

To: All WFG Agents and Direct Operations doing business in Kentucky

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: 2023 Kentucky Municipal Premium Taxes Update

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Commonwealth of Kentucky allows municipalities and counties to impose a tax on insurance premiums for policies written within their respective boundaries. These rates are updated annually and vary depending on the county/municipality. The current tax rates for title insurance are found under the "Other Insurance" Column here:

Commonwealth of Kentucky 2023-2024 Tax Schedule [4-6-2023]

These taxes must be collected at closing in addition to the premiums.

REMINDER:

Please remember that these Municipal Premium Taxes apply not only to the premium for the policy, but also to endorsements to the policy and to Closing Protection Letters issued for the transaction.

When the property is located within a County and a Municipality which charge Premium Taxes, you will collect the Municipal tax in full and credit that amount against any County tax. If the Municipal Tax exceeds the County tax, no tax is collected for the County.

Example:

City tax of 2.5% and County Tax of 2%: Collect 2.5% for the City and nothing for the County.

City tax of 2% and County Tax of 2.5%: Collect 2% for the City and .5% for the County.

If you have questions, please contact the Underwriting Department.

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