discussion

Councilmember Davis:

Flock Cameras. Councilmember Davis gave an update on Flock Camera legislation.

Councilmember Baldwin:

Facial Coverings. Councilmember Baldwin provided an update on Facial Coverings legislation.

Electric Bikes. Councilmember Baldwin asked if anyone had any thoughts on electric bikes.

Acting Assistant Police Chief Harberts replied that the legislature failed to provide a definition of what is an electric bike.

VII. Public Comments

None.

VIII. Adjournment

At 4:20 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Councilmember Angela Baldwin with the common consent of the Committee.

Debbie McDonald, Administrative
Specialist II

Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Chair



Public Safety Report

Bonney Lake Police Department

March 2026

PATROL ACTIVITY*March 2nd—March 9th*

Trespass at BLHS – Student returned to the high school after receiving a 45-day suspension. Student ran from school staff and SRO located him hiding in trees/shrubbery near the school. School Staff requested student be trespassed until the end of the school year.

Suspicious Vehicle at Columbia Bank – Caller reported he had located his stolen trailer, that was reported to Pacific PD, on Facebook Marketplace and then listing was taken down. Caller was able to find an address for the possible suspect and then followed him from his residence to the bank. Officers contacted the possible suspect, who denied having a stolen trailer. Information passed onto Pacific PD and ATTF.

Shoplift at Walmart—Walmart reported a theft of merchandise. Prior to officers arriving, they reported that the vehicle was leaving the parking lot. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a stop while another officer went to the store to verify PC. Two subjects in the vehicle were identified as the suspects. One suspect refused to provide us with his real name and refused to get finger printed with a mobile scanner and also at Enumclaw Jail. The driver of the vehicle returned to the store and allowed Walmart to recover their merchandise. The stolen merchandise was worth over \$1400. The suspect providing the false name was booked into the Pierce County Jail and still refusing to provide his name. The other suspect was released at the scene.

March 9th—March 16th

Collision & Arrest at 9XXX 214th Ave E – Two vehicle collision as one vehicle turned into the Safeway parking lot. At fault driver was found to have a DUI warrant out of Kent and was suspended with ignition interlock device required. Kent advised they wanted the subject on his DUI warrant and CSO transported him to the meet.

Threats/Info at Walmart—Walmart manager called requesting extra patrols in the area due to an employee who was fired making vague threats to shoot other employees. No employees called wanting to be victims of threats.

Welfare check at AYP—Report of a unattended child 6year old female at AYP. Units arrived and located the child's father had fallen asleep in a truck near the playground while his daughter played. Units spoke to the male and did not find any further danger to the child.

PATROL ACTIVITY Cont.*March 16th—March 23rd*

Domestic Assault at 6XXX 185th Ave E—Domestic disturbance between husband and wife at this location. PC was developed for DV Assault 4th Degree. Male was taken into custody and booked into jail. Male was identified and arrested.

Possible Shoplift at Target – Loss prevention advised of a female inside the store who was concealing merchandise. After spending nearly five hours inside Target, the female got spooked after seeing police lights from a traffic stop in the Target parking lot and left the location without shoplifting any items.

Burglary, Mal Mish, DUI blood draw, Obstructing at the Church Lake Park—HOA board member called and reported a female that is trespassed from the park drove her vehicle thru the security gate. Damaging the \$10,000 gate, before parking, ripping the cables for the security cameras and other various electrical wires out of the sockets (damaging electronics) then when units arrived the female was observed doing yoga on the dock. Female admitted to all of the crimes to include DUI and was arrested. Female refused to allow phlebotomist to extract blood. Female was booked into jail on the listed charges.

March 23rd—March 30th

DUI at Safeway – A heavily intoxicated individual was denied from purchasing alcohol at Safeway and drove off southbound on 214th Ave E. Officer located subject's described vehicle and eventually stopped it along the 11500 block of South Prairie Rd E. Officer developed probable cause to arrest the subject for DUI. A blood warrant was completed, and subject was later booked into jail for Felony DUI, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Ignition Interlock, and DWLS 3rd.

