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About the City

With majestic Mount Rainier as its backdrop, the City of Fife is the Northern gateway to Pierce County, Washington. Incorporated as a City in 1957, Fife is named after William J. Fife, a prominent Tacoma lawyer. Fife is known for its high-end retail auto and RV dealerships, and a thriving warehouse, distribution, manufacturing and transportation district. Once a small farming town, Fife has grown into a hub of community, industry, and retail opportunities. The City continues to foster new residential neighborhoods and has a population of 9,236. Conveniently located between Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and the Port of Tacoma, the City covers roughly 5.7 square miles of land between the Puyallup River and Puget Sound. A wonderful city to call home, with numerous established and proposed single-family and multi-family developments, Fife maintains a quiet neighborhood feel. There are seven parks to enjoy, with amenities that include an off-leash dog area, ponds, walking and biking trails, and ball fields and sports courts. An award-winning school district, specialty outlet shopping, free year-round special events, and miles of parks and trails add to Fife's distinction! The City provides a full range of municipal services, with Fire District No.10 providing fire and emergency medical services. The City of Fife employs over 125 people in seven departments, and has a total city budget of approximately \$90M. Operating under the Council/Manager form of government, the elected seven member City Council appoints the City Manager, who serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City.



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The Union Pacific Railroad Company owns approximately 400 acres of land, acquired from the Port of Tacoma, which is zoned for industry. Approximately 240 acres is used in switch yard operations, the other 160 acres are for industrial development. Praxair acquired approximately 15 acres and operates a \$14 million plant. Trans-Pacific Development, Inc. has developed a 180-acre warehousing facility and a multi-stories office building.

Economy

There are three large commercial retail centers located within the City. Two centers have undergone major expansion and modernization within recent years. The Fife Business Park includes 292,000 square feet of building space on 23 acres, with 100 tenants and an estimated combined total of 550 employees. Fife Landing and Fife Commerce Center house a variety of manufacturing and warehousing businesses.



Gensco

Gensco Inc. operates a manufacturing and wholesale distribution facility for heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment within the City. Other large local manufacturers include Milgard (windows and doors), Prologix, Mission Foods and Mega Brands America, Inc.

A number of vehicle dealerships are located in the City. Recent investments by the automotive sector includes a new Cadillac-Saab dealership and an upgrade to the existing Nissan dealership that added three new buildings for Porsche, Audi and Mercedes-Benz showrooms and service departments totaling 73,000 square feet.



Lexus of Fife



Emerald Queen Hotel & Casino

The Puyallup Tribe operates the Emerald Queen Hotel and Casino in the City. The hotel has 140 rooms and meeting/event facilities. The casino features 33,000 square feet of gaming space.

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Mission Statement

The City of Fife shall maintain and enhance the quality of life for its constituents and bring to the Fife Community better things for better living through excellence in public service by commitment to the following ideals:

- Maintain an open, responsive government to keep the public informed.
- Promote a positive image of the City of Fife.
- Continue to provide safety and security to the citizens.
- Protect and improve its land base and infrastructure through balanced planning and development.
- Assure responsible management of the City's resources.
- Seek "excellence" in all endeavors and cherish the trust of constituents.

City Council 2012

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Richard Godwin	1	Jan 2004	Dec 2015
Timothy Curtis	2	Jan 2012	Dec 2015
Glenn Hull	3	Feb 2008	Dec 2013
Pat Hulcey	4	May 2010	Dec 2015
Rob Cerqui	5	Jan 2004	Dec 2015
Dee-Dee Dukes-Gethers	6	Nov 2011	Dec 2013
Lew Wolfrom	7	Dec 2011	Dec 2013

The City of Fife recognizes the following past Councilmembers who were in office when the 2012 budget and its underlying policies were approved on November 8, 2011.

- Barry Johnson, Position 2, serving since 1998, and Mayor since 2008.
- Nancy de Booy, Position 6, serving 1994-1997, and January, 2006 – August, 2011.
- Don Alvshere, Position 7, serving January, 2009 – June, 2011.
- Kim Roscoe, Position 7, serving August – November, 2011.

