

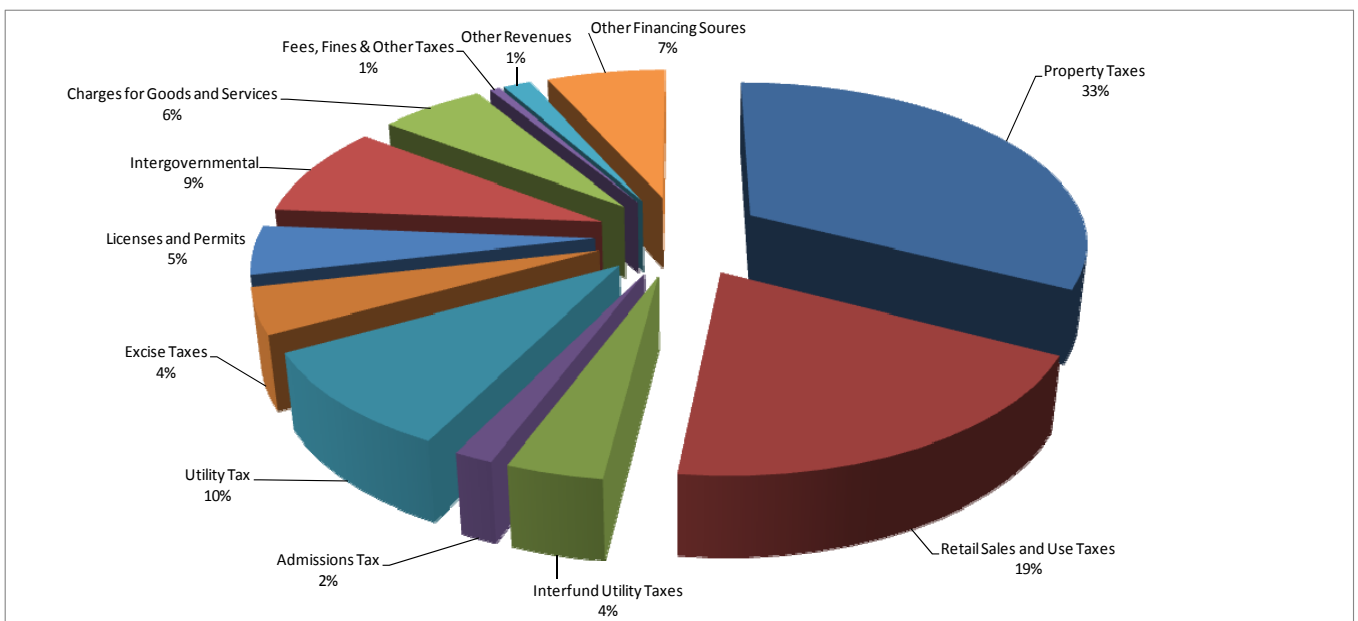
# City of Tukwila

## License Fee Supports Business Services

*Businesses are an important part of the Tukwila community because they support economic vitality, quality of life, and a safe and clean city. Business license fees help pay for services that businesses need including those provided through the City's Public Safety Programs.*

### Why does the City collect a business tax from business owners?

The City needs a diversified revenue base to remain fiscally strong. Primary revenue sources for the City's General Fund include taxes (e.g. sales, property, utility) and fees (e.g. licenses, permits). Business license fees and permits comprise less than 5% of General Fund revenue.



### What services are supported by City tax revenues?

Services that are supported by tax revenue include:

- ❖ Public safety services that provide quick fire and police response to emergencies for keeping Tukwila safe.
- ❖ Transportation services that include building and maintaining safe and efficient roads, sidewalks and bridges, and planning for efficient transportation systems.
- ❖ Economic development programs that provide outreach and marketing to attract a variety of businesses and their employees to Tukwila
- ❖ Quality of life amenities such as parks, trails, bikeways, art, and other programs that make Tukwila a desirable place for business owners and their employees to live and work.
- ❖ Community event management assists with special events that attract visitors to Tukwila and help make Tukwila a tourist destination.