Shoplift at Walmart – Male and Female were observed skip scanning a mattress while purchasing smaller items. LP contacted both beyond all points of sale and the mattress was recovered. Female was located in the parking lot looking for her vehicle and detained. Male was later located by Officer at Panda Express and on contact, promptly darted across SR 410 E. Officers conducted an area check for the male with negative results. PC was established for both. Female was released from custody and concealed merchandise returned to Walmart. Female was trespassed from Walmart and advised she would be arrested if she returned. As female did not have a license and the male had possession of the keys, she was instructed to walk away and make arrangements for someone to pick up her vehicle. Walmart elected to have her vehicle towed and Officers were called to respond when the female returned to confront the tow company. Female was arrested for criminal trespassing and theft 3rd and booked into jail.

Disorderly Fight at The View—Officers responded to a report of a fight at the View. Officers arrived and contacted one of the involved parties who claimed to be a victim. Several residents had cell phone video of the altercation. The video shows a different story than what the victim claimed, it appeared he was provoking the other party. Other witnesses on scene also stated he was provoking the assault.



Bonney Lake Police Department
2026 NIBRS & Crime Report

NIBRS Offenses	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0											0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	1	0											1	2
Robbery	3	0											3	0
Aggravated Assault	2	2											4	3
Simple Assault	3	5											8	2
Intimidation	0	0											0	0
Non-Force Sex Offenses	0	0											0	0
Kidnapping	1	0											1	0
Human Trafficking	0	0											0	0
Burglary	3	4											7	2
Arson	0	0											0	0
Larceny	15	22											37	47
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1											2	4
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0											0	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0											0	0
Fraud	3	2											5	4
Embezzlement	0	0											0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	2	1											3	0
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	1	6											7	12
Drugs/Narcotics Offenses	1	2											3	3
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0											0	0
Gambling Offenses	0	0											0	0
Prostitution Offenses	0	0											0	0
Violation No Contact Order	1	0											1	2
Bribery	0	0											0	0
Weapon Law Violations	0	1											1	1
TOTAL NIBRS OFFENSES	37	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	83
Other													YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Domestic Violence Offenses	5	4											9	5
Suicide	0	0											0	0
Attempted Suicide	1	0											1	0
TOTAL OTHER	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5
Arrests (Misdemeanor & Felony)													YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Adult	Group A	19	19										38	31
	Group B	15	17										32	35
	<i>Total Adult Arrests</i>	34	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	66
Juvenile	Group A	1	4										5	0
	Group B	2	2										4	0
	<i>Total Juvenile Arrests</i>	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
TOTAL ARRESTS		37	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	66
Traffic													YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Motor Vehicle Collisions		14	24										38	32
Traffic Infractions Filed		73	42										115	268
Traffic Violations Charged		96	58										154	333
Non-Traffic Infractions Filed		2	1										3	1
Non-Traffic Violations Charged		3	1										4	1
DUI Citations		2	2										4	3
Traffic Misdemeanors - Citations Filed		15	20										35	44
Traffic Misdemeanors - Violations Chrgd.		19	20										39	41
Sector Tickets Issued		110	88										198	420
Paper Tickets Issued		1	0										1	0
TOTAL TRAFFIC		335	256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	591	1143
Calls for Service & Reports													YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Calls for Service		1233	1200										2433	3204
Calls w/ Reports		94	119										213	191

City of Bonney Lake, Washington
Public Safety Committee Agenda Bill (AB)

Agenda Bill Number:

Agenda Item Type: None

Presenter: Lauren Balisky, Development Services
Manager

City Strategic Goal Category: None

Department/Division Submitting: Public Services Staff

**Impacted Departments That Received
Notification:** None

Full Title/Motion: Code Enforcement Quarterly Report - 2026 Q1

Short Background Summary:

See attached quarterly report.

Budget Explanation:

Committee, Board, Commission, & Hearing Examiner Review

Name Of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting:

Date of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting:

Date of Committee/Commission Public Hearing:

Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting Decision:

Council Action

Date of Council Workshop

Date of Council Meeting

Date of Council Public Hearing



Public Services Department Briefing Memorandum

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
Memo Date: April 8, 2026
Staff Contact: Lauren Balisky – Development Services Manager
Action Type: Discussion
Agenda Title: Code Enforcement 2026 Q1 Quarterly Report

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to provide a semi-quarterly update on the City’s Code Enforcement program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Code Enforcement Prioritization Matrix (updated November 2025)

DISCUSSION:

In order to prioritize cases submitted to the City’s Code Enforcement team, the City has established a Code Enforcement Prioritization Matrix as authorized in BLMC 14.130.040.G. This matrix assigns cases to four different levels and priorities based on the severity of the violation and its impact on public health, safety, and welfare.

