

# *FRANKLIN COUNTY*

**2006 ASSESSMENTS  
FOR  
2007 TAX  
COLLECTION**

**STEVE MARKS  
ASSESSOR**

# Mission Statement

We, the employee's of the Franklin County Assessor's Office have a primary mission to maintain the property assessment system in a way that is equitable, fair and uniform to all the citizens of Franklin County and at the same time meet all constitutional and statutory requirements. We will strive to provide an optimal level of service, information and policy guidance to the public and to other governmental agencies

Message from the  
Franklin County Assessor

**This pamphlet has been prepared to help you better understand the functions of the Assessor's office. The information contained herein will assist you, as a property owner and taxpayer, in understanding assessment procedures, tax collection and distribution of the tax dollar.**

**The Assessor does not establish the dollar amount of taxes required nor does the Assessor bill or collect taxes. The taxpayers, state limitations, and assessed value determines the tax rate for each district. The County Treasurer bills and collects the required tax.**

**It is my responsibility as your Assessor, together with my staff, to insure that all property owners are treated fairly and impartially in accordance with our state laws. It is our sincere desire to serve and support you in an effective, responsible and courteous manner.**

**The County Assessor's office welcomes your inquiries and your concerns on how your property is assessed. As your Assessor. I am committed to serve and assist you personally in any matters dealing with this office. Also I will be available to speak to and/or answer questions for interested groups. Please contact the Assessor's office for more information. Office hours are 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The phone number is 545-3506.**

**Steve Marks  
Franklin County Assessor**

## **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

Much of the property information that may be helpful to you is available for your inspection at our front counter. This includes:

- Property characteristics
- Property assessed value history
- Property sales
- Name and address of taxpayer
- Maps / Aerials

You may obtain a photocopy of any of this information on a particular property for a small fee.

<b>General Information</b>	<b>545-3506</b>
Fax Number	546-5840
Email	<a href="mailto:smarks@co.franklin.wa.us">smarks@co.franklin.wa.us</a>
Web	<a href="http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/assessor">www.co.franklin.wa.us/assessor</a>

**Board of Equalization Clerk 546-3351**

Office hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**NATURE OF THE ASSESSOR'S PROGRAM**

***Function:***

*To administer the assessment and levy of property taxes in Franklin County.*

***Scope:***

*The listing of all taxable real and personal property within the geographic boundaries of Franklin County are within the office's jurisdiction, including property within incorporated cities.*

***General activities:***

*Appraisal of property*

*Assessment of personal property (primarily business & farm equipment)*

*Administration of exemption programs (senior citizen and non-profit)*

*Administration of special programs (e.g., open space, agricultural land)*

*Public information*

*Assessment roll maintenance (legal description changes, subdivisions)*

*Appeals processing*

***Participants:***

*Persons seeking exemptions or inclusion in a special program*

*Taxpayers whose property is being appraised*

*Representatives of taxing districts*

*Persons seeking public information by phone, mail, or over the counter*

*Persons appealing property tax assessments*

*Employees of this office*

*Employees of other agencies*

## THE ASSESSOR'S ROLE

The role of the Assessor's office is to establish a value for all property for tax purposes. The Assessor is required by law to set that value at 100% of market value and to assure that all values are in equalization.

The Assessor does not create market value. Market value is the price a willing buyer and seller would agree to under ordinary circumstances. This does not mean that an individual sale will automatically establish the value of a property. The Assessor uses multiple sales of comparable properties in establishing value.

Taxable property is divided into two classes. *Real property* includes land and all buildings, structures, and improvements to the land. *Personal property* includes machinery and equipment, fixtures, furniture, and other items that are movable in nature. Personal effects, which are not held for sale or commercial use, are not taxable.

## FREQUENCY OF VALUATION

State law requires that the Assessor maintain a systematic revaluation program. All property in Franklin County is physically inspected at least once every four years. If property in a particular area consistently sells for more or less than the assessed value, the assessment roll will be adjusted to reflect real estate market conditions in that area's cycle. If the character of property changes because of new construction, remodeling, additions, subdivisions, etc., a new valuation is determined.

## METHOD OF VALUATION

The laws governing the tax appraisal process Washington State are based upon the same principles and procedures that are used throughout the appraisal profession. There are three basic approaches to the valuation of real property:

The **MARKET APPROACH** involves comparison of a property with the characteristics of similar properties, which have recently been sold.

The **COST APPROACH** involves estimating the replacement cost of a structure, and adjusting that estimate to account for depreciation.

The **INCOME APPROACH** is an analysis of a property's value based on its capacity to generate revenue for the owner.

