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# City of Tacoma Tax & License **BUSINESS NEWS**

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## City of Tacoma Minimum Wage for 2020 is **\$13.50**

The State minimum wage will bypass the City's minimum wage in 2020. As a result, Tacoma employers will now use the higher State minimum wage effective January 1, 2020.

You may direct questions about the State's minimum wage to Washington State Department of Labor & Industries at 1-866-219-7321 or [ESGeneral@Lni.wa.gov](mailto:ESGeneral@Lni.wa.gov).

## RENTAL HOUSING SURVEY

The City's Rental Housing Code went into effect on February 1, 2019. The City is conducting an evaluation of the Rental Housing Code TMC 1.95 to assess the effectiveness and impacts to the rental housing market. Your feedback is important to the assessment.

Beginning **January 6, 2020**, a survey will be available at [cityoftacoma.org/rentalhousingcode](http://cityoftacoma.org/rentalhousingcode) for landlords and renters to take.

To receive updates about the Rental Housing Code, subscribe to page notifications at [cityoftacoma.org/rentalhousingcode](http://cityoftacoma.org/rentalhousingcode).

For questions, please contact the Landlord-Tenant Program Coordinator at [celder@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:celder@cityoftacoma.org).

## Free Tax & License Workshop

### Are you a Tacoma business owner or tax preparer?

Tax & License is offering a free in-person 2 hour workshop on Wednesday, **January 22, 2020 at 2:00pm**.

#### Topics include:

- Tax classifications and how they apply to your business
- Minimum thresholds that apply before filing is required
- Completing your tax return
- Online filing for tax returns and license renewals with FileLocal
- Tacoma's Paid Sick Leave laws

Sign up online at [cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense](http://cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense) or by calling (253) 591-5252.

**Not able to make the workshop?** Listen to a recorded workshop online at [cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense](http://cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense).

## TAX INFORMATION

### JOB CREDITS

If you added any new full-time positions to your Tacoma workforce in 2019 you could be eligible for up to \$1,500 in B&O tax credits.

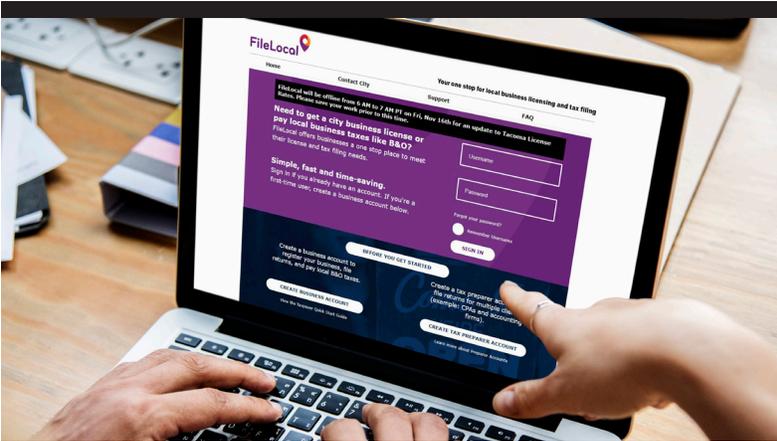
Contact us at [taxinfo@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:taxinfo@cityoftacoma.org) or (253) 591-5252 if any of these situations apply to a new full-time position added to your workforce in 2019:

- Paid the employee at least \$20.43/ hour in 2019
- Employee is a Tacoma resident
- Position is a Green Job
- Business provides International Services within the Empowerment Zone

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## SERVICE & OTHER APPORTIONMENT TAX CHANGE

Effective January 1, 2020, SHB 1403 simplified the administration of B&O Tax apportionment primarily by changing the definition of customer location to adopt market-based sourcing into the income factor. To determine the income factor, your business will need to determine where the services are ordered from. To learn more, visit our website at [cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense](http://cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense).

## FILE ONLINE WITH FILELOCAL!

### Have you created your FileLocal account yet?

Don't wait! Go to [FileLocal-wa.gov](http://FileLocal-wa.gov), create your business account today, and be ready to file before Jan. 31. Join the thousands of taxpayers that are securely using FileLocal to make payments, print license certificates, set filing reminders, and more.

Fast, convenient, and no paper, stamps or mailing required. A FileLocal \$4 user fee applies to transactions. For website assistance, call 1-877-693-4435.

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## FILELOCAL WORKS IN OTHER CITIES

### Does your business operate in other cities?

Besides Tacoma, you can also pay tax or licenses for Bellevue, Bremerton, Everett, Lake Forest Park, Renton, Seattle and Shoreline. Once your business locations are set up on FileLocal, you can conveniently file and pay for all participating cities at one time!

## KEEP US UPDATED!

Did you close your business or have a change of address? Email us at [licenseinfo@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:licenseinfo@cityoftacoma.org) any address changes or the date your business closed in order to update your account and prevent new fees and penalties from being assessed.

## UPDATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY

### Has your business grown?

Do you own rental property in Tacoma or operate multiple business activities under the same business license? To ensure you receive important information specific to landlords and your business activity sent by the City throughout the year, go to [cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense](http://cityoftacoma.org/taxandlicense) and click on Update my Business Activity.



## PAPER FILING

Filing online with [FileLocal-wa.gov](http://FileLocal-wa.gov) is the easiest and fastest way to file, however if filing a tax return in person or by mail, please use the original tax form mailed to you. Taxes filed on altered forms may be returned to the sender and will be subject to penalty and interest if filed after the due date. To obtain a copy of your original tax form, email [taxinfo@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:taxinfo@cityoftacoma.org) or call 253-591-5252.