



Benefit Service Charge Square Footage Calculation Guide

King County Fire District obtains data from the King County Assessor's Office to calculate the Benefit Service Charge for each parcel. The BSC is based on the total square footage of a structure rather than just the livable space that most homes refer to when speaking of square footage. That means garages, unfinished basements, and larger outbuildings are included in the square footage calculations used by the fire district.

To check your square footage on record with the Assessor's Office, go to <http://www.kingcounty.gov/services/gis/Maps/parcel-viewer.aspx> and follow the directions below.

1) Click "Start Parcel Viewer".

Home » Services » King County GIS Center » Maps & Apps » Parcel Viewer

King County Parcel Viewer

Interactive map for finding parcel-related information

Parcel Viewer makes searching for King County parcel information easy. You can search by address, search by parcel number, or you can just zoom in on the map and click on a parcel. Once a parcel is selected, you will get direct links to the [King County Assessor's eReal Property report](#) and the [Districts and Development Conditions report](#).

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Search results
Selected parcel(s)
New selection
Add to selection
Export Clear
Selected parcels: 3

Parcel number	Address
1983200425	N/A
408803175	1000 VALLEY ST 98109
408803045	901 FAIRVIEW AVE N 98109

Map layers
Measures and coordinates

Address - Search Find Intersection Zoom to Advanced tools Basemaps ?

Parcel 408803045
Present use: Retail(Line/Strip)
Property name: CHANDLERS COVE
Jurisdiction: SEATTLE
Taxpayer name: CITY INVESTORS XIV LLC
Address: 901 FAIRVIEW AVE N 98109
Appraised value: \$19,371,900
Lot area: 179,361
Levy code: 0010
[Property Report](#) [Districts Report](#)



2) Enter your address then click “Search”.

The image shows a screenshot of a web-based map application. At the top, there is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "Address". To the right of the search bar are buttons for "Search", "Find Intersection", "Zoom to", "Advanced tools", "Basemaps", "Print", and a help icon. Below the search bar is a sidebar with sections for "Search results", "Selected parcel(s)", and "Map layers". The "Map layers" section has checkboxes for "Address points", "Parcel number labels", "Parcel layer", and "King County Zoning layer". A red arrow points from the search bar to the "Search" button. The main area of the screenshot is a map of King County, Washington, showing various cities and towns such as Seattle, Bellevue, Sammamish, and Issaquah. The map includes geographical features like Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, and the Tolt-Seattle Water Supply Reservoir. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates distances up to 6 miles.



3) An information box with the basic property overview of your parcel will appear. Click on “Property Report” in this box.

The screenshot shows a web-based parcel map interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "15600 1st Ave NE" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are several tabs: "Address", "Search", "Find Intersection", "Zoom to", "Advanced tools", "Basemaps", and "Print". The main map area displays a grid of parcels with their respective parcel numbers and addresses. A red arrow points to a specific parcel, 2130700930, which is highlighted in yellow. A pop-up information box is displayed over this parcel, containing the following details:

- Parcel 2130700930
- Present use: Governmental Service
- Property name: Duvall Fire Station
- Jurisdiction: DUVALL
- Taxpayer name: FIRE DIST 45
- Address: 15600 1ST AVE NE 98019
- Appraised value: \$0
- Lot area: 13,792
- Levy code: 1155
- Links: [Property Report](#), [Districts Report](#)
- Source: King County Assessor
- Disclaimer: **Lot lines are approximate. Not for legal use.**
- Link: [See our terms of use.](#)

On the left side of the map, there is a search results panel. It includes a search bar with the text "15600 1st Ave NE" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are several tabs: "Address", "Search", "Find Intersection", "Zoom to", "Advanced tools", "Basemaps", and "Print". The main map area displays a grid of parcels with their respective parcel numbers and addresses. A red arrow points to a specific parcel, 2130700930, which is highlighted in yellow. A pop-up information box is displayed over this parcel, containing the following details:

Parcel number	Address
2130700930	15600 1ST AVE NE 98019

At the bottom of the map, there is a scale bar showing 0, 30, and 60 feet. The map also shows several streets, including "Main St NE" and "2nd Ave NE".



4) click on the "Property Detail" box

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PARCEL

Parcel Number	213070-0930
Name	FIRE DIST 45
Site Address	15600 1ST AVE NE 98019
Legal	DUVALL PLAT OF DIV # 1

BUILDING 1

Year Built	2003
Building Net Square Footage	12944
Construction Class	MASONRY
Building Quality	AVERAGE
Lot Size	13792
Present Use	Governmental Service
Views	No
Waterfront	





5) Scroll down to the section titled “Building”. This will show the square footage for your property that are subject to the Benefit Service Charge. *The examples shows a total finished area of 1,480 + attached garage 410 = 1,890 total square feet.* If your home has a finished basement or outbuildings, the square feet would be added to this total.

BUILDING	
Building Number	1
Year Built	1976
Year Renovated	0
Stories	1
Living Units	1
Grade	7 Average
Grade Variant	0
Condition	Average
Basement Grade	
1st Floor	1,480
1/2 Floor	0
2nd Floor	0
Upper Floor	0
Finished Basement	0
Total Finished Area	1,480
Total Basement	0
Basement Garage	0
Unfinished 1/2	0
Unfinished Full	0
AGLA	1,480
Attached Garage	410
Bedrooms	3
Full Baths	1
3/4 Baths	0
1/2 Baths	1
Heat Source	Electricity
Heat System	Elec BB
Deck Area SqFt	0
Open Porch SqFt	0
Enclosed Porch SqFt	0
Brick/Stone	0
Fireplace Single Story	1
Fireplace Multi Story	0
Fireplace Free Standing	0