All approaches, which apply, to a particular property may be used by the appraiser

## PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

The Assessor does not raise property values in order to increase taxes. The cost of providing public services determines your property tax. Local government consists of various taxing districts including fire districts, regional library, cities, county government, roads, ports, etc. A portion of the tax is distributed to the state for local school support. In addition, taxes are collected to pay for special voter-approved levies, such as school maintenance and operation levies and bonds and emergency medical levies. The Assessor sets the levy rates based on taxing district budget requests, statutory limits and property values. Levy rates are expressed in dollars per thousand dollars of assessed value.

## TAX LIMITS

Property tax levies are subject to several statutory and constitutional limits.

- -The "101% levy lid" restricts individual taxing districts to collect a maximum one per cent increase over the highest amount collected since 1985 for their regular levy, plus an amount attributable to new construction within or annexations to the district. This law applies to a taxing district budget and not to individual properties. RCW 84.55.010.
- The regular levy of each taxing district cannot exceed a certain rate, which is determined by the type of district. For example, the levy for the county current expense fund cannot exceed \$1.80
- The aggregate regular levy rate of all senior and junior taxing districts (not including the state, port districts and public utility districts, emergency medical levies, and conservation futures) cannot exceed \$5.90. RCW 84.52.043.

The aggregate of all regular levies (not including port or public utility districts) shall not exceed 1% of true and fair value. WASHINGTON STATE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VII.

## THE BUDGET CYCLE

Every year the directors or commissioners of all taxing districts meet in open session to determine the amount of taxes to be collected the **following year**. **Public questions or comments are welcomed during this process.** Once the budget has been adopted, the amount of taxes to be collected is certified to the county assessor. The assessor computes the levy rate required to raise the certified tax for each district, and ensures that none of the constitutional or statutory limitations is violated. After the county council has certified the levy rates, taxes are extended to all property within the boundaries of the respective districts. The county treasurer mails tax bills on February 14 of the year in which they are collected, and the receipts are distributed back to the various districts.

## TAX RELIEF

There are several tax relief opportunities provided by state law, including:

- "Open Space Classification" for
  - Agricultural land
  - Timberland
  - Nature preserves
- "Designated Forestland Classification" for timberland parcels 20 acres or more
- "Historical Restoration Exemption" for historical significant property under going restoration
- "Improvement Exemption" a temporary exemption of valuation of additions to single-family dwellings
- "Destroyed Property Claim" adjustment to the valuation of destroyed property
- Property tax exemptions for
  - Senior citizens
  - Disabled persons
- Full tax deferrals for
  - Senior citizens
  - Disabled persons
- Exemptions for qualifying property owned by non-profit organizations

For further information about any of these exemptions, contact the Assessor's office 545-3506.

**APPEAL OF VALUATION**

A property owner who feels that an error has been made in valuing his or her property should call the Assessor's office at 545-3506 and talk to an appraiser.

The appraiser will examine the valuation of the property and may initiate further review. If still not satisfied, the property owner may appeal the valuation to the Franklin County Board of Equalization (546-3351). Appeal forms must be submitted by July 1st or within 30 days of the date the valuation notice was mailed.

The appeal process does not require an attorney, but proof that the Assessor's value is incorrect is required. Property sales information is available for examination any time during our normal business hours.

