

Comparison of Levy Lid Lift Mechanisms:

	“Basic” Option – ONE YEAR, plus carry-forward (RCW 84.55.050(1))	“Multi-year” Option – up to SIX YEARS, plus carry-forward (RCW 84.55.050(2))
SUMMARY	The “Basic” option is voter authorization to increase levy amount by more than the permitted 1% (or IPD) for ONE YEAR. May use higher levy to “re-set” base for levy limit calculation in future years. This is referred to as “carry-forward,” below.	The “Multi-Year” option is voter authorization to increase levy amount by more than the permitted 1% (or IPD) in each year for up to SIX YEARS, for a specified purpose. May use higher levy to “re-set” base for levy limit calculation in future years. This is referred to as “carry-forward,” below.
Election Information	Any taxing district. Any election date. Election must be held not more than 12 months before levy is made (e.g., if vote in 2016, increase effective for 2017 levy).	Any taxing district. <u>Primary</u> or <u>general</u> election date only. Election must be held not more than 12 months before first levy is made (e.g., if vote in 2016, first year of increase effective for 2017 levy).
Purpose Limitation	Optional. <u>May</u> be (but is not required to be) limited to purposes in ballot proposition. See also “Debt Financing” below.	<u>Must</u> be restricted to specific purpose for the initial period of up to six years. For jurisdictions in King County, see note (1). See also “Debt Financing” below.
Expiration?	Authority to exceed statutory limit factor expires after <u>one year</u> . See also “Carry Forward” provisions, below.	Authority to exceed statutory limit factor expires after <u>6 years</u> (or less, as stated in ballot title). See also “Carry Forward” provisions, below.
Levy Year 1	Levy not more than total levy <u>rate</u> stated in ballot measure.	Levy not more than total levy <u>rate</u> stated in ballot measure.
Levy Years 2-6	Not Applicable. See “Carry Forward” provisions, below.	Use <u>limit factor specified in ballot proposition</u> to calculate maximum legal levy (MLL), using highest prior MLL as base, in each year for up to 6 years. <i>Limit Factor may be any fixed increment or variable index, as described in ballot title.</i>
Carry-Forward Provisions	AFTER EXPIRATION OF <u>ONE YEAR</u> , amount of increased levy pursuant to the lid lift proposition is used as “base” to calculate levy lid going forward <u>ONLY IF</u> stated in ballot proposition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If stated in ballot title, use new “base” multiplied by statutory “Limit Factor” to calculate maximum legal levy (MLL) going forward after one-year period. • If not stated in ballot title, MLL calculated as if no levy lid lift was approved. (Reverts to prior levy levels.) <u>Optional:</u> May restrict length of time or purpose for which the lid lift will be carried forward after the one-year period.	AFTER EXPIRATION OF <u>SIXTH YEAR</u> , highest amount of increased levy pursuant to the lid lift proposition is used as “base” to calculate levy lid going forward <u>ONLY IF</u> stated in ballot proposition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If stated in ballot title, use new “base” multiplied by statutory “Limit Factor” to calculate maximum legal levy (MLL) going forward after expiration of 6-year period. • If not stated in ballot title, MLL calculated as if no levy lid lift was approved. (Reverts to prior levy levels.) <u>Optional:</u> May restrict length of time or purpose for which the lid lift will be carried forward after the six-year period.
Debt Financing	If limited purpose includes paying debt service on bonds, increased levy expires after 9 years.	If limited purpose includes paying debt service on bonds, increased levy expires after 9 years.

¹ For levies approved in King County, additional funds may not supplant “existing funds” used for the specified purpose. Laws of 2009, ch. 551, §3. “Existing funds” means operating expenditures for the calendar year in which the ballot measure is approved, excluding lost federal funds, lost or expired state grants or loans, extraordinary events not likely to reoccur, changes in contract provisions beyond the control of the taxing district receiving the services, and major nonrecurring capital expenditures.