

Fact SHEET



Washington State Supreme Court rules Initiative 976 unconstitutional; Vehicle taxes and fees remain 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.

Washington State Supreme Court rules I-976 unconstitutional

On Thursday, October 15, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled Initiative 976 unconstitutional. We will continue to collect vehicle taxes and fees as required by state law.

What does this mean?

We will continue to collect vehicle taxes and fees as required by state law.

Will I get a refund?

No, the initiative has been ruled unconstitutional and vehicle fees were lawfully collected.

Why didn't you give me a refund until it was decided?

There was a King County Superior Court's injunction order that prohibited DOL from implementing I-976 that remained in effect until the Supreme Court issued a ruling.

What fees will still be charged?

For more information on vehicle fees, please visit:

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