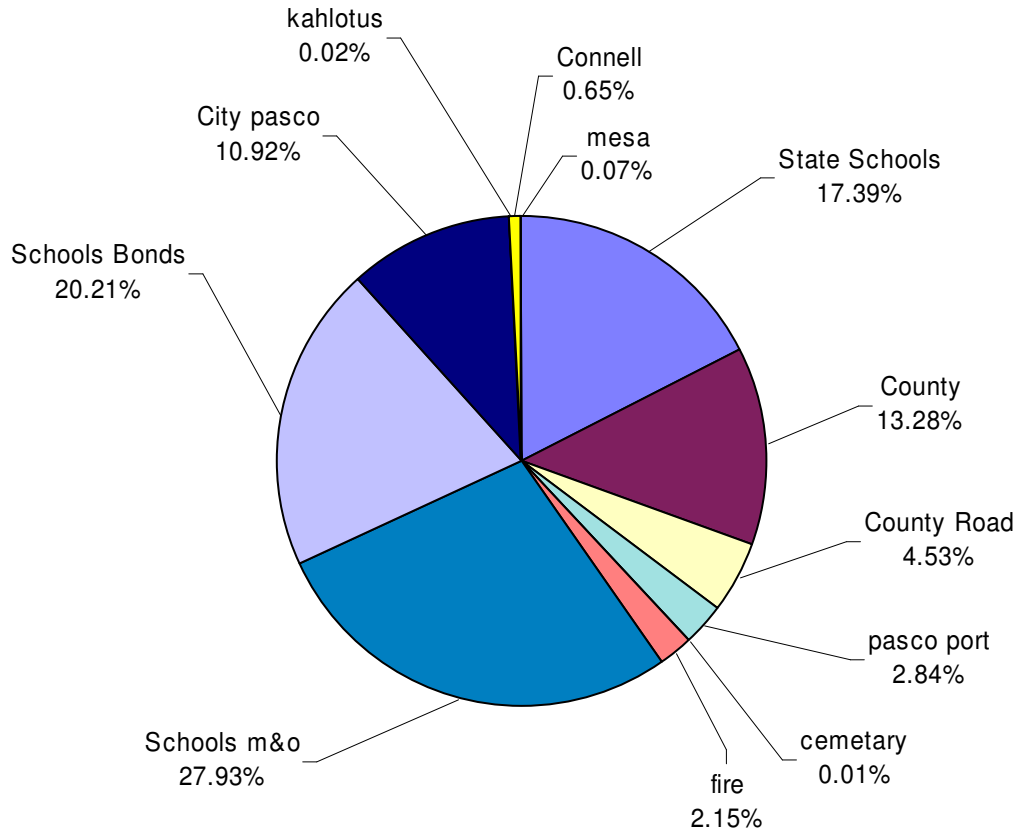
Decisions of the Board of Equalization may be appealed to the State Board of Tax Appeals. Generally a hearing examiner can hear Board of Tax Appeals cases in Pasco, although an appellant may request that his or her case be presented to the full Board in Olympia.

**COUNTY INFORMATION**

<b>2004 POPULATION</b>	<b>59,472</b>
<b>DENSITY (people/square miles)</b>	<b>39.7</b>
<b>LAND AREA (sq. miles)</b>	<b>1,242.2</b>
<b>LAND AREA (acres)</b>	<b>795,008</b>
source: 2000 census	



## 2007 TAX DISTRIBUTION FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY



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State Schools	8,560,382.81
County	6,534,263.36
County Road	2,231,102.06
Pasco port	1,396,122.47
cemetery	7,118.05
fire	1,056,577.85
Schools m&o	13,747,937.75
Schools Bonds	9,945,184.30
City Pasco	5,375,873.21
kahlotus	10,491.00
Connell	320,383.00
mesa	33,546.00

TAXING DISTRICT NAME	value 2007	rate	collections	% of TOTAL
State for Schools	\$3,567,944,125	2.399248	\$8,560,382.81	16.71%
REFUND FUND	\$3,567,944,125		\$0.00	0.00%
<b>county</b>				
current expense	\$3,635,500,681	1.662726	\$6,044,841.51	11.80%
mental health	\$3,635,500,681	0.025000	\$90,887.52	0.18%
veterans relief	\$3,635,500,681	0.011266	\$40,957.55	0.08%
TRAC BOND	\$3,613,930,881	0.098944	\$357,576.78	0.70%
COURTHOUSE REMODEL	3,613,930,881	0.221366	\$800,001.42	1.56%
TOTAL		2.019302		
road	\$1,200,018,536	1.859223	\$2,231,102.06	4.35%
pasco port	\$3,599,320,607	0.387885	\$1,396,122.47	2.72%
kahlotus port	0	0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%
mid columbia LIBRARY	\$1,318,414,163	0.450090	\$593,405.03	1.16%
Connell general	\$107,738,826	2.835858	\$305,532.01	0.60%
	\$0	0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%
connell pool bond	106,236,306	0.139792	\$14,850.99	0.03%
		2.975650		
mesa	\$10,656,801	3.147849	\$33,546.00	0.07%
kahlotus	\$3,233,052	3.244922	\$10,491.00	0.02%
hospital	\$644,642,368	0.369966	\$238,495.76	0.47%
BASIN CITY WATER SEWER	-	0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%
cemetery 1	\$28,090,648	0.032538	\$914.01	0.00%
cemetery 2	\$229,109,054	0.027079	\$6,204.04	0.01%
fire district 1	\$175,077,026	0.843703	\$147,713.01	0.29%
fire district 2	\$55,199,398	0.982565	\$54,237.00	0.11%
			\$0.00	0.00%
fire district 3	\$613,881,866	1.283535	\$787,938.86	1.54%
fire district 4	\$195,055,198	0.341898	\$66,688.98	0.13%

