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Increased Voter Registration
We help more Thurston County residents register to vote every year.

Recording
The recording team assists Thurston County residents with document recording services. Our document recording services include:
- Customer service for document recording.
- Access to maps, land records and other recorded documents.
- Maintaining the public record.
Our recording services provide Thurston County residents with access to important personal and community documents. We help you record or research property records, mortgages, easements, deeds of trust. We also record certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for veterans.

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We have expanded E-recording services, which allows our customers to remotely record their documents with us.

E-Recording Data
In 2018, postage return for ballots became free. We saw a shift away from ballot box usage. Our ballot boxes remain the most dependable way to return your ballot, especially closer to election day.

Drop Box vs. Mail Returns

Documents Recorded by Year

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Purchase Card Savings
We encourage offices across the county to change their purchasing practices to take advantage of rebates from our vendors.

Licensing
Our professional licensing team assists Thurston County residents with vehicle, boat, marriage and other licenses. Our licensing services include:
- Vehicle licenses
- Boat licenses
- Marriage licenses
- Some business licenses (unincorporated Thurston County only)
- Pet licenses (unincorporated Thurston County only)
We also oversee eight businesses in Thurston County that provide vehicle and vessel licensing services as subagents. We audit subagents on an annual basis to ensure they continue to provide excellent service to the public.

Subagent/Auditor Revenue by Year

These are local businesses that provide vehicle and vessel licensing services in their community.

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