Reporting Period: January 1 – March 31, 2026

Cases Opened Last Reporting Period: 26
 Total Cases Closed as of this Memo: 670

Open Cases

Below is a table showing current, open cases based on the priority matrix¹:

Step	Status				Subtotal
	High	Medium	Low	Lowest	
Pending - Not Started	0	1	0	1	2
Pending - Need to Start Over	0	0	0	0	0
Open - Active Permit(s)	15	11	20	0	46
Open - Abeyance / On Hold	0	2	0	0	2
Open - Appeal	4	0	0	0	4

¹ Staff is in the process of reviewing cases against the new priority matrix and updating the priority level as appropriate.

Step	Status				Subtotal
	High	Medium	Low	Lowest	
Open - City Abatement	2	0	0	0	2
Open - Civil Penalties	3	0	1	0	4
Open - Courtesy Letter	6	2	2	0	10
Open - Dumpster Program	2	0	0	0	2
Open - Notice of Violation	2	6	3	1	12
Open - Site Visit Needed	1	0	0	0	1
Open - Stop Work Order	1	1	0	0	2
Open - Under Investigation	5	0	2	0	7
Open - Voluntary Correction Agreement	3	1	1	0	5
Open - Waiting for Information	3	0	1	0	4
Open - Warning Letter	0	0	0	0	0
Open - Work Plan	6	5	4	0	15
<i>Subtotal</i>	53	29	34	2	118

Closed Cases

Below is a table showing cases closed over the reporting period, based on the priority matrix:

Step	Status				Subtotal
	High	Medium	Low	Lowest	
Closed - Abated	10	4	3	0	17
Closed - Civil Matter ²	0	0	0	0	0
Closed - Duplicate	0	0	0	0	0
Closed - No Violation	0	2	2	0	4
Closed – Not Pursued	1	1	1	0	3
Closed - Recorded	1	0	1	0	2
Closed - Referred to Other Agency / Dept	1	0	1	0	2
Closed - Unable to Verify Complaint	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Subtotal</i>	14	7	9	0	30

Civil Penalties and Settlement Agreements

The City did not collect any money from civil penalties and settlement agreements between January 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026.

² Case priority is assigned based on the initial Request for Action. Cases are closed based on the results of the investigation. When the investigation determines that the issue is a civil matter (between two private parties), the case is closed.

There is currently \$119,000 in outstanding civil penalties. Civil penalties may be waived or reduced in certain circumstances.

The City dismissed \$7,000 in civil penalties for property owners who corrected their violations between January 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026.

Appeals

Below is a table showing pending appeals:

Case No.	General Description of Violation(s)	Appeal Type		Notes
		Civil Penalty	Notice of Violation	
614	Construction in shoreline without permits.	X		On hold, in a work plan.
978	Construction in front setback without permits.		X	On hold, in a work plan.
1025	Demolition and construction without permits.		X	Work plan expired; pending next steps.
1031	Chronic nuisance property with accumulation of trash, rubbish, vehicle parts and junk vehicles.	X		Appeal hearing in progress.
1067	Installation of impervious surface without permits.	X		On hold, in a work plan.
1194	Construction, installation of impervious surface, and work within the shoreline without permits.		X	On hold, with City Attorney.

CODE ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIZATION MATRIX

	Proactive or RFA	Request for Action (RFA) only		
	High 2	Medium 3	Low 4	Lowest 5
	Building and Fire			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction or alteration of existing, industrial, commercial space or multifamily building • Construction or alteration of habitable space that creates an imminent danger.¹ • Fire Inspection Fails • Construction of new primary dwelling unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction or alteration affecting unhabitable space within dwelling units. • Construction or alteration of habitable space that do not raise to the level of an imminent danger. • Illegal ADUs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction or alteration affecting non-habitable accessory space. • Failure to obtain a reroof permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to Obtain a Change of Occupant Permit
	Public Health and Utilities			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsanitary living conditions • Cross Connection • F.O.G • Living in an RV • Illicit Discharges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accumulation of litter, trash, garbage, rubbish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage of two or more public nuisance vehicles on private property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General property maintenance issues • No garbage service • Storage a public nuisance vehicle on private property. • Graffiti
	Environmental			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work within wetlands and/or regulated buffer • Work within regulated stream and/or Riparian Management Zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction or vegetation removal within a Landslide Hazard Area • Work in the shoreline area below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) • Tree Removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development in a regulated floodplain • Work in the shoreline area above the OHWM • Clearing violations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree topping • Overgrown vegetation and weeds
	Land Use			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setback violations for structures that require a building permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence violations • Landscaping Violations • Home Occupations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign Violations • Violation Plat or Short Plat Conditions • Lot Coverage • Setback violations for structures not required to obtain a building permit

