

King County Superior Court order keeps Initiative 976 injunction in place

What is I-976?

I-976 is an initiative, passed in the November 2019 election, which repeals or lowers certain vehicle registration fees and taxes. It's commonly referred to as the \$30 car tab initiative.

What does the King County Superior Court's order barring I-976 from going into effect mean?

The Department of Licensing (DOL) will continue to collect all vehicle fees and taxes unless directed by the court to do otherwise.

What fees will still be charged?

For more information on vehicle fees, please visit:

<https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/fees.html>

What will DOL do with the vehicle licensing fees collected while I-976 is being litigated in the courts?

DOL is responsible for collecting vehicle licensing taxes and fees. Once collected, these revenues are transmitted to the Washington State Treasurer for distribution to the proper state and local transportation revenue accounts. DOL does not have the legal authority to withhold revenue from the State Treasurer. Any questions you have about the withholding or future recovery of funds may be directed to the Office of the Washington State Treasurer.

In the event pending litigation requires the refund of any collected fee or tax, DOL will take any necessary and appropriate action.

What happens next?

DOL will await further instructions from the court as the case moves forward. The Attorney General's Office is defending the initiative and they can answer procedural questions.