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Administrative Staff

City Manager, Dave Zabell
Finance Director/Treasurer, David DeGroot
Chief of Police, Brad Blackburn
City Clerk, Carol Etgen
Public Works Director, Russ Blount
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director, Kurt Reuter
Community Development Director, Carl Durham
Municipal Judge, Kevin Ringus
City Attorney, Loren Combs

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Boards, Commissions & Committees

Civil Service Commission

The Civil Service Commission was created to exercise the powers and to perform the duties in connection with the selection, appointment and employment of employees of the Fife Police Department.

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Kory Edwards		Jan 2009	Dec 2012
Bob Thornhill	Chair	Jan 2006	Dec 2012
Jay Marks		Jan 2005	Dec 2011

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) was established to advise the City Council on use of City lodging tax revenue for tourism promotion or tourism facility purposes.

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Rob Cerqui	Councilmember	Sep 2006	renew
Darshawn Randhawa	Lodging	Sep 2006	renew
Debbie Dymarkowski	Lodging	Sep 2006	renew
Mark Horace	Lodging	Jan 2011	renew
Aaron Williams	Tourism	Jan 2010	renew
Loretta Hyman	Tourism	Jan 2011	renew
Tim Waer	Tourism	Sep 2006	renew

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Citizen Advisory Board

The PRCS Board is an advisory body tasked with providing the City Council recommendations regarding parks and recreation services within the community.

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Nancy de Booy	1	Jan 2012	Dec 2014
Chuck McDonald	2	Jan 2008	Dec 2014
Vacant	3		Dec 2011
Chris Hoffman-Fagundes	4	Jan 2003	Dec 2012
Pat Coddington	5	Jan 2008	Dec 2012
Cody Geddes	6	Jan 2010	Dec 2013
John Fietz	7	Jan 2008	Dec 2013

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Planning Commission

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council evaluating and making recommendations on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and its various elements, along with any amendments. The Planning Commission makes recommendations for certain permits within the City to include but not limited to Shoreline Substantial Development Permits and Critical Areas Permits. The Planning Commission also reviews and approves Comprehensive Sign Designs.

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Shannon Thornhill	1	May 2007	Dec 2012
Spence Braden	2	Jan 2010	Dec 2012
Doug Fagundes	3	Jan 2009	Dec 2014
Jeffrey Brown	4	Mar 2006	Dec 2013
Tamra Lemoncelli	5	Mar 2011	Dec 2014
Lamar Bond, Sr.	6	Mar 2011	Dec 2013
Kory Edwards	7	Dec 2011	Dec 2013

Public Arts Commission

The City of Fife established the Public Arts Commission in 2011. The mission of the Fife Public Arts Commission is to identify and actively encourage the development and sustainability of the arts in the City by serving as the City's primary resource in matters of public art and culture.

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Jeanne Howe	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2012
Dierdre Dukes-Gethers	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2012
Danielle Twichell	Student	Jul 2011	Jul 2012
Stelian Paraschiv	Chamber	Jul 2011	Jul 2012
Robin Fisher	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2013
Linda Boitano	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2013
Mizu Sugimura	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2013
Bob Thornhill	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2013
Kendra Danielson	Art Educator	Jul 2011	Jul 2014
Anette Cree	Resident	Jul 2011	Jul 2014

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Tree Commission

The Tree Commission meets quarterly each year. The Commission is tasked with evaluation, education and landscaping of trees within the City of Fife in the interest of promoting the health and enhancement of the urban forest resource as an element to the quality of life for its citizens and as a benefit to the environment.

Member	Position	Since	Term Expires
Vacant	1		Dec 2013
Chuck McDonald	2	Jan 2009	Dec 2013
Vacant	3		Dec 2013
Chris Hoffman-Fagundes	4	Jan 2009	Dec 2011
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