¹ Habitable Space and Imminent Danger shall be as defined in Section 202 of 2021 the *International Property Maintenance Code*

City of Bonney Lake, Washington
Public Safety Committee Agenda Bill (AB)

Agenda Bill Number:	AB26-28
Agenda Item Type:	Ordinance
Presenter:	Terry Carter, Mayor
City Strategic Goal Category:	Public Safety Vision
Department/Division Submitting:	Admin
Impacted Departments That Received Notification:	Police Department Finance Court

Full Title/Motion: An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating To The Implementation Of A Public Safety Sales And Use Tax For Criminal Justice Purposes; Adding A New Chapter 3.46 Public Safety Sales And Use Tax To The Bonney Lake Municipal Code; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Short Background Summary:

The City’s public safety expenses are increasing annually, creating negative budget impacts and the inability to maintain services at their current level or expand to address increased demands on community health and public safety programs. During the Council Budget Retreat, Council requested for administration to bring forward an Ordinance to implement a public safety sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%), to be effective January 1, 2027, the deadline to pass the Ordinance and transmit it to the Department of Revenue would be October 18, 2026.

Budget Explanation:

Anticipated to bring in \$880,000 in revenue annually.

Committee, Board, Commission, & Hearing Examiner Review

Name Of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting: Public Safety Committee

Date of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting: April 14, 2026

Name Of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting: Finance Committee

Date of Committee/Commission/Examiner Meeting: May 12, 2026

Council Action

Date of Council Workshop

Date of Council Meeting

Date of Council Public Hearing

2/24/2026

3/10/2026



Published on Sep 21, 2025

HB 2015 101

Contact: [Communications](#)

What you need to know about the state's new public safety funding mechanisms.

By AWC staff

After years of city elected leaders advocating for increased public safety funding, the long-held priority bore fruit in 2025 with **House Bill 2015**.

Cities provide public safety services as a critical function to keep communities thriving. However, the last few decades have left many cities struggling to keep up with the costs and staffing needed to provide these vital services. Cities employ the majority (62%) of all the state's commissioned police officers, and showed up to the legislature repeatedly to warn that financial obligations for public safety were becoming unsustainable.

City budgets are constrained by a property tax revenue cap artificially restricted to 1%, which is less than population growth and inflation. Departments have also seen record levels of police officer retirements; evolving conversations about the scope and scale of what police departments are responsible for; recruiting and retainment challenges due to the unique and specific skills required for the work; shortages of critically needed training; fluctuations in crime trends; and an increasing challenge of community members suffering through a lack of housing, behavioral health issues, and substance use disorders.

In 2024 then-Attorney General Bob Ferguson, citing reports and data that showed Washington state last in the country in officers per capita, pledged during his campaign for governor that he would deliver \$100 million to local governments to hire and retain police officers. At his inaugural address in January 2025, Governor Ferguson further reiterated that he wouldn't sign a state budget without the \$100 million investment.

The legislature offered up a variety of bills aimed toward this goal, proposing a range of public safety funding mechanisms for local governments. AWC strongly supported options

that provided the lowest barriers to access funding, citing the varying needs, diversity, and size of the state's 281 cities and towns. Several public safety proposals included options for direct, ongoing, and sustainable sources of revenue for cities to fund their public safety needs.

Then in late February 2025 came **HB 2015**, which sought to provide two new funding sources for public safety while also aiming to improve marginalized community outcomes through targeted officer trainings, hiring, and retention strategies.

City budgets are constrained by a property tax revenue cap artificially restricted to 1%, which is less than population growth and inflation.

AWC supported the bill and engaged in conversations early and often to ensure that city perspectives were factored into the legislative process. The bill moved swiftly through the legislature, with several amendments attaching ideas from the earlier bills, as it whirled towards the governor's desk. Following a pause in momentum deep into the session, the bill passed and the governor kept his \$100 million promise and signed **HB 2015** and its budget funding into law in late May; it took effect in late July.