<b>PASCO</b>				
general	\$2,313,853,466	2.249384	\$5,204,744.96	10.16%
Library Bond	2,047,894,996	0.036866	\$75,497.70	0.15%
Fire Station Bond	2,047,894,996	0.046697	\$95,630.55	0.19%
	-	0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%
2002 UNLTD REFUND BOND	1,830,457,000	0.209696 2.542643	\$383,839.51	0.75%
<b>pasco school #1</b>				
M&O	\$3,038,100,570	3.928681	\$11,935,727.99	23.30%
BOND	\$3,038,100,570	2.991556 6.920237	\$9,088,647.99	17.74%
<b>joint school dist #43</b>				
M&O	\$522,969	4.414855	\$2,308.83	0.00%
BOND	\$522,969	0.000000 4.414855	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>connell school dist #51</b>				
M&O	482,258,934	3.171332	\$1,529,403.19	2.99%
BOND	482,258,934	1.695343 4.866675	\$817,594.31	1.60%
<b>kahlotus school, dist #56</b>				
M&O	\$28,069,148	5.343946	\$150,000.01	0.29%
BOND	\$28,069,148	0.000000 5.343946	\$0.00	0.00%
star school district #54	\$0	0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>school district 147/55</b>				
M&O	\$48,579,313	2.686282	\$130,497.73	0.25%
bond	\$48,579,313	0.801617 3.487899	\$38,942.00	0.08%
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$51,234,723.58	100.00%

**REAL PROPERTY RATIO  
PERSONAL PROP. RATIO**

**MISC. ASSESSMENTS**

WEED  
PEST CONTROL  
GWMA  
MOSQUITO

## **TAXING DISTRICT CODES & ABBREVIATIONS**

### **SCHOOLS**

1	Pasco School District
43	Washtucna School District (Adams & Whitman Counties)
51	North Franklin School District
54	Star School District
55	Othello School District (Adams & Grant Counties)
56	Kahlotus School District

### **CITIES & TOWNS**

PAS	City Of Pasco
PAS-1P	City Of Pasco Annexation 1995
C	Town Of Connell
C-1	Town Of Connell Annexation
M	Town Of Mesa
K	Town Of Kahlotus

### **PORTS**

P	Port Of Pasco
KP	Port Of Kahlotus

### **FIRE DISTRICTS**

FI	Fire District #1
F2	Fire District #2
F3	Fire District #3
F4	Fire District #4

### **CEMETERIES**

CEM1	Cemetery District #1
CEM2	Cemetery District #2

### **OTHER**

1	Franklin County Road District
H	Hospital District #1
L	Mid-Columbia Regional Library

## 2007 LEVY RATES FRANKLIN COUNTY

LEVY CODES	CODE	LEVY	CODE	LEVY
1 PASP	101	14.269315	1019	11.870067
1 PAS-1P	102	14.059619	1029	11.660371
1 PAS-00 P	103	13.976056	1039	11.576808
1 1 PL	105	14.035985	1059	11.636737
1 1 F3 PL	106	15.319520	1069	12.920272
1 1 HPL	108	14.405951	1089	12.006703
1 1 F4 HPL	109	14.747849	1099	12.348601
1 1 F2 PL	110	15.018550	1109	12.619302
162/51 CHPL Cem #2	200	13.495895	2009	11.096647
162/51 MHPL	201	13.641015	2019	11.241767
162/51 1 PL	202	11.982423	2029	9.583175
162/51 1 F1 PL Cem #2	205	12.853205	2059	10.453957
162/51 1 HPL	206	12.352389	2069	9.953141
162/51 1 F1 HPL	207	13.196092	2079	10.796844
162/51 1 F1 HPL Cem #2	208	13.223171	2089	10.823923
162/51 1 F4 HPL	210	12.694287	2109	10.295039
162/51 1 F2 KPL Cem #2	214	12.604182	2149	10.204934
162/51 1 HPL Cem #2	215	12.379468	2159	9.980220
162/51 1 F1 HKPL Cem #2	216	12.835286	2169	10.436038
162/51 1 F2 PL	219	12.964988	2199	10.565740
162/51 1 F2 PL Cem #2	221	12.992067	2219	10.592819
162/51 CHPL Cem #2 c-1	222	13.356103	2229	10.956855
162/51 1 F4 H P L BASIN WATER	223	12.694287	2229	10.295039
109/43 1 F2 KPL	300	12.125283	3009	9.726035
54 1 PL	400	7.115748	4009	4.716500
54 1 F1 PL	401	7.959451	4019	5.560203
54 1 F2 KPL	403	7.710428	4039	5.311180
54 1 F1 HPL Cem #2	406	8.356496	4069	5.957248
54 1 F2 PL	408	8.098313	4089	5.699065
54 1 F2 PL Cem #2	410	8.125392	4109	5.726144
147/55 1 F4 HPL	500	11.315511	5009	8.916263
56 KKP Cem #1	600	13.039956	6009	10.640708
56 1 F1 KPL Cem #1	601	12.948050	6019	10.548802
56 1 F2 KPL Cem #1	602	13.086912	6029	10.687664
56 1 F1 HKPL Cem #1	603	13.318016	6039	10.918768
56 1 HKPL Cem #1	605	12.474313	6059	10.075065
	MEAN	12.315329		
	MEDIAN	12.956519		

