

**Walla Walla County Levy Audit Follow-up
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 April 20, 2023**

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Requirement	Topic	Work Completed on Requirement	Completed / Pending Completion	Future Follow-up?
1	Certification of levy amount	<p>The Walla Walla County Assessor (Assessor) used the levy amounts certified by the Walla Walla County Legislative Authority to determine the lesser of the levy limits for the City of Prescott (CP) and Walla Walla School District No. 140, for the 2023 tax year.</p> <p>The Assessor did not use the correct previous year's levy rate when correcting the levy error for the CP. This resulted in an incorrect highest levy amount for the 2023 tax year. Since the levy was limited to the district's certified levy request amount, a levy error did not occur due to using the incorrect previous year's levy rate.</p>	Pending Completion	<p>Yes</p> <p>To determine if the Assessor has met the requirement, the Department of Revenue (Department) expects the Assessor to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the CP levy calculation worksheet for the 2024 tax year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Assessor must use the correct highest lawful levy amount of \$48,475.02 and previous year's levy rate without the levy error correction of \$1.831732081321, when calculating the levy limitations for the 2024 tax year. (See Appendix A)

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2	City of Walla Walla	The Assessor did not use the correct highest lawful levy amount or previous year's levy rate when correcting the levy error for the City of Walla Walla (CW). This resulted in an underlevy of \$1,552.71 for the 2023 tax year.	Pending Completion	Yes To determine if the Assessor has met the requirement, the Department expects the Assessor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a copy of the CW levy calculation worksheet for the 2024 tax year. • Notify the CW of the \$1,552.71 underlevy error. When there is an underlevy error, the Department interprets the statutes to give the taxing district the option of adjusting the following year's levy by the underlevy amount. If the correction in the succeeding year will cause a hardship for either the taxing district or taxpayers, the district may request to correct the error on a proportional basis over a period of no more than three years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Assessor must use the correct highest lawful levy amount of \$7,134,537.50, and previous year's levy rate without the levy error correction, \$1.707174121234, when calculating the levy limitations for the 2024 tax year. (See Appendix B)

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3	1 Percent constitutional limit	<p>The Assessor used the correct levy rates for the State School Part 1 and Part 2 when reviewing the 1 percent constitutional limit for the 2023 tax year, as required in the Department’s 2022 Walla Walla County Levy Audit Report.</p> <p>The 1 percent constitutional limit verification, for the 2023 tax year, incorrectly included port districts and excess levies. It is unclear what effective rate the Assessor used to verify the limit because the calculation of the effective rate was not listed on the verification.</p>	Pending Completion	<p>Yes</p> <p>To determine if the Assessor has met the requirement, the Department expects the Assessor to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the 1 percent constitutional limit verification, for the 2024 tax year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This limit verification must not include port district levies or excess levies. ○ The limit verification must include the effective rate the Assessor used to verify the limit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The effective rate is calculated using the higher of the real and personal property ratios. (RCWs 84.52.050 and 84.52.010, WAC 458-19-075, Levy Manual, and DOR Form 64-0096)

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Recommendation	Topic	Work Completed on Recommendation	Completed / Pending Completion	Future Follow-up?
1	Dollar and percentage of change resolution	The Assessor provided the Department with a copy of the CW dollar and percentage of increase resolution for the 2023 tax year. The CW used the Department's form.	Completed	No

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Appendix A

Levy Limit Calculation for District: City of Prescott												
Assmt Taxes	Highest	Limit	Highest	State Assd	Tax Added	Annexed	Tax Added	Levy	Assd	Stat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexed to Library?
Year Due	Lawful Levy	Factor	Lawful plus	New Const	for	Value	for	Limit	Value	Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexed to Fire?
	Since 1985*		Increase		State Assd		Annex.			Max.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Firemen's Pension?
					New Const						<input type="checkbox"/>	Lid Lift?
2022 2023	46,307.32	101.00000%	46,770.39	877,505	1,704.63	0	0.00	48,475.02	21,984,880	3.375000000000		
Actual Levy:									Summary of Levy Limits:			
Assmt Taxes	Previous	Lesser of	Previous Yr's	Tax Added	Tax Added	Authorized	Refund	Certified	Limit Per	Levy Limit	Authorized	
Year Due	Year's	Resolution's \$ or %	Levy plus	for	for	Levy by Res.		Budget	Stat. Rate	Plus Refund	Levy By Res.	
	Levy		Increase	State Assd	Annex.				Maximum		Plus Refund	
				New Const								
2022 2023	39,871.69	1.000%	40,270.41	1,704.63	0.00	41,975.04	0.00	40,270.41	74,198.97	48,475.02	41,975.04	
Assmt Taxes	Current Year's	Levy Correction	Total Levy	Actual	Actual Levy	Correct	Over/Under	New Highest	Levy Rate			
Year Due	Max Levy		w/ Correction	Amount	Rate	Levy Rate	Levy	Lawful Levy Since	Without Levy			
				Levied				1985	Error or Levy			
									Error Correction			
2021 2022					1.9425904602							
2022 2023	40,270.41	328.88	39,941.53	39,941.53	1.816772709244	1.816772709244	0.00	48,475.02	1.831732081321			



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Assmt Taxes	Highest	Limit	Highest	State Assd	Tax Added	Annexed	Tax Added	Levy	Assd	Stat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexed to Library?
Year Due	Lawful Levy	Factor	Lawful plus	New Const	for	Value	for	Limit	Value	Rate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexed to Fire?
	Since 1985*		Increase		State Assd		Annex.			Max.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Firemen's Pension?
					New Const						<input type="checkbox"/>	Lid Lift?
2022 2023	6,923,866.30	101.00000%	6,993,104.96	71,106,622	140,556.16	495,512	876.38	7,134,537.50	4,033,943,260	3.600000000000		
Actual Levy:									Summary of Levy Limits:			
Assmt Taxes	Previous	Lesser of	Previous Yr's	Tax Added	Tax Added	Authorized	Refund	Certified	Limit Per	Levy Limit	Authorized	
Year Due	Year's	Resolution's \$ or %	Levy plus	for	for	Levy by Res.		Budget	Stat. Rate	Plus Refund	Levy By Res.	
	Levy		Increase	State Assd	Annex.				Maximum		Plus Refund	
				New Const								
2022 2023	6,731,496.00	\$0.00	6,731,496.00	140,556.16	876.38	6,872,928.54	13,715.00	6,893,508.80	14,522,195.74	7,148,252.50	6,886,643.54	
Assmt Taxes	Current Year's	Levy Correction	Total Levy	Actual	Actual Levy	Correct	Over/Under		New Highest	Levy Rate		
Year Due	Max Levy		w/ Correction	Amount	Rate	Levy Rate	Levy		Lawful Levy Since	Without Levy		
				Levied					1985	Error or Levy		
										Error Correction		
2021 2022					1.9766957207							
2022 2023	6,886,643.54	8,417.77	6,895,061.31	6,893,508.60	1.708875944874	1.709260856088	(1,552.71)		7,134,537.50	1.707174121234		