HB 2015: Two new funding mechanisms

Separate, but linked

The grant

- CJTC-administered
- \$100 million program
- Expires June 2028
- Can use for hiring/training new officers & co-responders
- 75% of salary covered
- 25% local match required
- Max. \$125k funding, per position
- Policy & training requirements to attain a grant
- Need to levy or receive one of three available public safety or criminal justice sales taxes first

You must *qualify* for the grant to take the sales tax

You must receive or levy a public safety sales tax to get the grant

The sales tax

- Councilmanic through June 2028
- 0.1% tax on sales & use
- Permanent
- Broad use for public safety
- Stackable with other taxes & jurisdictions
- Need to meet the same requirements as the grant
- Do not need to apply for or receive the grant, just qualify for it

The new law ultimately creates two public safety funding pathways for funding local public safety: A three-year \$100 million grant program for hiring, retaining, and training new police officers and co-responders; and a councilmanic 0.1% local sales tax authority for broad public safety and criminal justice needs.

The two new funding streams function separately for cities. However, there is a deep connection in the law. There are policy and training requirements that cities and their police departments must meet to be eligible for the grant, and grant eligibility is required to impose the sales tax.

A council can implement the sales tax without applying for or receiving grant money. And, in order to receive grant money, a city or county needs to have received funds from or authorized at least one of three public safety sales taxes (the two existing ones or the new one created by **HB 2015**).

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) must verify that a city's police department meets the specific policy and training requirements outlined within the law. Cities that want their councils to pass the sales tax can do so as soon as they would like, but after June 30, 2028, it will become a voter-approved tax instead.

Per the new law, cities do not need to wait for CJTC to finalize its process for verifying that requirements are met, so long as they send compliance documentation to CJTC.

As of press time, [CJTC's guidance](#) on **HB 2015** is rapidly evolving, and AWC is sharing information as it becomes available. The most updated information about the law and next steps can be found at wacities.org, including more details on policy, timelines, tax

comparison charts, and important things your city or town will want to know to pass the sales tax and access those critical revenues as soon as possible.

more information: wacities.org

Tax facts

HB 2015 allows the legislative body of a city and/or county to establish a new local option sales and use tax. To be eligible, cities must meet the same requirements laid out for grant eligibility.

Quick facts about the sales tax:

- **Local legislative authority:** The tax can be imposed by councilmanic action through June 2028.
- **Stackable:** The taxes can stack with other sales taxes, and revenues are not shared with other jurisdictions.
- **Broad use:** A city and/or county can impose the new 0.1% sales tax for broadly defined criminal justice purposes, including:
 - Domestic violence services
 - Public defenders
 - Diversion program
 - Reentry work for inmates
 - Reducing homelessness or improving behavioral health
 - Community placements for juvenile offenders
 - Community outreach, alternative response, mental health crisis response
- **Requirements:** The tax can only be collected if the city or county meets all the requirements to apply for the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) grant program in this bill (but no requirement to *apply* for the grant).
 - Note: Cities may submit their documentation *before* CJTC completes their grant application process and website.
- **Caveat:** The jurisdiction's voters must not have rejected or repealed a public safety tax within 12 months.

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES; ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3.46 PUBLIC SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX TO THE BONNEY LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CORRECTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake currently provides many regional and local services which advance community health and public safety through the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the City's public safety expenses are increasing annually, creating negative budget impacts and the inability to maintain services at their current level or expand to address increased demands on community health and public safety programs; and

WHEREAS, through Section 201, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, the Washington State Legislature has authorized the legislative authority of a qualified city to implement, by resolution or ordinance, a sales and use tax by June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible to implement the authorized public safety sales and use tax, the City must meet the requirements to receive the public safety grant authorized in Section 201, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, and must issue and implement policies and procedures as required under the law; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its law enforcement agency, will submit documentation to the Criminal Justice and Training Commission ("CJTC") concurrently with the adoption of this ordinance, demonstrating that it has met the requirements of Section 201, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, and is eligible to receive the public safety grant and to implement the public safety sales and use tax, and will submit any additional documentation required by the CJTC to obtain such eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the authorized tax is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and must be collected from those persons who are taxable by the State pursuant to Chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the city; and

WHEREAS, the rate of tax shall be equal to one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the selling price, in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax; and