## HISTORIC TAXES FOR COLLECTION FRANKLIN COUNTY

1965		\$2,377,604.03
1966		\$2,923,821.73
1967		\$3,174,674.74
1968		\$3,709,704.06
1969		\$4,232,002.88
1970		\$4,682,262.87
1971		\$5,059,651.22
1972		\$5,630,518.22
1973		\$4,436,140.40
1973	ADJUSTED	\$4,088,078.93
1974		\$5,818,832.43
1975		\$6,362,385.25
1976		\$6,345,002.45
1977		\$9,243,558.78
1978		\$10,99,974.52
1979		\$10,438,994.73
1980		\$10,686,037.43
1981		\$12,055,338.78
1982		\$12,466,582.07
1983		\$13,923,989.36
1984		\$14,687,833.86
1985		\$15,462,498.10
1986		\$16,172,748.74
1987		\$16,806,243.81
1988		\$18,203,930.87
1989		\$17,771,205.62
1990		\$17,606,628.72
1991		\$17,438,032.98
1992		\$18,725,594.98
1993		\$20,042,350.36
1994		\$22,675,625.39
1995		\$23,512,077.74
1996		\$24,621,466.00
1997		\$26,701,113.36
1998		\$28,135,210.25
1999		\$29,309,254.16
2000		\$32,292,767.58
2001		\$33,159,874.00
2002		\$34,354,097.04
2003		\$36,887,168.80
2004		\$39,896,798.33
2005		\$42,244,705.73
2006		\$45,000,576.18
2007		\$51,234,723.58

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b><i>January 1</i></b>	<b>Real and personal property is subject to taxation and valuation for assessment purposes as of this date.</b>
<b><i>February 15</i></b>	<b>Property taxes can be paid on or after this date.</b>
<b><i>March 1</i></b>	<b>Most taxing district boundaries must be established</b>
<b><i>April 30</i></b>	<b>Personal property affidavits due</b>
<b><i>April 30</i></b>	<b>First half taxes due</b>
<b><i>May 31</i></b>	<b>End of revaluation cycle</b>
<b><i>June 1</i></b>	<b>Newly incorporated taxing districts may be established</b>
<b><i>July 1</i></b>	<b>Filing deadline for Board of Equalization appeals</b>
<b><i>July 15</i></b>	<b>Board of Equalization meets in open session</b>
<b><i>August 31</i></b>	<b>Last day Assessor can add new construction value</b>
<b><i>October 1</i></b>	<b>Last day to file for exemption on historic property</b>
<b><i>October 2</i></b>	<b>County begins budget hearings</b>
<b><i>October 31</i></b>	<b>Second half property tax due</b>
<b><i>November 15</i></b>	<b>Last day for taxing district to file levy requirements with Assessor</b>
<b><i>November 30</i></b>	<b>Last day for districts to certify to the Assessor amount of taxes to be collected for district purposes</b>
<b><i>December 31</i></b>	<b>Deadline for open space assessment Applications</b>

## **Franklin County Assessor's Office Personnel**

<b>STEVE MARKS</b>	<b>ASSESSOR</b>
<b>Peter McEnderfer</b>	<b>Chief Appraiser</b>
<b>Piper Mitchell</b>	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>
<b>Julie Michel</b>	<b>Chief Deputy</b>
<b>Linda Dunnington</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>
<b>Carrie Mitchell</b>	<b>Mobile Homes</b>
<b>Gary Hammond</b>	<b>Lead Appraiser</b>
<b>Frank Easterly</b>	<b>Real Property Appraiser</b>
<b>Thomas ST. Hilaire</b>	<b>Real Property Appraiser</b>
<b>Adam Morasch</b>	<b>Real Property Appraiser</b>
<b>Robin Moug</b>	<b>GIS Technician</b>