WHEREAS, revenue received from the public safety sales and use tax must be used for criminal justice purposes, meaning activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system, including circumstances where ancillary benefits to civil justice and behavioral health system occur, which may include domestic violence victim services, staffing of adequate public defense counsel, diversion programs, reentry work for incarcerated individuals, programs that have a reasonable relationship to reducing the number of individuals interacting with the criminal justice

system, improving behavioral health, reducing incidents of homelessness, community placements for juvenile offenders, and community outreach and assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, cities implementing the public safety sales and use tax shall, within one calendar year of implementation of the tax, and annually thereafter, make a report to the Association of Washington Cities (“AWC”) and such report shall include information on how the revenues received from the public safety sales and use tax were expended by the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens to implement the public safety sales and use tax of one-then of one percent (0.1%), effective July 1, 2026, and use the revenues collected for criminal justice purposes; **NOW THEREFORE**,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The findings and recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

Section 2. New Chapter 3.46 Imposing Tax. A new chapter is hereby added to the Bonney Lake Municipal Code, Chapter 3.46 entitled “Public Safety Sales and Use Tax” to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 3.46
PUBLIC SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX**

Sections

3.46.010 Tax imposed.

3.46.020 Applicability of tax.

3.46.030 Administration and collection.

3.46.040 Allowable uses of tax receipts.

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3.46.010 Tax imposed.

Effective beginning July 1, 2026, an additional one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales and use tax, as authorized by Section 201, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, is hereby levied, fixed, and imposed on all taxable events within the city as defined in RCW 82.14.020, as currently enacted or later amended. The sales and use tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be in addition to all other sales and use taxes imposed by the city

3.46.020 Applicability of tax.

The tax imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be imposed upon and collected from those persons from whom sales tax or use tax is collected in accordance with chapter 82.08, 82.12, and 82.14 RCW, and shall be collected at the rate of one-tenth of one percent of (a) the selling price, in the case of a sales tax; or (b) the value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

3.46.030 Administration and collection.

The administration and collection of the tax imposed by this chapter shall be in accordance with the provisions of RCW 82.14.050.

3.46.040 Allowable uses of tax receipts.

Moneys received by the city from the tax imposed under this chapter must be expended for Criminal Justice Purposes. As used in this chapter, “Criminal Justice Purposes” means activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system, which may include circumstances where ancillary benefit to the civil justice behavioral health system occurs, and which includes:

- A. Domestic violence services, such as those provided by domestic violence programs, community advocates, and legal advocates, as those terms are defined in RCW 70.123.020;
- B. Staffing adequate public defenders to provide appropriate defense for individuals;
- C. Diversion programs;
- D. Reentry work for inmates
- E. Local government programs that have a reasonable relationship to reducing the numbers of people interacting with the criminal justice system including, but not limited to, reducing homelessness or improving behavioral health;
- F. Community placements for juvenile offenders; and
- G. Community outreach and assistance programs, alternative response programs, and mental health crisis response including, but not limited to, the recovery navigator program.

3.46.050 Violation and penalty.

Any seller who fails or refuses to collect the tax imposed by this chapter with the intent to violate the provisions of this chapter or to gain some advantage or benefit, whether direct or indirect, and any buyer who refuses to pay any tax due under this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

3.46.060 Annual reporting.

The finance director shall, within one calendar year of imposition of the tax imposed under this chapter, and annually thereafter, make a report to the Association of Washington Cities on how the moneys received by the city from the tax were expended.

Section 3. Documentation to CJTC. The City Council requests that the Mayor or his designee submit all required documentation to the Criminal Justice Training Commission demonstrating that the City meets the requirements of Section 101, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025, as described in this Ordinance. Such documentation shall be submitted in a form and manner prescribed by the Criminal Justice Training Commission. The City shall timely rectify any deficiencies identified by the Commission.

Section 4. Notice to Department of Revenue. The City Council requests that the Mayor or designee submit a copy of this Ordinance to the Washington State Department of Revenue and take all other reasonable steps necessary to collect the tax imposed by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Direction to Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to maintain one copy of this Ordinance and one copy of each of the statutes, regulations, or standards referenced herein on file at the City Clerk’s office for use and examination by the public during regular business hours.

Section 6. Implementation. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement this Ordinance, including adopting such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation and is authorized to prepare documents for the administration and approval of grant funds.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 9. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, the city clerk, and/or the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto, provided such corrections do not change the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption and publication as provided by law. Pursuant to Section 2, above, the tax imposed by this Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 10th day of March 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 10th day of March 2026.

Terry Carter, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

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